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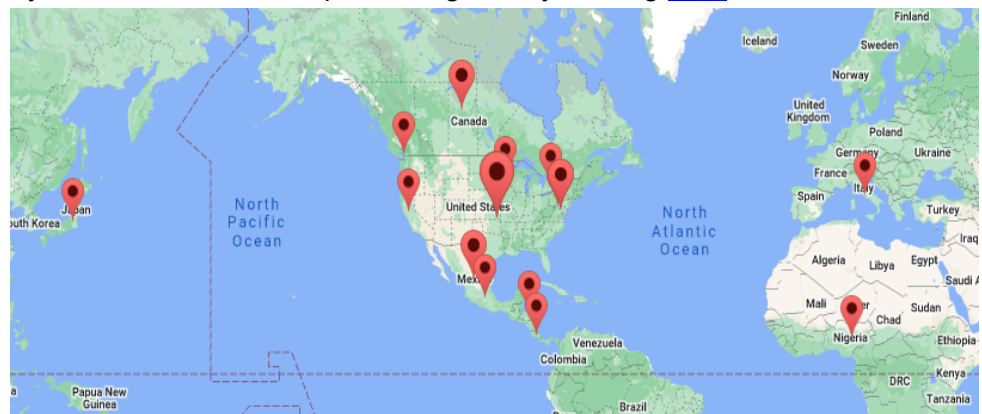
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## 45<sup>th</sup> NAPPO Annual Meeting update



Greetings NAPPO stakeholders! We wanted to update you on the plans for the 45<sup>th</sup> NAPPO Annual Meeting. As you know, the meeting will be held virtually from Oct. 18-20. Meeting registration is now open. As of June 30, 110 of you have registered – please see map below showing the countries of registered participants.

If you have not done so, please register by clicking [here](#).



Access the latest version of the draft meeting Agenda [here](#).

Note that closed-door NAPPO member country industry and government/industry meetings are planned for Tuesday, October 18 in the afternoon – see below. This means that those of us not belonging to these groups can take a break and rejoin the meeting on Wednesday morning at 10:00 am EDT.

### Tuesday, October 18, 2022

14:00 – 15:00	<b>CLOSED MEETING</b> – Industries of NAPPO member countries. One Zoom room each for industries from CAN, the U.S., and MEX	Each IAG member will lead discussion in their specific Zoom room; meetings run concurrently and are closed-door; <b>no interpretation</b>
15:00 – 16:00	<b>CLOSED MEETING</b> – Governments and industries of NAPPO member countries. One Zoom room for each combined Govt./industry meeting (CAN, the U.S., and MEX)	Meetings run concurrently and are closed-door; <b>no interpretation</b>

If you are an industry stakeholder from one of the NAPPO countries and are interested in attending the closed-door industry meeting, please contact your NAPPO Industry Advisory Group (IAG) representative to get added to the attendee list. Access their contact information [here](#).

The meeting Symposium, scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 will deal with *the Impacts of Climate Change on Plant Health*. Speakers will present the international and regional guidance on the topic. Government and industry perspectives on the challenges of climate change in the NAPPO region are also part of the Symposium. Mr. Greg Wolff, Executive Committee member from Canada and the host for this year's meeting, will present the Symposium Objectives.

NAPPO Project Reports as well as the NAPPO outlook for 2023, now that our 5-year Strategic Plan was updated, are scheduled for Thursday, October 20. In addition, Mexico will be announcing the dates and venue for the - hopefully face-to-face - 46<sup>th</sup> NAPPO Annual Meeting in 2023 – don't miss it!

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## Country Consultation for the Updated 5-year NAPPO Strategic Plan

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The NAPPO Management Team – see diagram below - completed their review of the final draft of the new 5-year NAPPO Strategic Plan. The final draft was submitted to and available for Country Consultation, via the NAPPO website, on May 12 – the first ever International Day of Plant Health. Regional and international comments on the document were accepted until June 16.

Comments from six stakeholders were received during Country Consultation. The Advisory and Management Committee (AMC) members from the three National Plant Protection Organizations of our region got together on June 23 to review and incorporate relevant comments. The final version of the new 5-year NAPPO Strategic Plan was prepared for endorsement/approval by the Executive Committee on June 27. Endorsement/approval is expected on July 13, after which the new 5-year NAPPO Strategic Plan will be uploaded to our website and stakeholders will be notified.

