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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Risk-based sampling	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 4, 2017	
Chairperson:	Christina Devorshak (PPQ)	
Participants:		
Robert Favrin (CFIA)	Katharine Church (CFIA)	Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)-until 11:35am
Norma Alejandra Elizalde (Mx industry)	X. Aidee Campuzano Martínez (SENASICA)	Ana Lilia Montealegre (SENASICA)
Patricia Abad (PPQ)	Melody Maxwell (USDA IS)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
Summary		
Project:	Risk-based sampling symposium	
General comments:	Discuss logistic issues: RBS symposium	
Item 1:	Action Items from April 6, 2017 conference call	
Consensus:	<p>Chairperson asked for updates on action items from the April 6, 2017 conference call:</p> <p>NAPPO ED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An invitation letter was sent to Dr. Rebecca Lee to participate in the symposium as invited speaker. Dr. Lee confirmed her participation and indicated she will contact the Chairperson for advice and guidance to prepare the talk. NAPPO ED also provided RBS material to Dr. Lee. • NAPPO ED met with Lois Ransom from Australia at CPM-12 who confirmed her participation. The delegation from NZ did not have Mr. Steven Butcher. The ED wanted to speak with Mr. Butcher about his participation at the symposium. The ED however, was able to speak to Mrs. Kyu-Ock Yim from Korea (previous CPM chair and member of the Bureau) who confirmed her participation with a talk at the symposium. The ED also contacted Dr. Antarjo Dikin from Indonesia representing the APPPC who will present a talk about the workshop they had in 2016 on sampling. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO ED. NAPPO has the funds to cover the costs for Mr. Jean-François Bulduc to work as the facilitator. • NAPPO ED provided an update on the number of participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50 participants registered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 from industry, all from the US ▪ 17 international participants from 9 countries including Argentina, Chile, China, Egypt, El Salvador, Jamaica, New Zealand, Panama and the United Kingdom. ▪ 29 participants from government ○ 24 identified speakers have not registered yet ○ NAPPO will fund the participation of Jean-François Bulduc and Dr. Dikin from Indonesia. ○ NAPPO will partially fund Ms. Dong from China ○ IICA has funding for 10 people in Latin America <p>Updates from Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alain Pilote will not participate because he has accepted an assignment outside CFIA. • A statistician will participate with a talk but will not be able to travel to the US. Canada inquired about the possibility to deliver the talk via videoconferencing. The talk will be on how we apply RBS to topics like food. • Robert Favrin will be at the symposium but will not give a talk. • Jean François Dubuc got approval to attend the symposium and work as the facilitator. Katharine needs to confirm his availability. • Robert Favrin indicated that it is difficult to find expertise in RBS in the plant section of CFIA to participate in the symposium. <p>Updates from Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have sent invitations and now Mexico has authorization to send one member from SENASICA from the <i>Dirección General de Inspección Fitozoosanitaria (DGIF)</i>, the inspection service division. • Dr. Marta Elva Ramirez Guzman from the <i>Colegio de Postgraduados</i> could also participate. She has provided assistance to SENASICA in the preparation of guidelines for sampling and inspection. Mexico is looking for financial support for her to attend the symposium. • Aidee does not have authorization to travel yet.
Item 2:	Report of NAPPO countries at the symposium.
Consensus:	Chairperson suggested that NAPPO countries should provide an update with respect to RBS on their countries the first day of the meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada: Concerned they do not have the expertise of RBS in the plant sector. Canada cannot deliver a 30min presentation but an effort will be made to continue looking for experts in the area within the next week. The Chairperson requested the representatives from each country to provide ideas about the RBS country report to be presented the first day of the symposium. Deadline set to May 15th.
Item 3:	PR for the symposium
Consensus:	<p>Chairperson asked the group about comments and/or thoughts about reaching out to the industry, embassies agricultural attachés or any other reach out efforts to promote participation for the symposium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO ED indicated that notes were sent to the IAG from the NAPPO Secretariat to request help from the industry to increase awareness about the symposium. • Mexico indicated the industry in MX is concerned that the symposium is too technical, however two people will participate, Mr. Ricardo Calderon (grain industry) and one person representing AMSAC (seed industry). • Patricia Abad suggested to craft a note (letter) on behalf of NAPPO with an “industry perspective,” tone indicating what in the symposium is relevant for industry in order to increase industry interest and participation. This note could be sent with a brochure like the promotional flyer prepared by C. Devorshak. • This approach could also be used to increase interest from the embassy agricultural attaches. PPQ already has a list of contacts from embassies agricultural attaches in the area that can be used.
Item 4:	Symposium session on Friday- Manual
Consensus:	The Chairperson asked Canada and Mexico if they have people interested in participating in this session. Canada and Mexico will think about this and let the Chairperson know by May 12, 2017. The session is about developing a manual from the symposium.
Item 5:	The manual
Consensus:	<p>The Chairperson indicated the manual was an initiative of Lois Ransom to use as a reference for those interested in learning more and implementing RBS. The manual will also provide information on the international standards and the methodologies related to RBS.</p> <p>The symposium will generate two major outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proceedings – papers presented during the meeting • The manual – a reference or guideline that NPPOs can use if they are interested in learning more about the RBS

	<p>methodology. NAPPO ED indicated that IICA will provide the funding for the Proceedings and the manual.</p> <p>The tutorial available online can also be used to learn more about RBS but the manual will have more detailed information.</p>	
Item 6:	Other issues	
Consensus:	<p>NAPPO ED: Concerned about not getting the minimum number of participants required for the symposium. NAPPO ED suggested that Melody and the ED work on contacting the participants (speakers) that have not registered and ask them to register and to make their hotel reservations.</p> <p>Melody suggested to contact the speakers and verify all the information including, hotel reservations, registration, title of presentation, schedule or any other information required. This could be done after the next call on May 15. ED suggested to do it before the May 15 call.</p> <p>Patricia Abad will help contacting the PPQ participants and make sure they will register. Stephanie proposed to contact all speakers using the same message and have Patricia, Melonie and Tracy contact the rest of PPQ participants.</p> <p>Need to clarify and define the panel structure in each session.</p> <p>Need to define the role and responsibilities of facilitators</p> <p>A Chinese visiting scholar will participate in the manual development. Need to provide instructions on how this is going to work.</p>	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Katharine Church, CFIA	Verify availability of Mr. François Dubuc to work as the symposium facilitator.	ASAP
Stephanie Bloem	Get in touch with the Hotel audio / video team.	ASAP
All members	Provide feedback and or ideas about the country report on RBS.	by May 15
Patricia Abad	Craft a note to raise interest and participation of the industry and embassies agricultural attaches. Share with the group early during the week of May 8 to receive comments and send the notes by the end of the week of May 8, 2017.	Early during the week of May 8
Mexico and Canada	Provide information (who wants to participate) to the group about the participation of each country in the “manual development session” during the last day of	May 12

	the symposium (Friday). Send to the Chairperson and cc the group.	
Stephanie, Melody and Tracy	Contact speakers that have not registered and ask them to register and make their hotel reservations for the symposium. Provide them instructions on how/when to submit their presentations.	Before May 15
Melody	Share list of questions for speakers with the group.	ASAP
Chairperson	Need to provide instructions to the Chinese visiting scholar on her participation in assisting in the development of the manual.	ASAP
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	June 1 st 2017 at 11:00am EDT (10:00am MX time)	
Proposed Agenda Items		