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12th Annual Integrated Pest Management Conference Set for June 12, 13 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly will host its 12th Annual Environmental Horticulture Integrated Pest Management Conference Thursday, June 12, and Friday, June 13.

The event is put on by Cal Poly's Environmental Horticultural Science Club and the Horticulture and Crop Science Department in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Topics from expert presenters at the June 12 session at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall include: the light brown apple moth; new fungicides for ornamentals; pesticide compatibility with bio-control systems; pest control liability vs. professional liability; new turf grasses; non-traditional greens and fairways; alternative grasses for golf; and development of turf grass alternatives.

On June 13, participants can chose from a variety of learn-by-doing workshops at Cal Poly's Environmental Horticultural Science Unit. Workshops include: integrated pest management systems at Monrovia Nursery; a spray class practicum; landscape diagnostics; and Cal Poly turf research.

Conference participants can earn 13 continuing education units from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The conference is also approved for continuing education for certified crop advisors, arborists and golf course superintendents.

Registration cost is \$165 before April 15; \$190 after. Cal Poly students with a valid ID can register for \$55.

For details visit the conference web site: http://hcrs.calpoly.edu and click on "News and Events" or contact Cal Poly Professor Robert Rice at rrice@calpoly.edu.

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