



# News Advisory

## SUDDEN OAK DEATH SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM III

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SANTA ROSA—The third Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium is being held in Santa Rosa, CA March 5 – 9, 2007 and will bring together researchers, regulators, and industry representatives from throughout the world working on *Phytophthora ramorum* (*P. ramorum*) and Sudden Oak Death (SOD). Along with nearly 70 papers and more than 60 posters being presented, there will also be a field trip to see SOD in a natural setting, where local experts will discuss SOD-related land management issues, fire hazards, and impacts to Native Americans. Additionally, a “Disease Status and Trends” media availability will be held with top researchers and regulators as well as a key nursery representative. Other activities of interest include several big-picture talks\* and a Risks to Conifers Session which will discuss *P. ramorum*/SOD impacts and other situations that are foreseen as future challenges to the forestry community, as well as focus on identifying research needs necessary for sound, science-based quarantines.

**What/When:** **SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM III**  
**March 5 – March 9, 2007**

**Where:** **Hyatt Vineyard Creek**  
**Alexander Ballroom**  
**170 Railroad Street**  
**Santa Rosa, CA 95401**  
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**What/When:** **RISKS TO CONIFERS SESSION**  
**March 5, 2007**  
**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Where:** **Hyatt Vineyard Creek**  
**Alexander Ballroom**  
**170 Railroad Street**  
**Santa Rosa, CA 95401**  
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- What/When:** FIELD TRIP  
 March 5, 2007  
 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Where:** Hyatt Vineyard Creek  
 Meet in Lobby  
 170 Railroad Street  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
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- What/When:** MEDIA AVAILABILITY  
 “DISEASE STATUS AND TRENDS”  
 March 6, 2007  
 12:25 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.
- Where:** Hyatt Vineyard Creek  
 Sonoma Mountain Room  
 170 Railroad Street  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95401
- Registration:** All Events FREE to media  
 REGISTER through  
 KATIE PALMIERI for PRESS PASS

For more information on the Symposium or *P. ramorum* and SOD, contact Katie Palmieri, California Oak Mortality Task Force Public Information Officer, at (510) 847-5482 or via email at [palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu). To learn more about the Symposium agenda or to review the list of abstracts, go to <http://nature.berkeley.edu/comtf/sodsymposium/index.html>.

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- \*3/6: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Rethinking *Phytophthora*: Lessons from Sudden Oak Death
- \*3/7: 10:35 – 10:55 a.m. Facts or Friction: The Evolving Advisory Role of Science in Phytosanitary Issues
- \*3/7: 10:55 – 11:30 a.m. *Phytophthora ramorum* + *P. kernoviae* = International Biosecurity Failure
- \*3/7: 1:05 – 1:25 p.m. An Overview of *P. ramorum* Biology and Ecology
- \*3/8: 10:50 – 11:15 a.m. What can Availability of the *Phytophthora ramorum* Genome do for us?
- \*3/8: 3:25 – 3:45 p.m. An Overview of *P. ramorum* Management