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North American Plant Protection Organization
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	April 19, 2018	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants:		
Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Rosalind James (USDA ARS)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)
Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Nedelka Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)
Bob Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)		
Regrets:	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)
Rene Ruitter (US industry)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)	John Goolsby (USDA ARS)
Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)
Summary		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Voiceover for the Spanish version of "Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent".	
Consensus:	The Unidad de Promoción y Vinculación, SENASICA will do the voice over for free. The NAPPO Secretariat has been in contact and will provide further guidance.	
Item 2:	Merge Spanish slides and voice files using "Storyline" software.	
Consensus:	The NAPPO secretariat has found someone to put the Spanish module together. It is anticipated that the project will be completed and available on the NAPPO website by 1 July 2018.	
Item 3:	Annual reports on regulatory and research updates.	
Consensus:	Canada, Mexico and the United States reports were circulated. Industry representatives did not provide a report.	

	These reports are for discussion among EG members and must not be posted on the NAPPO website to ensure confidentiality.
Item 4:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.
Consensus:	The NAPPO Secretariat publishes the newsletter in March, July and November of each year and inclusion of notices of upcoming meetings relevant to the EG would be valuable.
Item 5:	NAPPO Work Plan 2018
Consensus:	NAPPO has approved 3 new projects for 2018. Review of RSPM 22 is in the queue. Three ongoing projects may be finished within the next few months. EG conference calls are approved by the Advisory & Management Committee and supported based on NAPPO Secretariat resources.

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Country reports to be translated by the NAPPO secretariat and circulated to EG members.	June 21, 2018
A. Suazo, S. Bloem	NAPPO to complete Spanish module of RSPM 12 and upload to the website	July 1, 2018
EG members	Provide 2018 annual reports on regulatory, research and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will send reminders 4 months and 2 months prior to the deadline.	January 1, 2019
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	February, June, October 2018

Next Meeting

Location:	Conference call
Date:	June 21, 2018 at 2:00pm EDT

Proposed Agenda Items

1. The agenda for the next conference call meeting will be provided by the EG Chairperson to all EG members prior to the scheduled conference call date.