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## 2022 NAPPO Work Plan

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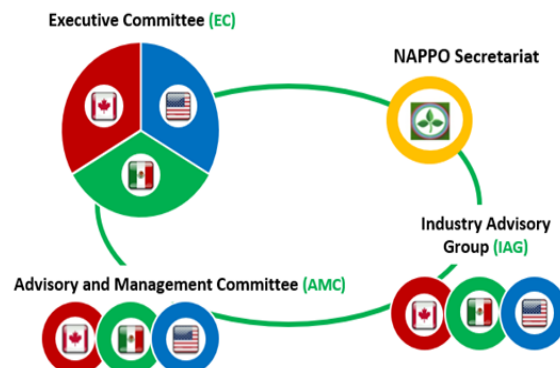
During the Spring Governance meetings, the NAPPO Executive Committee unanimously endorsed the 2022 Work Program (WP). The 2022 WP has fourteen active projects and four waitlisted projects that will transition to become active as ongoing projects are completed. Access the 2022 WP by clicking [here](#).

Stakeholders please note that even though the 2022 WP is currently underway, new important/urgent project ideas/suggestions can be submitted anytime by completing the NAPPO Project Proposal form found [here](#). Remember to submit your new ideas/suggestions through the Advisory and Management Committee member for your country. Access their contact information [here](#).



# NAPPO virtual Governance Meetings Scheduled for July

The NAPPO Management Team (NMT) – see below – will meet virtually on July 13. Agenda items for the meeting include status updates from Governments, Industries and the NAPPO Secretariat, a progress report on the 2022 Work Program, Executive Committee endorsement/approval of the new 5-year NAPPO Strategic Plan, and news from international organizations and committees, among others. The Advisory and Management Committee (AMC) members from the three National Plant Protection Organizations will meet with the NAPPO Executive and Technical Directors on July 12 to identify decision points that need to be addressed by the NMT on July 13.



## NAPPO and EPPO Planning a pre-IPPC Strategic Planning Group Meeting in October

To build on our ongoing strategic cooperation and idea sharing with colleagues from the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) we are initiating the planning for a possible face-to-face meeting immediately preceding the IPPC Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting (tentatively scheduled for October 24-26 in Rome). Plans will be confirmed once the IPPC Secretariat confirms the SPG meeting dates.

## News from Expert Groups and NAPPO Projects

The NAPPO Secretariat welcomes the Experts of the new Expert Groups approved for the 2022 Work Program including:

- **Revision of RSPM 35 (Guidelines for the movement of stone and pome fruit trees and grapevines into a NAPPO member country) arthropod pest tables.** The EG will complete the revision of the arthropod pest tables for stone and pome fruit trees and grapevines. Once completed, the tables will be added to the revised RSPM 35 as an ink amendment.
- **Comprehensive review, update, and finalization of NAPPO Foundational Documents— FD:** Review and update existing FDs and identification of additional NAPPO organizational processes that need to be included.

- **Translation and development of the RBS-USDA training module into Spanish.**
- **Update NAPPO DD 05: Management of Huanglongbing (HLB) and its vector, the Asian-Citrus Psyllid, *Diaphorina citri*.**
- **Revision of RSPM 26 (Certification of commercial arthropod BCAs or non-Apis pollinators moving into NAPPO member countries) and,**
- **Forestry Quarantine Research Group.** The group will discuss, identify and prioritize forest quarantine market issues and research needs. The EG will also facilitate information exchange among NAPPO member countries.

First video conferences with these EGs have been scheduled for late June and the first half of July 2022.

## Ongoing Projects

**Seeds ToBRFV pilot.** Final preparations before officially starting the ring test are underway. Materials and reagents have been delivered to the participating laboratories in Canada, United States and Mexico and instructional material for the participating laboratories is being reviewed by the EG. The ring test will begin in July after all participating laboratory personnel involved in has the opportunity to review the instructional material and participate in a question/answer session with the Expert Group. Completion of the ring test is expected in late July.

The NAPPO Secretariat would like to thank Dr. Ed Podleckis (retired) for his contributions as the Chairperson of the NAPPO Seeds project and welcome Dr. José Hernández (APHIS PPQ) to the Expert Group.

**ISPM 25 Guidance.** (*Standardization of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO country to enter another NAPPO country*). The writing subgroup continues working on the draft document which is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022. The document will support the implementation of ISPM 25 in the NAPPO region.

