



Delaware Invasive Species Council 2015 Year in Review

Quarterly Board Meetings

February 5, 2015

April 28, 2015

July 22, 2015

October 21, 2015

Education & Outreach

DISC manages two online resources for invasive species awareness and communicating information to the membership.

♦ DISC Facebook page currently at 286 “likes”
<https://www.facebook.com/DEInvasiveSC>

♦ DISC website
www.delawareinvasives.net

February 22-28: National Invasive Species Awareness Week

The fourth week in February is dedicated to raising awareness and identifying solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, regional, national and international levels. During the week of February 22, DISC profiled a different invasive species every day at www.delawareinvasives.net.



Emerald Ash Borer
Agrilus planipennis



Thousand Cankers Disease
Geosmithia morbida



Wavyleaf Basketgrass
Oplismenus hirtellus spp.



Northern Snakehead
Channa argus

Bradford Pear
Pyrus calleryana



March 15, 2015: Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America, “It’s A Bug’s World” Insect Expo, Rehoboth, DE



DISC and the Delaware Forest Service set up an extensive insect display at the “It’s a Bug’s World” insect expo hosted by the Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America’s annual meeting in Rehoboth, Delaware. The day was geared towards families and children and the insect collections included both native and exotic species. Accompanying DISC Chair Ashley Peebles is her pet Madagascar hissing cockroach (seen in the picture above). This photo was featured in an article by *Entomology Today* and can be found here: <http://goo.gl/g3Kedv>

November 17-18: Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species Fall Meeting, Lewes, De

The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species (MAPAIS) works to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species through science and management, policy, and education and outreach activities and initiatives. Delaware was host to MAP-AIS’s fall meeting set in Lewes. DISC Chair Ashley Peebles presented an overview of the Delaware Invasive Species Council.



November 7th: Delaware Envirothon, Invasive Species Training Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, Dover

The Envirothon is a high school level environmental science competition held annually to test students' knowledge of Forestry, Soils, Aquatics, and Wildlife. In addition to those four topics, a rotating 5th topic is chosen nationally representing a current event in environmental science. The 2016 5th topic is invasive species and DISC has partnered with the Delaware Envirothon to provide team training and develop an IS exam for competition day. Training was held on November 7th at the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve.



**The Delaware Envirothon
will be held on April 26th,
2016 at Brecknock County
Park.**

Invasive Species Envirothon Committee

Rick Mickowski
Edna Stetzar
Kate O'Hanlon
Ashley Peebles
Jill Dixon



Kate O'Hanlon presented a training session on invasive plants which included fresh specimens.

Data Management/Research

DISC purchased two banner displays for outreach events throughout the year.

October 21, 2015: Annual Business Meeting and Conference Delaware Agricultural Museum, Dover



DISC holds a full-day conference along with its annual business meeting every October. A “call for presenters” is sent out in the summer requesting presentations aligned with the selected theme. This year’s annual meeting explored how land and natural resource managers, conservationists, and others in the “Rebel Alliance” keep up with the fight on invasive species in unconventional ways. One objective of this annual meeting is to offer professionals across the state an opportunity to earn CEUs. This year, the DISC meeting offered 2 pesticide credits, .75 nutrient management credits and 1 certified nursery professional credit. The conference serves as DISC’s main form of membership recruitment and includes an open annual business meeting and election of board members.



DISC Chair Ashley Peebles pictured with Mark Johnston, USDA APHIS after his presentation, “Emerging Threats to the 302.”

A HUGE Thank You to our 2015 Annual Meeting Speakers and Panelists

Ed Crawford	2015 Keynote Speaker
Jared Judy	Rob Line
Craig Rhoads	Sam Topper
Jimmy Kroon	Tom Zaleski
Mark Johnston	Edna Stetzar
Chris Bonniwell	Samantha Nestory
Richard Gardner	Dave Pro

Annual Meeting and Conference

Thank you to all in attendance
and to Rick Mickowski and
John Petersen for
documenting the day!



Greg Gagliano moderates the panel,
“Fighting Fire with Fire”



Tom Zaleski briefs the group
on Newark’s approach to
dealing with EAB

Questions from the floor



Roger Fuester (far right), was recognized for his dedicated service, stepping down from Parliamentarian after serving in the position since 1998. Also shown here is Vice Chair Linda Bailey (left), Jimmy Kroon, and Chair Ashley Peebles. Thank you also to Jimmy Kroon, who stepped down as the Research/Data Committee Chair.



2015-2016 DISC Board Members and Partners

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Ashley Peebles, *Delaware Forest Service*

Vice Chair:

Linda Bailey, *Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library*

Secretary/Treasurer:

Rebecca Bobola, *DNREC, Division of Fish and Wildlife*

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Marcia Fox, *DNREC, Watershed Stewardship*

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Kate O'Hanlon, *Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation*

Stephen Hauss, *Delaware Department of Agriculture, Plant Industries*



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Kelly Valencik, *Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve*

Greg Gagliano, *Red Tail Restoration Land Management, LLC*

Research/Data Management

Edna Stetzar, *DNREC, Fish and Wildlife*

