

The Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative
51st Annual Meeting

Planting the Future

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Coeur d'Alene Resort Conference Center
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



Speakers

Andrew Sims, Co-Director, Cooperative Forest Genetics Research Program, University of Florida
Nothing New Under the Sun: Challenges, Solutions, and Lessons Learned in Southern Pine Improvement

Dan Gaudet, General Manager, Vernon Seed Orchard Company
What I've Learned after 37 Years of Working in Seed Orchards, Wins and Losses

Richard Sniezko, Center Geneticist, USDA Forest Service, Dorena Genetic Resource Center
Genetic Resistance to Pathogens in Forest Trees – What is Success?

Steve Cook, Professor of Entomology and Department Head, University of Idaho
Pests and Integrated Management of Insects in PNW Seed Orchards

Arthur Hsu, Postdoctoral Fellow, Pitkin Forest Nursery, University of Idaho
Physiological and Morphological Responses of Douglas-fir Seedling to Drought Preconditioning and its Effect on Cold Hardiness

Vovener Edmond, Ph.D. Student, Pitkin Forest Nursery, University of Idaho
From Peaks to Performance: Exploring Drought Resilience in Douglas-fir Seedlings across Seed Sources

Registration & Lodging

The registration fee is \$135 per person if paid by **February 12th**, and \$165 after **February 12th**. Fee includes breaks, lunch, and meeting supplies. **Information is available online at:**

For meeting announcement & agenda: <https://westernforestry.org>
To register for the meeting: <https://www.regpack.com/reg/IETIC2025>

Room reservations at the Coeur d'Alene Resort can be made by calling 888-965-6542. A block of rooms will be held until **February 10, 2025** under "Inland Empire Reforestation Council" at **\$142 and \$175 per night** (we share the room block with IERC).

The IETIC Steering Committee will meet March 6, 2025 and the Inland Empire Reforestation Council will meet March 4, 2025.



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- 7:00 Registration**
- 8:00 Welcome**
- 8:05 Nothing New Under the Sun: Challenges, Solutions, and Lessons Learned in Southern Pine Improvement**
Andrew Sims
- 9:05 What I've Learned after 37 Years of Working in Seed Orchards, Wins and Losses**
Dan Gaudet
- 10:05 Break**
- 10:35 Genetic Resistance to Pathogens in Forest Trees – What is Success?**
Richard Sniezko
- 11:35 Western White Pine Species Group Report**
Don Patterson
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:00 Pests and Integrated Management of Insects in PNW Seed Orchards**
Steve Cook
- 2:00 Physiological and Morphological Responses of Douglas-fir Seedling to Drought Preconditioning and its Effect on Cold Hardiness**
Arthur Hsu
- 2:40 Break**
- 3:00 From Peaks to Performance: Exploring Drought Resilience in Douglas-fir Seedlings across Seed Sources**
Vovener Edmond
- 3:40 Seed Supply Working Group Reports**
Marc L. Rust
- 4.30 Wrap-up & Adjourn**

