

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	11 PM	Trimming the Risk: Cultivating Your Insurance Strategy - Jess Stenzel, Marsh and McLennan Agency	Bitterroot
1 PM	5 PM	STIHL -Chain Saw Safety and Maintenance - Danny Lamb	Bitterroot
7:30 AM	12 PM	ISA Testing (Dudley/Owen)	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	7 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	Opening Session - Lydia Hesel-AMTOPP President with Exhibitor introductions			Cutthroat Room	
9:00 AM	9:50AM	Keynote Address - Dr Bruce Clarke Plant Defense Activators and Beneficial Microbes: Novel Approaches to Disease Control on Turf			Cutthroat Room	
WORKSHOPS						
Start	End	Bitterroot (Chris/James)	Sapphire	Ponderosa (Mike)	Room 108	Room 107 (Larry)
10 AM	11:00AM	Ornamental Insect Control Strategies Victor Gust <i>Warne Chemical & Equipment Co</i>	Protecting Elms from Dutch Elm Disease Joel Spies <i>Rainbow Ecoscience (Owen)</i>	The New Z133 Safety Standard Dr. John Ball <i>South Dakota State University</i>	Understanding Chemical Trespass Jake Degenstein <i>Montana Department of Ag (Steve)</i>	The Wasp Trials Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
11:10 AM	12:10 PM	Basics of Plant Pathology and Disease Control on Landscape Turf Dr. Bruce Clarke <i>Rutgers University</i>	Regenerating Veteran Trees Guy Meilleur <i>Historic Tree Care (Jason)</i>	Efficient and Safe Crane Operations In Tree Work Jared Abrojena <i>Academy Trained</i>	Ecologically Based Invasive Plant Management Bryce Christiaens <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension (Chris)</i>	Back Yard Mosquito Control Casey Johnson <i>Veseris</i>
12:10 PM	1:20 PM	Annual Membership Luncheon, and -Business Meeting (12:50-1:20) - Cutthroat Room				
		Bitterroot	Sapphire and Ponderosa		Room 108	Room 107
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	The Importance of Soil Microbiology Mark Sembach <i>BioLynceus Biological Solutions</i>	What Is Retrenchment Pruning Discussion/Debate Dr Linda Chalker-Scott and Guy Meilleur with Dr. John Ball as moderator (Lydia)		Pros and Cons of Drip Irrigation Steve Jonas <i>Jonas Sprinklers and Fertilizer (Steve)</i>	Kitchen Nightmares: Cockroach Edition Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
2:40 PM	3:40PM				New Weed Species Bryce Christiaens <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension (James)</i>	New Tools in the Pest Control World Casey Johnson <i>Veseris</i>
3:40 PM	4:20 PM	Trade Show Open <i>Cutthroat, Grizzly, and Meadowlark Rooms</i>				
		Bitterroot	Sapphire	Ponderosa	Room 108	Room 107
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Important Diseases and Their Control on Lawns and Athletic Fields Dr. Bruce Clarke <i>Rutgers University</i>	Fungal Strategies: Dealing With Decay Guy Meilleur <i>Historic Tree Care (Owen)</i>	Signals from space! How light controls tree responses to the environment Linda Chalker Scott (Jason)	Emerging Pest Problems Frank Etzler <i>Montana Dept of Ag (Cooper)</i>	Clover Mites & Occasional Invaders <i>Dannis Warf ENVU</i>
5:30 PM	7PM	Social Mix with Cash Bar - Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle - Cutthroat Room				
7 PM	9:30 PM	Dinner, Presentations of Awards, and Vote New Directors - (introduction of new Executive Board and New Directors - Cutthroat Room				

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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				
WORKSHOPS						
		Bitterroot (Chris/James)	Sapphire	Ponderosa (Mike)	Room 108	Room 107 (Larry)
8 AM	9 AM	Best Management Practices for Controlling Fairy Rings Dr. Bruce Clarke <i>Rutgers University</i>	Training Paves The Way Jared Abrojena <i>Academy Trained (Tom)</i>	We Have To Think In Tree Time Dr. John Ball <i>South Dakota State University</i>	Plant Healthcare 101 Hannah Hampton <i>Rainbow Ecoscience (Owen)</i>	The Ratchelor: Season 1 of a Rodent Romance Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
9 AM	9:50 AM	Trade Show Open				
10 AM	11 AM	Professional Tree Fertilization Victor Gust <i>Warne Chemical & Equipment Co</i>	Common Abiotic Issues Affecting Montana Trees/ Shrubs Abi Saeed <i>Montana State University (Dudley)</i>	When and Where To Use Pesticides Hannah Hampton <i>Rainbow Ecoscience</i>	Stop and Fix Trauma Care Protocols in the field Dave Stice <i>WesSpur Tree Equipment/Ascension Group</i>	Enhancing Efficacy: Insecticide Formulations Dr. Brittany Campbell <i>Control Solutions Inc.</i>
11:10 AM	12:10 PM	Navigating Weed Identification & Pesticide Labels Tonda Moon/ Kima Traynham <i>MT Dept of Ag</i>	Benefits of the Latest Climbing Methods Jared Abrojena <i>Academy Trained (Dudley)</i>	The Unkindest Cut – Pruning Myths Dr Linda Chalker-Scott		The Great Ant Siege Ashley Roden <i>Sprague Pest Solutions</i>
12:10 PM	1:30PM	<p align="center">Lunch</p> Passing of the Gavel for 2025 President Raffle Drawing; Annual Meeting Closes <i>Cutthroat Room</i>				
2:00 PM	4:00 PM		Scale Your Business Strategically Jared Abrojena <i>Academy Trained (Tom)</i>			
4:30 PM	6:00 PM	Board Meeting - Room 108 All Members Invited and Welcomed				

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