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## **News Advisory**

### **SUDDEN OAK DEATH SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM II**

### **“THE STATE OF OUR KNOWLEDGE”**

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MONTEREY—The second Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium will be held in Monterey January 18 – 21, 2005. It will bring together diverse scientific community disciplines from throughout the world working on *Phytophthora ramorum* and Sudden Oak Death in order to provide a comprehensive scientific overview on the state of our knowledge about this plant pathogen in forest, woodland, urban forestry, nursery, and agricultural settings. The symposium will have 85 papers and nearly 50 posters on completed research as well as current projects underway. Much of this research was funded by the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station (PSW). This broad overview is intended to foster close cooperation between the various disciplines and geographic areas working on *Phytophthora ramorum* as well as inform managers, policy makers, and other interested parties about the focus of current research efforts.

When: January 18 – 21, 2005

Where: Monterey Conference Center  
1 Portola Plaza  
Monterey, CA 93940

Registration: Early Registration \$320; deadline 12/15/04  
Late Registration \$370

“We are very excited to be facilitating a meeting for scientists of this caliber. It will be an exceptional opportunity to gain a greater understanding of *Phytophthora ramorum* and Sudden Oak Death as well as the most cutting edge theories available. I believe anyone dealing with this pathogen would benefit greatly from attending,” said Rick Standiford, Associate Dean, Forestry and Capital Projects, College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley.

In addition to the symposium, self-guided tour materials will be made available for those interested in examining symptoms in the field. **To learn more about the symposium, to review the list of abstracts, or to register, go to <http://nature.berkeley.edu/forestry/sodsymposium>. For more information on *Phytophthora ramorum* and Sudden Oak Death, contact Katie Palmieri, Pacific Southwest Research Station and California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) Public Information Officer, at (510) 847-5482 or go to the COMTF website at: [www.suddenoakdeath.org](http://www.suddenoakdeath.org).**