



## News Release

### SUDDEN OAK DEATH SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM “THE STATE OF OUR KNOWLEDGE”

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MONTEREY—A Sudden Oak Death Research Symposium is being held in Monterey December 16 – 18 to bring together the international scientific community working on *Phytophthora ramorum*, the disease known to cause Sudden Oak Death. The conference will provide a scientific overview on the state of knowledge of Sudden Oak Death in forest, woodland, urban forestry, and agricultural settings. The sharing of scientific findings, along with networking opportunities, will offer an occasion for greater collaboration between those of various disciplines and geographic locations when working on this disease. The Symposium will also provide managers and policy makers with valuable information on the focus of current research efforts and the latest trends in gaining an understanding of this pathogen.

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station (PSW) and the University of California Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program and Center for Forestry are spearheading the Symposium as well as sponsoring it in conjunction with the California Oak Mortality Task Force. “PSW and UC have made Sudden Oak Death research a priority from day one, focusing our efforts and resources on finding answers necessary to manage this aggressive disease. We are very pleased that our efforts to bring the science community together on this issue has been so well received with more than 300 attendees currently registered for the Symposium,” said Pat Shea, USDA-FS, PSW.

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**When: December 16, 2002**  
**2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Early Registration**  
**5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Icebreaker Reception, no host**  
**bar and snacks**

**Where: Monterey Marriott Hotel**  
**350 Calle Principal**  
**Ferrantes Bayview Room**  
**Monterey, CA 93940**

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**When: December 17 - 18, 2002**  
**7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Registration**

**Where: Monterey Conference Center**  
**1 Portola Plaza**  
**Steinbeck Forum**  
**Monterey, CA 93940**

**Cost: Free to Media, Press Pass Provided**  
**\$250.00 By November 20, 2002**  
**\$300.00 After November 20, 2002**

All research findings presented at the Symposium will not be used for regulatory purposes until peer reviewed and accepted by regulatory agencies. Therefore, all announcements regarding final and ongoing research results should be treated as draft information and not reported as final outcomes.

**For information on registration, the agenda, and hotel accommodations, go to the Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium web site at <http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp/sodsymposium.html>.**

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