



News Advisory

“Visualizing Sudden Oak Death” An Interactive E-Conference

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BERKELEY—“Visualizing Sudden Oak Death,” will be held online from February 10 – 21, 2014. Media, professionals, and the public are invited to participate in the E-Conference and “see” the effects Sudden Oak Death (SOD) is having on millions of trees in susceptible forests. Through the eyes of experts and artists over the two-week event, participants can learn about the status of SOD from videos, images, an informative webinar, and a Google+Hangout discussion as well as a SOD-Interpretation art gallery, the fourth Art of Saving Oaks art show, and more.

What: Visualizing Sudden Oak Death E-Conference
When: Monday, February 10 – Friday, February 21, 2014
Where: <http://www.suddenoakdeath.org/news-and-events/visualizing-sudden-oak-death/>
Cost: FREE

Forest pathologists from Oregon, California, and the UK will review the progress and challenges faced in containing *Phytophthora ramorum* (the invasive, exotic quarantine plant pathogen that causes SOD) during the hour-long webinar, and the Google Hangout will offer an opportunity to hear from a panel of experts who will be discussing audience-generated questions.

The fourth "Art of Saving Oaks" art exhibit will be available online throughout the two weeks and will feature landscape and interpretive pieces from nine Bay Area artists, including botanical art and photographs of oak habitats threatened by SOD. The first "Art of Saving Oaks" was held in 2002 in Sausalito, with additional shows in Woodside (2003) and Santa Cruz (2004). The show uses art to educate and inspire people about SOD, which has killed over 3 million trees in 14 coastal California counties since its discovery in 2000.

The conference is presented by the California Oak Mortality Task Force and the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station.

For more information on the e-conference or *P. ramorum* and SOD, contact Katie Palmieri at (510) 847-5482 or kpalmieri@berkeley.edu.

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Schedule of Events

Caption Contest	Submit your caption for a SOD photo! February 10, 2014 – February 14, 2014 Winner Announced February 14, 2014
Webinar	<i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> vs. Homo Sapiens Where do we stand in our battle against the SOD pathogen? Tuesday, February 11, 2014 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. PST
Google+Hangout	Thursday, February 13, 2014 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Fourth Art of Saving Oaks	Monday, February 10, 2014 – Friday, February 21, 2014
SOD Art Gallery	Monday, February 10, 2014 – Friday, February 21, 2014