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PANEL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2008 - 2009

Accreditation Panel

1. Collaborate with the Plants for Planting Panel to complete RSPM No. 28 for certification of persons conducting various phytosanitary procedures.
2. Review and revise RSPM No. 9 on Laboratory Accreditation.
3. Review and revise audit checklist for RSPM No. 9 in preparation for audit of NAPPO members.
4. Develop a schedule for audits for adherence to RSPM No. 9 in future years.

Annual Meeting Panel

1. Organize the 2009 Annual Meeting.
2. Update the Annual Meeting Manual.

Biological Control Panel

1. Develop an Annex to RSPM No. 26 to describe the certification process for non-*Apis* pollinating insects, including an approved list of non-*Apis* pollinators in NAPPO countries.
2. Exchange information on regulations and biological control programs in each of the NAPPO member countries.
3. Prepare a discussion paper on the risk associated with the importation and movement of honey-bee collected pollen, risk assessment and management measures and research needs.

Biotechnology Panel

1. Develop a proposal to determine whether it is appropriate to revise RSPM 14 at this time, with particular focus on pest risk analysis of transgenic crops and the implications for importation of products with different intended uses.

2. Organize a symposium for the 2009 NAPPO Annual Meeting on Living Modified Organisms and Plant Health.

Citrus Panel

1. Revise RSPM 16, *Guidelines for importation of citrus propagative material into a NAPPO member country*, as required
2. Develop and deliver a technical workshop on citrus pests including Citrus Leprosis, CVC and Huanglongbing.
3. Develop a diagnostic protocol for Huanglongbing (citrus greening)
4. Continue information exchange in the prevention and control of regulated citrus pests

Electronic Phytosanitary Certification Panel

1. Continue harmonization of systems development towards a functioning e-certification capability for use among NAPPO countries.
2. Organize an international workshop to share information on e-certification initiatives in different countries/regions of the world.
3. Continue to monitor the UN-CEFACT progress towards developing a global system to meet plant protection needs.

Forestry Panel

1. Complete RSPM NO. 33 for managing the risks of Asian Gypsy Moth on marine vessels and cargo.
2. Draft a discussion document assessing the risk associated with imported wooden handicraft items and possible risk management measures.
3. Exchange information and report to NAPPO on non-compliance with ISPM 15, Wood Packaging.
4. Review the risk and risk management options for wood products (logs, lumber etc.), imported into NAPPO countries and provide information to members of the IPPC Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine.
5. Draft a standard on the import of Christmas trees into a NAPPO member country.

6. Develop an outline for a NAPPO workshop to train inspectors in Christmas tree inspection.
7. Review whether a regulatory approach is warranted for *Sirex noctilio*.

Fruit Panel

1. Review and revise RSPM 17 to include the general and specific requirements contained in ISPM 10 for establishment of fruit fly free places of production and production sites; and review the trap density for *Rhagoletis* and *Anastrepha* species.
2. Establish a TAG to develop a discussion paper that summarizes the distribution of *Rhagoletis* species in the NAPPO region, their potential for establishment, host range, and other pertinent characteristics.
3. Develop a draft standard with guidelines for the development and application of treatment protocols, including statistical analysis.
4. Assist the Technical Advisory Group to complete the protocol for *Tetranychus* identification.
5. Develop cold treatment protocols for oriental fruit moth (*Grapholita molesta*) and apple maggot (*Rhagoletis pomonella*).
6. Document diagnostic protocols for Light Brown Apple Moth, *Epiphyas postvittana* (Tortricidae).
7. Develop a protocol for consistent application of methyl bromide treatment of fruit in the NAPPO region.
8. Establish phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction of avocado pests present in Central and South America from entering North America.
9. Establish phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction of *Pseudococcus viburni* in fruit imported from Chile.

Fruit Tree and Grapevine Panel

1. Combine RSPM 25 and RSPM 15 into one standard.
2. Complete the annexes to RSPM N° 25 (insect, nematode, arthropod, bacteria and fungi annexes).
3. Develop a diagnostic protocol for the detection of Plum Pox Virus by ELISA.

4. Develop a treatment protocol for methyl bromide fumigation of fruit trees to control the Oriental Fruit Moth.
5. Continue to provide technical assistance to the US Clean Plant Network.

