

**Fifth Joint Meeting of the Western Forest Insect Work Conference
and the Western International Forest Disease Work Conference**

April 26 – 30, 2004 San Diego, California

website: www.fsl.orst.edu/wfiwc/

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Dear Forest Entomologists and Pathologists,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the Fifth Joint Meeting of the Western Forest Insect Work Conference and the Western International Forest Disease Work Conference on 26 April through 30 April 2004. The program committee is putting together an exciting and interesting series of workshops and plenary events that you will not want to miss. We are working hard to make this a truly integrated and internationally significant conference while maintaining the features that are unique to each group.

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn On the Bay in beautiful San Diego, California. The hotel is only 1.5 miles from the airport with a shuttle every 30 minutes. If you plan to bring your own car or rent one there is a \$15/night parking fee at the hotel. The Holiday Inn On the Bay invites you to experience the comfort and excitement of San Diego's newly renovated Downtown/Airport hotel, and the refreshing beauty of San Diego's world-renowned *Big Bay*. The 14 floor, 3 tower hotel features 600 contemporary appointed rooms and offers first class amenities with breathtaking views of the sparkling bay front or spectacular city skyline. The hotel is near to many of San Diego's major attractions including: The World Famous San Diego Zoo, Sea World Adventure Park, The Historical Gas lamp Quarter, Seaport Village, Old Town, Harbor Island, Shelter Island, and the San Diego beaches so plan to come early and stay late. You can check out the hotel at www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/Hi/hd/sanem. The group hotel rates will be extended three days prior to and following the meeting on a space available basis so plan to come early or stay late to enjoy San Diego!

Registration for the meeting will be \$275 for early registration, \$325 after March 26, 2004. Please register early to take advantage of the discounted rate. The hotel rates will be \$110/ single or double, \$125/triple and \$140/quad plus tax. Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-877-8920. A deposit equal to the first night's room rate will be required to confirm each reservation. The group rate is only guaranteed until April 1, 2004. Our group name is **Western Forest Insect Work Conference (Group Code = FIW)**. If you would like a Bay View room they are \$20 extra, however the hotel will upgrade 50 rooms at the group rate for the first 50 people that make the request. So register today with the hotel and enjoy an awesome view all week for no additional charge. Any Committee meetings held during breakfast will be paid to the hotel separately at that time.

We will plan to kick off the meeting with registration and a mixer on Monday evening. Tuesday and Thursday will be full days of meetings; Friday will be a partial day of meetings. We will have a choice of two integrated field trips for Wednesday followed by

an evening poster session and silent auction. The banquet will be held on Thursday night and the meeting will go through noon on Friday so begin to plan accordingly to enjoy a great week in San Diego. If you are interested in coordinating a Fun (or Unfun) Run or Golf Tourney contact Sheri Smith at ssmith@fs.fed.us or 530-252-6667.

Details of the meeting and registration forms are available at www.fsl.orst.edu/wfiwc/

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