**Electronic Certification.** The United States is sending ePhytos to 70 countries and receiving from 42 countries. The system is being tested with Switzerland, Belgium, and Ireland. Mexico is implementing electronic signatures with the European Union. Canada continues working on their system to start exchanges with the United States and Mexico.

The NAPPO Secretariat would like to thank Mr. Avtar Virk (CFIA) for his contributions to the EG and welcome Ms., Anna Birmingham (CFIA) to the EG.

**Phytosanitary Alert System.** The EG continues meeting the IPPC Pest Reporting Obligations and facilitating awareness, detection, prevention and management of exotic plant pest species within North America by managing and publishing the Official Pest Reports from all NAPPO countries. Since March 1, 2022 six official pest reports have been posted in the PAS webpage within the NAPPO website.

**Risk-based Sampling.** Translation of the RBS manual into Spanish was completed in June and will be uploaded to the NAPPO website once the RBS team finished the review of the document. Manual part II addresses considerations for the implementation of RBS, data and tools, sampling methods, and design, implementation and maintenance of an RBS program. Visit the NAPPO website ([www.nappo.org](http://www.nappo.org)) for more information.

**GICSV.** The NAPPO Secretariat continues coordinating the Interamerican Coordinating Group in Plant Protection (GICSV in Spanish) until March 2023. Meetings have been scheduled with all the working groups (WG) including locusts, fruit flies, ePhyto, Huanglongbing, *Fusarium oxysporium* (FOC RT4) and *Tuta absoluta*. NAPPO completed the translation of the *Tuta absoluta* manual for surveillance and control into Spanish and the WG is reviewing and finalizing the document.

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## Updates to the GICSV's Constitution and By-laws

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The GICSV coordinating committee has been engaged in updating its constitution and by-laws. To accomplish this, five virtual sessions were held with the participation of the five RPPO members. Modifications to the text were discussed and approved by consensus. You will be able to see the final version of the constitution and by-laws on [GICSV's website](#) very soon.

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## NAPPO Activities to Commemorate the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH)

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The first ever International Day of Plant Health (IDPH), declared by the United Nations, was celebrated on May 12<sup>th</sup> of this year. NAPPO supported its commemoration by opening the country consultation for its NAPPO 2022-2026 Strategic Plan (SP). The country consultation remained opened until June 16, 2022 and during this period we received comments from six stakeholders. Comments were reviewed and incorporated to the document.



In addition, since the InterAmerican Coordinating Group in Plant Protection (GICSV) is under NAPPO's coordination for 2021-2023, we developed a video on the relevant activities of the six GICSV's Working Groups. The video was uploaded/published on May 12 on [GICSV's website](#) and also on the NAPPO Facebook account. Please click [here](#) to watch the video.



## Welcome New Expert Group Members

**Anna Birmingham** is currently on assignment with the International Phytosanitary Standards Section of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) Plant Export Division.

Anna started with the CFIA in 2008 as a Regional Program Officer, and worked on the development, coordination and evaluation of programs and projects designed to prevent the introduction, spread and export of pests of grain, horticulture and forestry commodities. This often involved collaborating with numerous industry associations and government partners. Anna has worked in a number of roles, from managing individuals that issue phytosanitary certifications and conduct plant health surveys, audits and inspections, to facilitating market access programs for forestry and horticulture products. Most recently, Anna was a horticulture program specialist implementing and facilitating an export program to meet bilaterally negotiated standards.

NAPPO welcomes Anna as a new member of the Electronic Certification expert group.



**José Hernández** has worked for APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspections Service), IRM (Import Regulations and Manuals) for 15 years as a Risk Manager for Plant Pathology dealing with phytosanitary issues of commodities for consumption. Since 2019, he works on phytosanitary issues of commodities for reproduction imported to the United States. He worked as member and chair of the NAPPO citrus panel for several years, where he worked on updates of RSPM 16 as well as on informative workshops on citrus diseases. He is native from Argentina and fluent in Spanish and English and has advanced knowledge of Italian and Portuguese languages.

NAPPO Welcomes José as a new member of the Seeds EG.



## Welcoming the New IPPC Secretary

NAPPO is pleased to welcome the newly appointed International Plant Protection Organization (IPPC) Secretary, Dr. Osama El-Lissy. Dr. El-Lissy is positioned at the IPPC Secretariat at the Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters building in Rome, Italy.

