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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)	
Location:	Zoom meeting - Videoconference	
Date:	October 20, 2020	
Chairperson	Lisa Lafontaine (CFIA)	
Participants:		
Ifi Chafy (CFIA)	Heather Curlett (APHIS-PPQ)	Greg Rosenthal (Vice Chair-APHIS-PPQ)
Beatriz Martínez Reding (SENASICA)	Victor Hugo Rodriguez (SENASICA)	Karen Stephany Miranda (SENASICA)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	NAPPO International Year of Plant Health	
General comments:	<p>The TD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the EG and thanked them for joining the call. • Accepted to take notes and write the conference call report. <p>EG members approved the agenda as presented.</p>	
Item 1:	Updates from the NAPPO Secretariat	
Consensus:	The TD provided updates to the group on the status of the articles and next steps to promote them in social media.	
Item 2:	General notes.	
Consensus:	The EG Vice Chair requested considering an extra level of clearance within APHIS-PPQ in the review process of the articles. He indicated this will not affect the publication deadlines of the EG IYPH articles. The group agreed with the proposal.	
Item 3:	Upcoming articles	
Consensus:	<p>The vice chair indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The November article will be on Seed health. • The deadline to have a first draft of the November article is November 15. • Encouraged the EG to send information to include in the article. • Discussed the draft for the December article with the EG. EG members provided the following feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mexico suggested to publish the next article in January instead of December because of the holiday season. The EG agreed. ○ Mexico agreed to write the next article to publish in January. EG members from Mexico will discuss 	

	<p>potential topics with their AMC member and will inform the EG during the next conference call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some proposed ideas for Mexico to consider for the January article include the North American Sea Container Initiative, collaborative program with the US and pest free areas. ○ Canada proposed to recirculate the list of topics to consider for the next article. <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TD suggested to include, in the November article, information and updates on the NAPPO project on the harmonization of protocols for detection of ToBRFV currently in the NAPPO 2020 work program.
Item 3:	Green Illumination of monuments in the NAPPO region to commemorate the IYPH.
Consensus:	<p>US:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on the permits to illuminate the USDA headquarters buildings in the Washington Mall. Best time for the US is in April 2021. April is the invasive plant species awareness month for the US. • Greg Rosenthal indicated that the event will be promoted in social media and encouraged EG to coordinate this activity to show regional solidarity and support to the IYPH. <p>Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada indicated that approval has been received to illuminate the Canadian Museum of Nature. Other possibilities are being explored including the Parliament building in Ottawa and the Niagara Falls. Canada indicated they will keep the EG informed on the developments related to the approval processes. <p>Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will formally request the illumination of important monuments in Mexico during the proposed time.
Other issues	Round table
Consensus:	<p>Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 20 best pictures from a photography contest to promote IYPH took place and will be on display on November 11 at the “Paseo de la Reforma”. The event will be attended by the Minister of Agriculture. EG members from Mexico will inform the EG about this event in the next conference call. <p>Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth activity booklet will be finalized and posted on the CFIA website. Canada will share the link with the EG. <p>US:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting October as firewood awareness month through social media posts. • Advancing the green building illumination initiative.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published monthly IYPH article on offshore greenhouse certification program in the PPQ external newsletter “Plant Protection Today”. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
US	November article on seed health – US.	
Mexico EG members	Choose topic for the January 2021 article.	
NAPPO Secretariat	Promote ephyto article on social media.	
EG members	Continue work on the “green illumination” project.	
NAPPO Secretariat	Share table with proposed topics with the EG	
Canada EG members	Continue with translation of articles in French	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	November 30, 2020 from 1:00-2:30 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items/		
1. Updates re: ISPM-15 article (NAPPO Secretariat)		
2. Updates re: the November article on Seed health (U.S)		
3. Updates re: the January article (Mexico)		
4. Green building initiative		
5. Roundtable		