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All:

Please see the announcement below concerning the Eastern Native Grass Symposium, to be held October 5 to 8, 2010 in Knoxville, TN. The point of contact for meeting information is Dr. Patrick Keyser; contact information is below. Please pass this announcement along to your faculty and others that might have an interest in attending.

Best regards.

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The Center for Native Grassland Management and the University of Tennessee will be hosting the Seventh Eastern Native Grass Symposium, a national meeting with an expected attendance of about 350 professionals and scientists from across the eastern half of the nation. The meeting will take place in Knoxville, Tennessee from October 5-8, 2010, at the Knoxville Marriott. If you have any questions or need additional information about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact at us or visit our website (<http://nativegrasses.utk.edu/index.htm>).

Early Registration will be open from March 15, 2010 and run through August 25, 2010.

Registration: You may register on-line by going to <http://nativegrasses.utk.edu/> and clicking on the links named "Native Grass Symposium" and "Register On-line Now". However, that will require a credit card. If you would prefer to pre-register using a check, you may do that by sending your payment, along with a printed registration form (see above web link to obtain a copy) to:

Eastern Native Grass Symposium Registration
2431 Joe Johnson Drive, Room 274 EPSB

☛ Knoxville, TN 37996-4563
Attn: Emily Hardwick.

Student and partial registration options are available. Rates will go up after August 25, 2010.

Accommodations: The symposium will be held in downtown Knoxville, Tennessee at the Knoxville Marriott (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tysmc-knoxville-marriott/>). Reservations may be made by contacting them at 800-228-9290 or at the same web page where you register for the meeting (<http://nativegrasses.utk.edu/>) and clicking on the link named "Hotel". The group rate is \$83.00 plus tax and will automatically be used for on-line reservations. If you are calling, simply mention the "Native Grass Symposium" to receive this same rate. It will be good through September 5, 2010.

Agenda: We are developing a broad agenda with a special emphasis on working landscapes that will include sessions on forage, biofuels, ecosystem restoration, wildlife management, seed production/landscaping, land reclamation (mines, landfills, etc) and other topics of interest for native grasses in the eastern US (and Canada). Please check back later this summer for a full agenda.

Field Trips: Several field trips are being planned to sites in East TN that will include the recently completed cellulosic biofuels production facility, the first of its kind in the US, associated biomass production fields (switchgrass), forage production fields, the largest oak savannah restoration project east of the Mississippi, a pine savannah restoration site, wildlife management areas, and more. Additional information regarding field trips will be available in the near future.

Please plan to join us in East Tennessee for an excellent program, great field trips, and an outstanding opportunity to network with leaders and practitioners in the native grass field!

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