The IPPC Secretary is responsible for: managing the IPPC Secretariat; ensuring the implementation of the IPPC work program; supporting the IPPC's Commission for Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) sessions, its subsidiary bodies, and other working groups; and promoting and representing the IPPC globally, and with international governmental, non-governmental and regional organizations relevant to the goals of the IPPC.



Dr. El-Lissy has over 30 years' experience in agriculture, working with cooperators and stakeholders from diverse agricultural sectors, forging strong relationships with producers, businesses, industry associations, non-governmental organizations, trading partners, government agencies at all levels, extension, academia, and many segments of the public.

Dr. El-Lissy was the United States National Plant Protection Organization's Deputy Administrator for nine years, and the NAPPO Executive Committee member and head of delegation for the United States until his retirement in late 2021.

With his new appointment, Dr. El-Lissy said, "I am thrilled to serve as the Secretary for one of most premier standard setting organizations in the world. Protecting global plant resources against invasive pests and facilitating safe trade of agriculture products and ultimately feeding the world, is such a noble mission, and I am simply humbled and honored to be part of it. I look forward to working very closely with the 184 contracting parties and the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures to deliver the IPPC mission in the most effective manner."

Please join NAPPO in wishing him all the best in his new position.

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## **NAPPO Welcomes Dr. Mark Davidson as the New USDA-APHIS-PPQ Deputy Administrator**

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NAPPO is pleased to welcome Dr. Mark Davidson as the new Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Deputy Administrator. He replaces Dr. Osama El-Lissy as the Chief Plant Protection Officer of the United States.

Mark brings a wealth of management, policy, and program expertise to PPQ. He previously served in key leadership roles in APHIS, including as an Associate Administrator since 2019, Deputy Administrator for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Business Services, and Associate Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services (VS). In his time with VS, Mark worked in the field and at headquarters where he directed and oversaw the VS international trade and standards activities as they relate to animal health.

Mark received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) and master's degree in veterinary pathology from Auburn University and his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Western Kentucky University.

He fully supports the work of NAPPO and will rely on PPQ's Associate Deputy Administrator Ibrahim Shaqir and Assistant Deputy Administrator John Greifer for the day-to-day operational leadership at NAPPO and the IPPC.

Please join NAPPO in welcoming Dr. Davidson to his new position.



# The IPPC Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) Meets in May

The 14 members of the IC met virtually from 16-19 May. The group discussed the decisions taken during the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-16) that impact the IC.

An open session was held (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting day) to listen to and discuss the achievements of current Implementation and Capacity Development (ICD) projects managed by the IPPC Secretariat as well as to be briefed on new ICD projects submitted by partners. The IC was updated on the IPPC Communications Plan that aims to improve communication and outreach thereby supporting the implementation of the IPPC and its international standards. The IC discussed ways to continue improving their collaboration with the IPPC Standards Committee (SC). The IC was updated on the development of e-learning courses (on Pest Risk Analysis, Inspection, Surveillance and Reporting Obligations and Phytosanitary Export Certification Systems) and learned of the IPPC Secretariat partnership with the FAO eLearning Academy. The different IPPC Secretariat units provided updates on their activities, including the ePhyto Team. The upcoming IPPC Regional Workshops were also discussed, and specific IC members were identified to support these workshops. The IC was informed that Price Waterhouse Cooper was hired to provide expertise on how the newly named IPPC Observatory can improve survey design, data management and resource mobilization efforts as it transitions from the long-standing Implementation Review and Support System.

The November IC meeting will be held face-to-face at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy from 21-25 November.



## Outcome of May IPPC Standards Committee Meeting

The IPPC Standards Committee is responsible for overseeing the standard setting process, managing the development of international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) and providing guidance and oversight to the work of the technical panels and expert working groups.

Following its May virtual meeting, the SC approved three draft specifications and two draft ISPMs for country consultation.



The following draft specifications will be undergoing country consultation:

- Revision of ISPM 26 *Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*;
- Annex to ISPM 46 *Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures: International movement of mango (Mangifera indica) fruit*
- Annex to ISPM 23 *Guidelines for inspection: Field inspection (including growing-season inspection)*

The following draft ISPMs will be undergoing first consultation:

- Draft Annex- Criteria for determining host status of fruit to fruit flies based on available information (2018-011) to ISPM 37 (Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (*Tephritidae*);
- Draft 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms).
- Pending SC electronic decision, two draft diagnostic protocols (*Mononychelus tanajoa* and the genus *Ceratitidis*) may be undergoing first consultation as well.

