

**AGENDA FOR 2019 FALL OKVMA CONFERENCE
Hard Rock Hotel & Convention Center**

October 1, 2019 (Tuesday)

8:00 am	ISA Arborist – EXAM (Alanna Cooper, Test Proctor)
8:00 – 11:30 11:30-1:00 lunch on your own 1:00 – 3:00	Test Help / Review Session for OK Commercial Applicator Certification Offered by: Charles Luper & Kevin Shelton – OSU Extension Services NO TESTING PROVIDED
1:00 pm Tee Time	Golf Outing – Cherokee Hills Golf Course (<i>for conference registrants only</i>)

GENERAL SESSION – October 2, 2019 (Wednesday)

Time	SPEAKERS	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
7:00 – 8:30	REGISTRATION WITH OSU Conference Services	
8:00	PRESIDENT’S WELCOME – Introduce Conference Sponsors/Vendors	
8:15 – 8:30	Nominations for Open Board Positions	
8:30 – 9:30	Jay Ferrell, Ph.D. Professor & Director, Center for Aquatic & Invasive Plants University of Florida Institute of Food & Ag Sciences	<i>Glyphosate: The World's Most Controversial Herbicide</i> This presentation will take a deep dive into the cancer concerns currently surrounding this molecule. We will discuss what the IARC means by "probably carcinogenic" and what other world health agencies believe on this subject. The goal is to present the data and allow applicators and managers to make up their own mind about whether glyphosate poses an undue health risk, and should the use of this herbicide be continued in herbicide applications.
9:30 – 9:45	Election of New Board Members Positions	
9:45 – 10:15	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:15 – 11:15	Ryan Williams Pesticide Certification & Training Administrator Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, & Forestry	<i>Laws & Rules Update</i> Provide updates on proposed laws and rule changes in Oklahoma and discuss EPA’s proposed Certification and Training Rules. Also discuss the new testing procedures.
11:15 – 11:30	Business Meeting, Election Results & Scholarship Awards	
11:30 – 1:00	LUNCH PROVIDED	
1:00 – 2:00	Jeremy Seiger Director of Ag Environmental Mgmt Service Division OK Dept. of Ag	<i>AgPDES – What is this and how it affects the “you” the applicator</i> This presentation will discuss the rules and regulatory aspects of Agriculture Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AgPDES) in Oklahoma.
2:00 – 3:00	Paul Johnson President International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)	<i>Keys to Growing our Profession – Credentialing in Arboriculture</i> Join us as we explore the world of credentials from ISA, TCIA, and other organizations in and around the world of arboriculture. Credentials can help you stand out from your competitors or help prospective employers know what you know and can do. This session will include certifications like ISA’s Certified Arborist, Tree Worker, and Utility Specialist and qualifications like their Tree Risk Assessment Qualification and a new Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification from the Texas Chapter of ISA.
3:00 – 3:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
3:30 – 4:30	Reid Smeda, Ph.D. Professor Division of Plant Sciences University of Missouri	<i>The ABC’s of Herbicide Labels & Proper PPE</i> Understanding the language of herbicide labels is a key to responsible use. Labels also identify the potential risks of herbicides and safety for applicators. This presentation will identify key words and concepts that every applicator is legally obligated to follow. There is wisdom in the fine print.

BREAKOUT SESSION – Herbicide Management ODAFF CEU – October 3, 2019 (Thursday)

8:00 – 9:00	Jay Ferrell, Ph.D. Professor & Director, Center for Aquatic & Invasive Plants University of Florida Institute of Food & Ag Sciences	<i>How Herbicides Work</i> This presentation will choose the most commonly used herbicides in the IVM industry and discuss why they are lethal to plants, what symptoms the cause, and how they behave in the environment. The goal is to raise the bar so that applicators have a better understanding of what they are spraying and how to be a better steward of the environment.
9:00 – 10:00	Reid Smeda, Ph.D. Professor Division of Plant Sciences University of Missouri	<i>Herbicide Resistance; a serious threat to herbicide use</i> Despite a large number of available herbicides for IVM, the number of different herbicide modes of action are few. Selection for herbicide resistance within IVM or movement of resistant weeds from adjacent areas threatens sound weed management practices. This presentation will provide a current assessment of herbicide resistance, underlying causes, and management practices that preserve our herbicide tools
10 - 10:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:30 - 11:30	Dennis Martin, Ph.D. Professor & Turfgrass Extension/Research Specialist Oklahoma State University	Monarch Butterfly, American Burying Beetle and Pollinators Habitat Improvement Initiatives in Oklahoma Rights of Way. Also, to be covered are concerns with the Emerald Ashborer monitoring and management plan.

BREAKOUT SESSION – Tree Management ISA CEU - October 3, 2019 (Thursday)

8:00 – 9:00	Keith Steely Vermeer Great Plains Catoosa Location	Chipper Safety This presentation will over general chipper safety procedures and safe operation of equipment.
9:00 – 10:00	Jody VanDeaver Regional Sales Manager Blue Mountain Equipment Stihl Distributor	Chainsaw Safety This presentation will cover chainsaw safety and safe operation of equipment.
10 -10:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:30 – 11:30	Paul Johnson President International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)	<i>#HealthyTreesHealthyLives</i> Let's explore the connection between trees and human health. At the same time, we will be able to discuss how to utilize this information to help communicate the importance of caring for trees and maybe even sell a job or two.
11:30 – 12:00	Steven Frazier OG&E	Outages – What is causing them?