

Observatree/IPSN Conference on Tree and Plant Health Early Warning Systems in Europe

23-24 February 2016, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK
(Registration opens 14 September 2015)



In recent years Europe has seen a sharp rise in the number of invasive tree and plant pests and diseases. This can lead to large scale environmental and economic damage.

Developing early warning systems is paramount to fighting future outbreaks as they can:

- Increase knowledge
- Raise awareness
- Monitor new outbreaks or spreads

The conference offers updates and insights from existing early warning systems Observatree and International Plant Sentinel Network (IPSN) together with perspectives and experiences from:

- Volunteers
- Scientists
- Policy-makers and funders

Abstract submissions (oral and poster presentations) will open on 14 September and close on 14 October 2015. All accepted presenters will be informed by the end of November.

Registration opens on September 14 2015 via www.observatree.org.uk/events. There is no fee to attend the conference but numbers are limited due to the venue size. If necessary, the conference organisers will select participants to ensure a wide geographical and thematic spread.

All successful applicants will be informed by the end of November.

Lunch and refreshments are included on both days. A drinks reception will be held at the end of the first day.

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