The SC also agreed to create a small working group on the draft Annex *Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds* to ISPM 38 (International Movement of seed). The small working group will present a more revised version of this draft annex for further discussion during the November 2022 SC meeting.

The List of topics for IPPC Standards was also updated during the May SC meeting and new stewards were assigned for the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards and the Technical Panel for the Glossary.

The SC selected Sophie Peterson from Australia as the new chair of the SC. Ms. Peterson replaces Mr. Ezequiel Ferro from Argentina. Finally, the SC discussed updates from the Secretariat's units and the next steps on the IPPC 2020-2030 Strategic Framework.

Later in May, the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7) approved four standards for the second consultation during its virtual May meeting:

- Revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*)
- 2021 Amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*)
- Annex on Use of Specific Import Authorizations to ISPM 20 (*Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*)
- Revision of ISPM 18 (*Requirements for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*)
- Pending SC electronic decision, the draft phytosanitary- Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* may be undergoing second country consultation as well.

By Steve Côté  
NAPPO AMC and IPPC SC member

# IPPC Expert Working Group Meeting in Vancouver, Canada

The Canadian Food inspection Agency (CFIA) hosted an International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting in Vancouver, Canada on June 13-17. The EWG was tasked with the development of an Annex to ISPM 39- International Movement of Wood on the Use of Systems Approaches in managing pest risks associated with the movement of wood.

National plant protection organizations (NPPOs) rely largely on treatments and processing to manage the pest risks associated with the movement of wood across their borders. Heat treatment or fumigation with methyl bromide are used commonly to manage pest risks associated with the movement of wood.

As the availability of methyl bromide is diminishing in response to the Montreal Protocol and heat treatment is not always a practical means of managing pest risk, a systems approach may provide an effective option for managing pest risks in some instances, particularly where pest risks may not be adequately managed or are difficult to manage by a single phytosanitary measure.

The EWG was tasked with the development of an Annex to ISPM 39- International Movement of Wood on the Use of Systems Approaches in managing pest risks associated with the movement of wood. The EWG followed [Specification 69](#) to draft the Annex. A systems approach is a pest risk management option that integrated different measures at least two of which act independently, with cumulative effects. The annex should provide guidance to national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) on the use, within the context of a systems approach, of specific phytosanitary measures that act independently but when applied together mitigate the quarantine pest risks associated with wood. This guidance should be as specific as possible for pest groups associated with wood, or pests of specific areas within the wood, or pests of specific types of wood. The annex will build on guidance already established by the International Plant Protection.

The EWG was composed of 6 phytosanitary experts from Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the United Kingdom. The draft annex will be revised by the IPPC Standards Committee (SC). Once approved by the SC, the draft Annex will undergo country consultation.

The CFIA would like to thank NAPPO for its financial support for this EWG meeting.

*By Steve Cote  
NAPPO AMC member and IPPC SC member*



*IPPC Expert Working Group. From left to right: Artur Shamilov (IPPC Secretariat), Dominique Pelletier (CFIA), Steve Côté (CFIA), Meghan Noseworthy (Natural Resources Canada), John Tyrone Jones (APHIS PPQ), Edgar Mushegian (IPPC), Christopher Howard (Australia Dept. of Ag), Etsuko Shoda-Kagaya (Forest and Forest Products Research Institute, Japan), Ian Browlee (UK Forestry Commission) and Barbara Peterson (CFIA)*

# Ed Podleckis Retires

On Friday, April 29, our dear friend and colleague, Ed Podleckis, retired from USDA-AHIS-Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ).

Ed has had a long and storied USDA career that started in the Agricultural Research Service before APHIS hired him in 1994 as a Commodity Risk Analyst. He eventually took a position as PPQ's first Plant Pest Risk Mitigation Specialist. Trained as a plant pathologist, Ed was involved with dozens of plant pest risk assessments, risk management analyses, and international phytosanitary standards. He has also advanced APHIS' science-based risk analysis methods and protocols all over the world.



Ed played a vital role in several high-impact risk assessments involving Mexican Hass avocados, Argentine citrus, Florida citrus, and Karnal bunt disease, and when he retired was the National Seed Health Coordinator working on the Regulatory Framework for Seed Health, known as ReFreSH.

In 2021, Ed was the first PPQ employee to receive the APHIS Scientific Sustained Achievement Award for his 27-plus year career with USDA-APHIS.

