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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Phytosanitary Alert System	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 8, 2020	
Chairperson	Ignacio Baez (APHIS)	
Participants:		
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Summary

Item 1:	<p>Update on the final version of the new PAS</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A new updated version of the NAPPO PAS is available at www.pestalerts.org. During the conference call, an overview was provided to the EG members and Secretariat on each section of the site that is accessible to the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlighted the additional information that subscribers can provide including country, type of organization, and name of the organization. This information can be useful for metrics, to NAPPO understand (using metrics) who is interested in the NAPPO PAS.• Additional highlight: the added cybersecurity features to ensure that automated applications or robots do not misuse the PAS for spam.
Item 2:	<p>Provide an overview of the Administrative Dashboard</p> <p><u>Background:</u> During the conference call, an overview was provided to the EG members and Secretariat on the part of the system that requires login credentials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key areas covered included: steps to upload OPRs, generating automated monthly updates, posting translations of a report, editing an OPR, viewing metrics generated through the PAS and using Google analytics to analyze the information provided by the subscribers.• While login credentials were provided to all EG members in Dec. 2019, please contact Chair if login credentials are needed for PAS.
Item 3:	<p>Plan for the development of guidelines to operate the PAS</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The chair is drafting instructions to operate and manage the PAS. All this information will be compiled into one document so the EG as well as the Secretariat has this document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose of this guideline is so the group can operate the system. Also, the documentation allows for continuity when new EG members rotate through time.• The draft document will be sent by the Chair to the EG and Secretariat for review.• The NAPPO ED recommended a follow-up EG call to discuss

	the document.	
Item 4:	<p>Discuss question about Canada's OPR</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Canada EG member (BG) had a question for the EG and Secretariat: When posting an Official Pest Report, can the report from Canada be in English as well as in French? In earlier OPRs (around 2003 to 2007), Canada had posted OPRs in both languages under the English template (e.g. https://www.pestalerts.org/official-pest-report/update-emerald-ash-borer-aqrilus-planipennis-fairmaire-ontario-canada-le-point). Having Canada's OPRs available in French is important for the Francophone speakers in Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, the group did not see an issue with having Canada include the OPR in both languages under the English template. The approach proposed is a simple solution to have Canada's OPR in English and French. • NAPPO's ED will inform on this at the next meeting with the Executive Committee, as well as present the option of expanding the NAPPO PAS capabilities to include French as a third language. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Ignacio Baez	Compile and share with EG a draft of the NAPPO PAS guidelines to operate the PAS	29 May 2020
All	Review the guidelines and provide feedback	5 June 2020
NAPPO Secretariat	Schedule a call to discuss guidelines	TBD
Location:	Teleconference	
Date:	To be determined.	
Proposed Agenda Items		