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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	SEEDS-ToBRFV	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	April 24, 2020	
Chairperson	Edward Podleckis (USDA-APHIS-PPQ)	
Participants:		
Patricia McAllister (CFIA)	Pamela Ross (CFIA)	Mario Puente Raya (México Ind)
Nancy Osterbauer (PPQ)	Vessela Mavrodieva (PPQ)	Geoffrey Dennis (PPQ)
Kevin Ong (TAMU)	José Manuel Cambrón Crisantos (SENASICA)	Jessica Berenice Valencia Luna (SENASICA)
Daniela Alejandra Bocanegra Flores (SENASICA)	Beatriz Xoconostle Cázares (CINVESTAV)	Eduardo Garrido (INIFAP)
Claudio Feulner (Canada Ind.)	Ric Dunkle (US Ind.)	Samantha Thomas (US ind.)
Marlene Ortiz (Vice-Chair. México Ind.)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Patricia Abad (PPQ)
Steve Côté (CFIA)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	A pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pests focused on ToBRFV.	
Item 1:	Opening remarks and introduction of Dr. Kevin Ong as a new EG member.	
Consensus:	The ED thanked all members for joining the call and asked Dr. Kevin Ong to introduce himself to the group.	
Item 2:	Nomination and selection of Chair and Vice Chairperson.	
Consensus:	Several nominations were put forth. Dr. Edward Podleckis (PPQ) was selected Chairperson and Dr. Marlene Ortiz Berrocal (AMSAC) was selected Vice Chairperson.	
Item 3:	Document translation and Intranet Portal.	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of the first call EG members were asked to provide documents relevant to the development of the “Terms of Reference” for this project. • EG members provided many documents, most of them in English. • Documents were uploaded to the EG Intranet Portal. • The Secretariat opted not to translate the documents and confirmed that EG members have good reading comprehension of English. • However, the Secretariat remains available to translate critical materials as needed. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intranet portal will no longer be available once the NAPPO website completes migration to its new platform. The portal is a vulnerable access point to hack into the NAPPO website. • As a consequence of the above, information exchange will be through email. 	
Item 3:	Begin work on “Terms of Reference” (ToR).	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A generic document was shared with the EG for discussion and to provide the Secretariat’s perspective on the ToRs for the project. • A section at the end included questions for consideration by the EG. • All EG members were asked to provide feedback and email their answers to the Secretariat. • The Secretariat will compile input provided by the EG, translate and share with the group to continue discussions during the next conference call. • Once completed, the ToR will be reviewed and approved by the NAPPO Management team (Executive Committee and the Advisory and Management Committee). • Next steps will be for the EG to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ conduct the pilot, ○ provide recommendations, and ○ document lessons learned during this process. • The pilot will serve as a model for future harmonization of seed pest diagnostic protocols and in turn facilitate seed trade in the region. 	
Item 4:	Other subjects	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work will be conducted remotely. • Virtual calls should be scheduled once per month or more frequently as needed. • Call topics will be provided by the Chairperson with assistance from the Vice-Chairperson. • Critical documents will be translated and shared with the group at least a week before a schedule call. • Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, face-to-face meetings with the group are unlikely. Small sub-groups can be formed to work on specific issues outlined in the ToRs. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	Go through the questions in the reference document to provide thoughts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose and objectives of this project • The roles and responsibilities of the EG. • The target audience. 	COB Friday May 8, 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline. • Activities and resources to develop the project. 	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Videoconference (Zoom platform)	
Date:	May 27, from 2:00-3:30 pm EDT	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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