

July 2007 OIPC Board Update

GRANTS

- OIPC has been awarded a grant of \$10,000.00 by the Gund Foundation in Cleveland. The terms of the grant are that the money is to be used toward OIPC's educational efforts. A few ideas being brainstormed as funding possibilities include: MIPN's brochure, "Why Should I Care About Invasive Plants," an OIPC conference or workshop, a distance learning program, reprinting of the invasive plants fact sheets, more OIPC brochures and posters, and a volunteer naturalist program.
- The OIPC Board is pursuing grant opportunities at other institutions. Currently, the Board is talking with the Cleveland Foundation. We also intend to approach the Columbus Foundation and the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.
- If any OIPC members have contacts or established relationships with any grant-funding institutions, please let a member of the OIPC Board know.

MIPN/OIPC BROCHURE

- OIPC has purchased 10,000 brochures from the Midwest Invasive Plants Network (MIPN). The brochures, entitled, "Why Should I Care About Invasive Plants," are full-color and twenty-four pages long. OIPC will first sell the brochures to OIPC members at a reduced rate, and then to the public at a higher rate.
- OIPC currently has commitments to purchase the brochures from the Division of Wildlife, Hamilton County Metroparks, Wayne National Forest, and the Holden Arboretum.
- If anyone is interesting in purchasing brochures, please contact a member of the OIPC Board.

OIPC/MIPN AT NATURAL AREAS CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

- MIPN and OIPC are hosting a special session on regional plant invasions at the Natural Areas Conference in Cleveland from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2007.
- The special session will feature six presentations:
 - Develop an Early Detection Program for Invasive Plants in Your Area;
 - Invasive Plant- Pollinator Interactions;
 - Ceutorhynchus spp. As Potential Biological Control Agents of Garlic Mustard;
 - How Researchers and The Nursery Industry Can Work Together To Prevent Plant Invasions;
 - Reducing Seed Output and Seed Viability of Cultivars;
 - Cooperative Weed Management Areas.
- OIPC Board Member, Theresa Culley, from the University of Cincinnati, and ONLA President, Keith Manbeck, of Decker Nursery, will give the presentation on researchers and the nursery industry working together.

OIPC STATEWIDE PRESENCE

- The OIPC website, oipc.info, will be revised in the near future. Changes will include additional content for the Partners page, and updated invasive plants photos.

- The OIPC tabletop display has been ordered and should be delivered in August, 2007. Three sets of display contents (photos and text) will be created, one set for use with the display, and two sets that can be loaned for use in other parts of the state.
- Additional education workshops for land managers and for the general public are being considered. No timetable has been set, but workshops in the winter and spring of 2008 are possibilities.
- Publication of the proceedings of the 2007 Research Conference is on track and should be accomplished in Autumn 2007.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS WITH OIPC MEMBERS

- Following each OIPC Board meeting (four per year), the Board will post to the listserv, and feature on the OIPC website, an update on developments and happenings. This posting is the first such update.
- OIPC members are encouraged to comment on the updates. Please let the Board know if the information is desired, helpful, and sufficient.