On February 26-28, 2014 the Texas Invasive Plant & Pest Council, the Marine Science Institute and the Institute for the Study of Invasive Species will host the fifth statewide conference on invasive species at the Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas, Texas. Building off previous conferences, the 2014 conference will be a professional level meeting including keynotes, concurrent sessions, posters, field trips and symposia. This conference is designed to serve scientists, land managers, state and federal agencies, local governments, the green industry and other professionals interested in invasive species issues in the state of Texas.

Conference Goals
- Foster statewide collaboration among the diverse interests that share in the common goal of protecting Texas from the threat of invasive species;
- Facilitate communication among stakeholders who have a vested interest in invasive species;
- Provide a venue for sharing information about prevention, early detection, control & management, information management, and research; and
- Raise public awareness of the problems posed by invasive species in the state of Texas.

Conference will feature:
- $6,000 in student awards and travel grants;
- Plenary and concurrent sessions featuring the latest in invasive species prevention, early detection, management, information sharing and research; and
- Trade exhibits, poster sessions, field trips, workshops and moderated discussions.

Who Should Attend:
- Land management specialists from local, state, and federal agencies, including municipal, regional, state and federal parks…
- Environmental organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, Native Plant Society, Audubon, Land Conservancies, Land Trusts, etc…
- Researchers and students from State University systems and private colleges…
- Companies servicing restoration and weed removal projects including equipment manufacturers, GPS providers, herbicide producers, and landscape architects…
- Anyone who has an interest in invasive species in Texas.

To register or learn more about the Conference Program, Call for Papers, Abstract Submission, or Sponsors and Exhibitors, visit the Conference Website at www.texasinvasives.org or contact:

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