When accepting this award Ed said: "I have benefitted from many amazing opportunities in my career; I have worked with brilliant colleagues, contributed to seminal regulatory science projects, traveled the globe, and formed lasting friendships. This award goes far beyond anything I could have imagined. I want to thank my colleagues, cooperators, and mentors for supporting me these many years. I am truly honored."

NAPPO would like to recognize and thank Ed for his significant contributions towards international harmonization, which include, among many others:

- International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop (2005)

- Expert Working Group (EWG) member to develop ISPM 36: Integrated measures for plants for planting

- EWG member to develop ISPM 38: International movement of seeds

- Chair of the NAPPO Expert Group on a pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pests focused on Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (2020-present)

- Chair of the group developing RSPM 24: Integrated Pest Risk Management Measures for the Importation of Plants for Planting into NAPPO Member Countries

- Chair of the Expert Group and Presenter: NAPPO Workshop on ISPM 38: International Movement of Seeds (2019)

# Latest on the International Plant Health Conference (IPHC) and other Planned Meetings on the Margins of the IPHC

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The objective of the IPHC, jointly organized by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) of the United Kingdom (UK) and the IPPC Secretariat and held from Sept. 21-23, 2022, at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London, England, is to provide a forum to discuss scientific, technical, and regulatory plant health issues while at the same time advocate on the importance of plant health to the media and the general public.

The conference themes for days 1-3 are: Food Security, Environmental Protection, and Safe Trade. Each day will have a Plenary Session, several side events, and symposia on scientific and regulatory topics as well as a discussion panel held during concurrent sessions. Several specific topics have been proposed for each day as well as activities and side-meetings related to each topic. Potential speakers and facilitators are being contacted. The latest version of the IPHC program can be found [here](#).

In addition to the IPHC, an International Workshop on Reducing the Introduction of Pests through the Sea Container Pathway is being planned for Sept. 19-20 at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London, England. Details of this workshop will be available soon.

Finally, the 34<sup>th</sup> Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (34<sup>th</sup> TC-RPPO), that brings together the 10 RPPOs (see below) will hold face-to-face sessions on the margins of the IPHC on Sept. 21-22 from 7:30-9:30 each day.

## Regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) around the world

**APPPC** - Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission

**CAHFSA** – Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency

**CAN** - Comunidad Andina

**COSAVE** - Comité de Sanidad Vegetal del Cono Sur

**EPPO** - European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization

**IAPSC** - Inter-African Phytosanitary Council

**NAPPO** – North American Plant Protection Organization

**NEPPO** - Near East Plant Protection Organization

**OIRSA** - Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria

**PPPO** - Pacific Plant Protection Organization

## NAPPO Attends the EPPO Working Party on Phytosanitary Regulations Meeting

From June 22-24, the NAPPO Executive Director attended the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Party on Phytosanitary Regulations in Paris. Among the topics of interest to NAPPO were the EPPO input to global diagnostics, updates on Pest Risk Analyses and EPPO Pest Lists, EPPO regional standards slated for approval including *Guidelines for the management of plant health risks of biowaste of plant origin* and *Vegetable plants for planting under protected conditions - Inspection of places of production*, projects and updates on the EUPHRESKO network, and updates from the European Commission, the Eurasian Economic Commission, and the collaboration between European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and EPPO, among others. The ED will report back to the NAPPO Management Team on July 13.

## NAPPO Nomination for the IPPC Focus Group on Sea Containers

Contaminating pests associated with sea containers has been an ongoing topic being addressed at both the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and NAPPO levels. In 2017, the IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) created the Sea Containers Task Force ([SCTF](#)). The SCTF presented its final report to the CPM this year, and the CPM agreed that additional work still needed to be done on this issue. The CPM created a Focus Group on Sea Containers and agreed to an international workshop to be held in Sept. 2022. The Focus Group will use the outcomes from the workshop, the SCTF final report, and other inputs to develop recommendations to the CPM on a long-term action plan for sea containers.



As a regional plant protection organization, NAPPO was able to nominate an expert to the new Focus Group and we were extremely pleased to nominate Ms. Wendy Beltz from the United States National Plant Protection Organization. Wendy served as the North American regional representative to the SCTF from 2017-2022. She is the U.S. lead and co-creator of the North American Sea Container Initiative ([NASCI](#)), and is the U.S. representative to both the Plant Health Quadrilaterals Sea Container Working Group and the Contaminating Pest Working Group.



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