

2025 ISHB-FD Symposium Agenda

September 23 at the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse in Ladera Ranch and Online via Zoom

* Parking at Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse is limited. In-person attendees should park at Cox Sports Park and shuttle to the clubhouse.

- 8:00 Welcome and Introduction – Randall Oliver, Statewide ISHB Communications Coordinator, UC Integrated Pest Management Program
- 8:10 Overview of pest-disease complex including biology and hosts – John Kabashima, Environmental Horticulture Advisor, Emeritus, UC Cooperative Extension
- 8:30 Greater shothole borer– Shannon Lynch, Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology, UC Davis
- 9:00 Current distribution and threat map – Shannon Lynch, Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology, UC Davis
- 9:30 Break
- 9:40 Management – Best practices – Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann, Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension
- 10:25 Putting BMPs into action – Kelly Parkins, Plant Health Care Coordinator at West Coast Arborists, Inc.
- 11:05 Break
- 11:15 California State Parks case study – Noa Rishe, Acting Senior Environmental Scientist, California State Parks
- 11:45 Hope for the Future – Endophytes and Biocontrol – Shannon Lynch, Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology, UC Davis; Akif Eskalen, Professor of Cooperative Extension in Plant Pathology, UC Davis; Paul Rugman-Jones, Associate Project Scientist, Entomology Department, UC Riverside
- 12:30 End of Symposium

* Lunch will be provided to in-person attendees, after which those attending the optional field exercise will walk back to Cox Sports Park. If you are an in-person attendee, please indicate any dietary restrictions on the registration form.

- 1:30 Optional Field Exercise at Cox Sports Park

With guidance from leading experts, participants will practice identifying and evaluating ISHB–FD infestations and damage.

* No CEUs are associated with this portion of the symposium. If symposium attendees indicate sufficient interest (question on registration form), a similar exercise will be scheduled in Northern California at a future date.