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Dear Colleague:

The Program Committee has developed a *tentative* agenda for the **28<sup>th</sup> USDA Interagency Research Forum on Invasive Species**; a copy is posted on the Forum website for your information. Minor changes in titles of presentations and designation of moderators or speakers will be reflected in a final agenda that will be distributed at the meeting. The Forum will be held at the Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland, January 10-13, 2017. Information on accommodations and local transportation is enclosed. The link for registration and payment is available at: <http://sites.udel.edu/frame/meetings/>

The always-popular mixer will be held on Wednesday evening, January 11. Times have been set aside each afternoon for viewing poster displays: light refreshments will be provided for the poster session on Tuesday afternoon, January 10. Additionally, the poster display area will remain open during the entire meeting providing you with many hours for scrutinizing the posters at your leisure. This year, we are requesting that authors be present at their poster display during the Wednesday Poster Session (5:00-6:00 p.m.). Posters can be set up after 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and should be removed at the latest by 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

The USDA Interagency R&D Coordinating Group, which sponsors this meeting, strongly encourages USDA agency scientists and their state, federal, and university cooperators to prepare posters on topics related to research and management on non-native invasive species that impact our Nation's forest resources. We will provide 4 x 8 ft. double-sided poster boards that will accommodate either Velcro or pins; additionally, tables can be made available. Contact Vince D'Amico ([vdamico@fs.fed.us](mailto:vdamico@fs.fed.us)) should you have questions regarding poster displays. Please use the following link to submit title and the authorship of your poster: <http://sites.udel.edu/frame/poster/>. This information must be submitted no later than **December 31, 2016**, to be included in the program book. After this date, there may still be space to hang your poster if you bring it to the meeting, but that is not guaranteed. Guidelines for preparing your poster *abstract* are included in this mailing.

A proceedings of this meeting will be published on-line that will include abstracts of all oral (4-page maximum) and poster (1-page maximum) presentations.

The link for hotel reservations and other Forum details and documents are available on the Forum website:

[www.nrs.fs.fed.us/disturbance/invasive\\_species/interagency\\_forum](http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/disturbance/invasive_species/interagency_forum)

If you have any questions, you can reach me at (203) 230-4321, FAX (203) 230-4315 or, if you prefer, at either of the following e-mail addresses: [mlmcmamus@fs.fed.us](mailto:mlmcmamus@fs.fed.us) or [mmcmamus0121@comcast.net](mailto:mmcmamus0121@comcast.net).

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