

MAC-ISA PRESENTS



Tree Risk Assessment Course & Exam

10 ISA CEU's

Nov. 4 & 5, 2010

Wetlands Studies and Solutions Inc.

5300 Wellington Branch Dr Suite 100

Gainesville, VA 20155

7:45 am – 5:00 pm

MAC-ISA Member rate: \$550 Non member \$650

Limited to 20 Certified Arborists – Register Early

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Course Instructor: Mr. Jim Flott, ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Municipal Specialist, ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist #441, PNW-ISA Certified Tree Risk Assessor

Course Intent

- ✓ provide tree risk assessment training for urban and urban/rural interface areas using the most current theory, practice, and technical concepts employed in arboriculture,
- ✓ set the standard at a high level of competence to ensure those accredited are skilled, knowledgeable, and fully aware of their professional responsibilities, and
- ✓ promote safety and sound arboriculture as a part of the course.

Program Overview

This course was developed in consultation with the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia (WCB), British Columbia Hydro, Wildlife and Danger Tree Committee of British Columbia, and numerous reviewers around North America. The course is administered by the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA). The course design work was undertaken by Dr. Julian Dunster of Dunster & Associates Ltd. The effort involved several years of extensive research, testing, and review of the materials. In the summer of 2004, WorkSafe BC recognized the course and credential as an accepted industry standard in British Columbia. After a successful 2005 course launch in British Columbia, nearly 60 courses have been held in the Pacific Northwest ISA and over 600 people have been accredited as PNW-ISA Certified Tree Risk Assessors. MAC-ISA has contracted with PNW-ISA to bring the course to Virginia. This will be the first course in the US outside of the PNW.

Course Information

The combination of classroom lectures and field work includes modules on biology, structural mechanics, risk theory and practice, reading tree conditions, assessing and assigning risk levels, and prescribing risk mitigation strategies. Day One lectures cover all material in the course manual. On Day Two, the morning will be spent examining trees and practicing assessment skills and data recording. The exam is held on the afternoon of Day Two (for 2.5 hours).

Upon successful completion of the course **and exam**, participants will be accredited as **Certified Tree Risk Assessors** and meet current industry standards. This training course applies to all work activities in and around trees located in urban and urban/rural interface areas. The closed book exam is 2.5 hours in length. A mark of 85% or better is required to pass. The qualification is valid for four years from the course date (month end). Those who score less than 85% are eligible for a retake exam (fees apply). Certification renewal options include attending the entire course again or writing a challenge exam. Recertification fees apply to both options

Eligibility

Applicants must be qualified and in good standing with at least one of the following:

- ✓ Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture
- ✓ Certified Forester with the Society of American Foresters

Prerequisites

Participants will receive the course manual at least four weeks in advance and are strongly encouraged to read and study in detail before attending the course. Candidates are expected to have the ability to identify tree species, native or exotic, and to understand and apply basic biology, mechanics, risk assessment, and risk management concepts.

Equipment

- ✓ Required: Hard hat, field notebook, appropriate outdoor clothing
- ✓ Suggested: Increment borer, clinometers, binoculars, diameter tape

Course Fees Course & Exam for MAC-ISA members..... \$550 Non member Rate..... \$650

(MAC-ISA chapter only membership available for \$60 or ISA and MAC-ISA for \$175)

Food and Lodging - Morning refreshments and lunch are provided both days. Lodging available at **Hampton Inn**, Gainesville, VA 703-753-1500, **mention Wetland Studies** to get the block room rate.

Registration Form

Name (for badge) _____

Certified Arborist Number and Expiration Date _____

Member of MAC-ISA ___ yes ___ no (you are a MAC-ISA member if you paid Mid Atlantic chapter dues)

Company Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Any food restrictions? Vegetarian, food allergies – please note _____

Registration -	MAC-ISA member	Nonmembers
Membership (save \$ join today and get member rate)	\$550	\$650
	\$60 (MAC-ISA chapter only)	
	Or \$175 (ISA and MAC-ISA)	

Refund Policy: 10% refund charge. No refunds after Sept. 30th

Payments can be made by check or credit card. Please make check payable to MAC-ISA.

Amount Enclosed _____ Payment by ___ Check ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ *Vcode _____

Credit Card Holder Name and Address if different from above _____

Office use only

Ck # _____

Dp. Date _____

Amt. \$ _____

*The Vcode is a 3-4 digit number found on the signature panel or near the account number on the front of the card.

Questions? Call (703) 753-0499

Please mail this registration form with payment to: MAC-ISA, P.O. Box 1200, Haymarket, VA 20168
Or fax to 703-753-0869