

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Phytosanitary Alert System	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	27 September 2019	
Chairperson	Ignacio Baez (APHIS)	
Participants:		
Heather Cumming (CFIA)	Rajesh Ramarathnam (CFIA)	Amanda Kaye (USDA)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marin-Martinez (NAPPO)
	Summary	
Agenda item 1:	Discuss processes of emerging pest alert. <u>Background:</u> : NAPPO Secretariat engaged the services of the North Carolina State University Center for Integrated Pest Management to update the PAS platform in order to prevent cyber- attacks, visually make the site and content more in line with the NAPPO website, and automatize a linkage between PAS and the IPPC portal. The new PAS platform is almost ready to be available for the public. The purpose of the conference call was to provide an overview of the new system (http://test-aws.pestalerts.org), and compile comments and suggestions of the new system before making the site public.	
Consensus:	 A form to compile written information was sent to all EG members and NAPPO Secretariat previous to the meeting. Pending written comments (if any) will be sent to Chair. U.S. EG member (AK) informed that links were tested and appear to work or led to the proper information or sites. Canada EG member (RR) provided the following suggestions for the system: 1) Hyperlink the logo and NAPPO spelled title to NAPPO website, 2) Strategically consider adding link of each NPPO NAPPO member and language to guide users where to report a new pest to their respective NPPO, 3) when un-subscribed visitors to PAS are browsing the site, have a "pop-up" message encouraging visitor to subscribe to PAS. Canada EG member (HC) noted that font size of the home page for OPRs and EPAs need to be larger. NAPPO TD commented 1) that when posting picture on the PAS, the EG will need to consider copy right information, 2) consider on having a way to have a single username and password to login into PAS and the NAPPO Portal. NAPPO ED suggested to include "new" next to the latest posting to entice users to click on the link of the report. Additionally, notified EG that once the contractor is done with edits, the contract will be settled. A separate contract will be in place to manage the NAPPO data and securely host the PAS site. 	

Next Steps			
Responsible Person	Action	Date	
All	For those pending on sending any written comments on the new PAS version send to Chair.	4 October 2019	
Ignacio Baez	Compile comments or suggestion of any issues that the system may have and send them to contractor.	7 October 2019	
Rajesh Ramarathnam	Send suggested language on reporting new pest to appropriate NPPO	1 October 2019	
Next Steps			
Location:	ocation: Teleconference		
Date:	To be determined.		
Proposed Agenda Items			