

# AMTOPP CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

Start	End		Room
11 AM	12 PM	Check In	Conference Registration Desk
12 PM	6 PM	First Aid/CPR - Misty Sleaford	108
4 PM	6 PM	Early Check In	Conference Registration Desk

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

Start	End	Workshop Information	Room
7 AM	8:30 AM	Check In	Conference Registration Desk
8 AM	4 PM	Electrical Hazard Training (EHT) - Dr. John Ball	Sapphire
10 AM	12 PM	Does Your Insurance Really Cover What You Think - Jess Stenzel, Marsh McLennan Agency	Bitterroot
1 PM	5 PM	STIHL -Chain Saw Safety and Maintenance - Danny Lamb	Bitterroot
7:30 AM	12 PM	ISA Testing	108
12 PM	8 PM	Vendor Set Up	Cutthroat & Hallways
1 PM	6 PM	Montana Department of Ag Pesticide License Testing	108
5 PM	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Executive Board Room 2nd floor
6 PM	8 PM	Early check In	Conference Registration Desk

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Thursday January 30, 2025 - Registration Desk Open @ 7AM

6:30 AM	8 AM	Vendor Set-up in Cutthroat, Grizzly, Meadowlark, and Hallway				
6:30 AM	8:30 AM	Check In - Conference Registration Area				
7 AM	8 AM	Breakfast Buffet - Rocky Mountain Foyer				
8 AM	8:50 AM	<b>Opening Session - Lydia Hesper-AMTOPP President with Exhibitor introductions</b>			Cutthroat Room	
9:00 AM	9:50AM	<b>Keynote Address - Dr Bruce Clarke Plant Defense Activators and Beneficial Microbes: Novel Approaches to Disease Control on Turf</b>			Cutthroat Room	
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>						
Start	End	Bitterroot	Sapphire	Ponderosa	Room 108	Room 107
10 AM	11:00AM	<b>Ornamental Insect Control Strategies</b>  Victor Gust <i>Warne Chemical &amp; Equipment Co</i>	<b>Plant Health 101</b>  Hannah Hampton <i>Rainbow Ecoscience</i>	<b>The New Z Standards</b>  Dr. John Ball <i>South Dakota State University</i>	<b>Understanding Chemical Trespass. Laws and Mitigation Techniques</b> Jake Degenstein <i>Montana Department of Ag</i>	<b>The Wasp Trials</b>  Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
11:10 AM	12:10 PM	<b>Basics of Plant Pathology and Disease Control on Landscape Turf</b>  Dr. Bruce Clarke <i>Rutgers University</i>	<b>Regenerating Veteran Trees</b>  Guy Meilleur <i>Historic Tre Care</i>	<i>Topic Still In The Works</i>  Mark Chisholm	<b>Ecologically Based Invasive Plant Management</b>  Bryce Christiaens <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology &amp; Extension</i>	<b>Residential Mosquito Control</b> Casey Johnson <i>Veseris</i>
12:10 PM	1:20 PM	<b>Annual Membership Luncheon, and -Business Meeting (12:50-1:20) - Cutthroat Room</b>				
		Bitterroot	Sapphire and Ponderosa		Room 108	Room 107
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	<b>The Importance of Soil Microbiology</b>  Mark Sembach <i>BioLynceus Biological Solutions</i>	<b>Debate</b>  <b>Retrenchment Pruning Discussion</b>  Dr Linda Chalker-Scott and Guy Meilleur with Dr. John Ball as moderator		<b>Pros and Cons of Drip Irrigation</b> Steve Jonas <i>Jonas Sprinklers and Fertilizer</i>	<b>Kitchen Nightmares: Cockroach Edition</b>  Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
2:40 PM	3:40PM				<b>New Weed Species</b>  Bryce Christiaens <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology &amp; Extension</i>	<b>New Products</b> Casey Johnson <i>Veseris</i>
3:40 PM	4:20 PM	<b>Trade Show Open</b> <i>Cutthroat, Grizzly, and Meadowlark Rooms</i>				
		Bitterroot	Sapphire	Ponderosa	Room 108	Room 107
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	<b>Important Diseases and Their Control on Lawns and Athletic Fields</b>  Dr. Bruce Clarke <i>Rutgers University</i>	<b>Fungal Strategies: Dealing With Decay</b>  Guy Meilleur <i>Historic Tree Care</i>	<b>Photomorphogenesis</b>  Linda Chalker Scott	<b>Emerging Pest Problems</b> Frank Etzler <i>Montana Dept of Ag</i>	<b>Clover Mites &amp; Occasional Invaders</b> <i>Dannis Warf ENVU</i>
5:30 PM	7PM	<b>Social Mix with Cash Bar - Silent Auction &amp; 50/50 Raffle - Cutthroat Room</b>				
7 PM	9:30 PM	<b>Dinner, Presentations of Awards, and Vote New Directors - (introduction of new Executive Board and New Directors - Cutthroat Room</b>				

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Friday, January 31, 2025

Start	End					
7 AM	7:50 AM	Pre-Meeting Morning Social - Continental Breakfast				
7 AM	7:50 AM	ISA/RMC Round Table Meeting over breakfast - Cutthroat Room				
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>						
		<b>Bitterroot</b>	<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>Ponderosa</b>	<b>Room 108</b>	<b>Room 107</b>
8 AM	9 AM	<b>Best Management Practices for Controlling Fairy Rings</b>  Dr. Bruce Clarke <i>Rutgers University</i>	<b>Business Class</b>  Mark Chisholm	<b>We Need To Think In Tree Time</b>  Dr. John Ball <i>South Dakota State University</i>	<b>Protecting Elms from Dutch Elm Disease</b>  Joel Spies <i>Rainbow Ecoscience</i>	<b>The Ratchelor: Season 1 of a Rodent Romance</b>  Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
9 AM	9:50 AM	<b>Trade Show Open</b>				
10 AM	11 AM	<b>Professional Tree Fertilization</b>  Victor Gust <i>Warne Chemical &amp; Equipment Co</i>	<b>Abiotic.....</b>  Abi Saeed <i>Schutter Labs</i>	<b>When and Where To Use Pesticides</b>  Hannah Hampton <i>Rainbow Ecoscience</i>	<b>Trauma Response</b>  Dave Stice <i>WesSpur Tree Equipment</i>	<b>New Products</b> Casey Johnson <i>Veseris</i>
11:10 AM	12:10 PM	<b>Navigating Weed Identification &amp; Pesticide Labels</b> Tonda Moon/ Kima Traynham <i>MT Dept of Ag</i>	<b>Topic Still In The Works</b>  Mark Chisholm	<b>Structural Pruning</b>  Dr Linda Chalker-Scott		<b>The Great Ant Siege</b>  Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
12:10 PM	1:30PM	<b>Lunch</b> Passing of the Gavel for 2025 President Raffle Drawing; Annual Meeting Closes <i>Cutthroat Room</i>				
2:00 PM	4:00 PM		Afternoon with Mark Chisholm <i>Topic Still In The Works</i>			
4:30 PM	6:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting - Room 108</b> All Members Invited and Welcomed				

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