

# Southern Forest Health Work Conference



## **Diversity and Inclusion Statement** **July 2017**

The Southern Forest Health Work Conference (SFHWC) is dedicated to advancing the science and practice of forest entomology and forest health, providing a medium of exchange for professional thought, and serving as a technical resource on forest insect problems of the southern United States. As a professional group, SFHWC values the immense diversity of its members. We welcome and encourage participation of all individuals irrespective of their age, cultural background, gender, gender identity, physical ability, professional status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and any other diverse characteristics. SFHWC strongly cultivates an atmosphere and culture built on excellence, mutual respect, tolerance, and professionalism. Together, we vigorously denounce and stand against discrimination, isolation, prejudice, and unprofessional behavior and conduct. SFHWC aspires to inclusion, dignity, and respect for all individuals. Our common goal is to achieve excellence, and create mutually beneficial and supportive networks for all members in our professions and beyond.