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## 10th Annual Integrated Pest Management Conference Set for June 8, 9 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly's Environmental Horticultural Science Club and the Horticulture and Crop Science Department will host its 10th Annual Environmental Horticulture Integrated Pest Management Conference Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9.

Topics from expert presenters at the June 8 session include the latest on plant quarantines and import regulations; common turf diseases in California; nematodes in ornamental plantings; insect problems in the Central Valley; and a new products update. The afternoon features a palm tree pest symposium presented by California palm experts Jim Downer and Don Hodel of the UC Cooperative Extension. A trade show will run concurrently with this session.

On June 9, participants can choose from a variety of learn-by-doing workshops at Cal Poly's Environmental Horticultural Science Unit. Workshops include: weed identification; spray equipment; pest management in the landscape; and insecticide and biocontrol compatibility.

Presenters at the conference include biologist Nawal Sharma of the state Department of Food and Agriculture; professors Frank Wong and Ole Becker of UC Riverside; Professor Andrew Lawson of Fresno State University; Professor Raymond Cloyd of the University of Illinois; Professors Ramon Leon, David Hannings and Robert Rice of Cal Poly.

Participants can earn 13 continuing education units from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. 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: [www.calpoly.edu/~envhort/IPM\\_Conf.htm](http://www.calpoly.edu/~envhort/IPM_Conf.htm) or contact Professor Rice at [rrice@calpoly.edu](mailto:rrice@calpoly.edu).

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