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Progress Report 2015-16

Biological Control Expert Group

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2016-16 NAPPO Expert Group Members



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Develop an online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent

Objectives

1. Develop training modules from July, 2015 RSPM 12 workshop presentations

Deliverables

1. Revised and voiced-over modules completed
2. Modules formatted for web presentation
3. RSPM 12 training package completed and posted to NAPPO website

http://nappo.org/RSPM_12/story.html

Progress during 2015-16

- **Teleconferences** – 1 March 2016; 15 August 2016
- **Accomplishments**
 - EG Chair contributed a presentation “*Evaluating and Regulating Biological Control Agents: A North American perspective*” and participated in discussions at the EPPO Workshop on Biological Control 23-24 Nov. 2015
 - Online training package “*Preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent*” developed
 - Decisions made on resubmission of projects submitted in 2015 that were not approved; letters sent advising initiators to resubmit or explaining why EG could not support resubmission
- **Remaining activities**
 - Submit online training package to Executive Committee for approval

Proposed activities for 2017

- Translate *Online Training Course for RSPM 12* into Spanish
- Review of RSPM 22 *Guidelines for Construction and Operation of a Containment Facility for Insects and Mites used as Biological Control Agents* – last reviewed 2011
- Expand RSPM 26 *Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries* to include nematodes
- Update RSPM 26 Appendix II *Lists of Biological Control Organisms of Plant Pests Approved for Commercial Importations within the NAPPO Region* – last updated 2015
- Develop a Science and Technology document for *Standardization of molecular methods for the detection of pathogens in non-Apis pollinators*