Grains Panel

1. Review and update NAPPO RSPM 21 *Harmonized Procedure for Morphologically Distinguishing Teliospores of Karnal Bunt, Ryegrass Bunt and Rice Bunt*.
2. Review and update NAPPO RSPM 13 *Guidelines to Establish, Maintain and Verify Karnal Bunt Pest Free Areas in North America*.
3. Obtain further information to supplement the Grains Panel phosphine treatment protocol, as required.

Invasive Species Panel

1. Assist the Technical Advisory Group to complete RSPM 31 on Pathway Risk Analysis.
2. Complete the position paper describing NAPPO'S role in Invasive Alien Species, including documentation of relevant federal legislative authority for regulation of aquatic plants in North America.
3. Complete the Discussion Paper on RSPM 32 (Pest Risk Assessment for Plants for Planting as Quarantine Pests).
4. Continue outreach efforts to other national and international organizations in North America, particularly those related to the environment.

Pest Risk Analysis Panel

1. Develop a NAPPO Pest Risk Analysis template.
2. Support the Forestry Panel during the final stages of development of NAPPO standard No. 33, to manage the risks of Asian Gypsy Moth on marine vessels and cargo.
3. Assist the Invasive Species Technical Advisory Group to complete RSPM 31 on Pathway Risk Analysis.
4. Support other NAPPO panels as required.

Phytosanitary Alert System Panel

1. Continue to post timely alerts and reports on the NAPPO website.
2. Refine the official pest reporting process and content.
3. Conduct outreach to include finishing the PAS brochure and conducting a survey with PAS subscribers.

Plants for Planting Panel

1. Identify the impediments to implementation of RSPM No. 24 and recommend solutions to harmonize its implementation among NAPPO member countries.
2. Collaborate with the Accreditation Panel to finalize RSPM 28.

Potato Panel

1. Continue the revision of RSPM No. 3 "*Requirements for importation of potatoes into a NAPPO member country*", including annexes.
2. Complete the standard on *Establishment, recognition and maintenance of production areas free of the Globodera rostochiensis and G. pallida nematodes in NAPPO member countries*.
3. Complete the NAPPO-EPPO project on harmonizing requirements for in-vitro plantlets.
4. Gather most recent information on PVY and identify the strains of concern to the NAPPO region based on biological and economic factors.
5. Review the IPPC draft standard on minitubers and if necessary, provide comments to the IPPC Secretariat before the meeting of the IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in March, 2009.
6. Develop a NAPPO diagnostic protocol for *Ralstonia solanacearum* Race 3 biovar 2.
7. Prepare a NAPPO position regarding the utilization and effectiveness of sprout inhibition as a phytosanitary treatment.

Seeds

1. Develop a discussion paper addressing problems related to re-export of seeds.
2. Develop procedures to facilitate re-export of seeds in the Americas in collaboration with the North American seed industry, the Seed Association of the Americas and COSAVE.
3. Develop an inventory of diagnostic protocols for seed testing which could affect trade among NAPPO countries.

Standards

1. Coordinate together with the NAPPO Secretariat the review of new and amended NAPPO standards and implementation plans.
2. Exchange and discuss comments on draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), within NAPPO and with other Regional Plant Protection Organizations, to build consensus on draft ISPMs and other IPPC-related issues, as appropriate.
3. Review draft Regional Standards for Phytosanitary Measures prepared by Panels and make recommendations on their suitability for adoption by the Executive Committee.
4. Review standards which have reached their 5 year review period and recommend actions to revise them, as necessary.
5. Provide updates on NAPPO Standards and ISPMs for the NAPPO Newsletter.
6. Maintain the NAPPO Glossary (review and adopt glossary submissions from NAPPO Panels, and review and make appropriate changes based on IPPC Glossary updates).
7. Organize conference calls and prepare NAPPO discussion documents where appropriate, to convey positions on key issues that will be addressed by IPPC expert drafting groups.
8. Review NAPPO position papers and policy documents to verify current relevance.
9. Develop a template and report at each Executive committee meeting on country adherence to implementation plans for approved NAPPO standards.
10. Review draft diagnostic and treatments protocols prepared by commodity panels and make recommendations on their suitability for adoption by the Executive Committee.
11. Review concerns related to the usefulness of implementation plans for NAPPO standards and recommend solutions.
12. Review the use of the term 'accreditation' in NAPPO standards and recommend an alternative.