



# NAPPO

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

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	September 27, 2018	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
<b>Participants:</b>		
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Nedelka Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)
Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)	Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)
Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Bob Pfannenstiel (APHIS PPQ)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Patricia Budd (APHIS PPQ)	Kirk Martin (USDA APHIS)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)
Ken Bloem (USDA APHIS)	Melissa Tacolla (US industry)	
<b>Regrets:</b>		
Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)	Rene Ruiter (US industry)	John Goolsby (USDA ARS)
Rosalind James (USDA ARS)		
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Completion of Spanish module of RSPM 12 and upload to the NAPPO website.	
Consensus:	Final revisions of content are being made. Voiceover still be done (Mexico contacts or Local Raleigh, NC contact). Timeline will be adjusted.	
Item 2:	Preparation of 2018 country reports on regulatory, research and industry updates.	
Consensus:	Participants were reminded that these are due January 1 2019	
Item 3:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	
Consensus:	Due date is October 15 for next newsletter, but submissions can be made anytime by sending an email to the NAPPO Secretariat.	

	Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers, Annual Meeting - ANBP Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Meeting, October 23-24, 2018 Holiday Inn Greenbelt, Maryland USA	
Item 4	NAPPO Annual Meeting EG Presentation	
Consensus:	<p>Minor changes need to be made to the Expert Group Members slide and to proposed activities for 2019 slide.</p> <p>Further discussion of potential new projects proposed is needed: Expand RSPM 26 <b><i>Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries</i></b> to include nematodes; and</p> <p>Develop a Science and Technology document for <b><i>Standardization of molecular methods for the detection of pathogens in non-Apis pollinators.</i></b></p>	
Other subjects:	Review of RSPM 22	
Consensus:	The NAPPO Executive Committee rated this proposal high during 2017 deliberations on the NAPPO work plan priorities. It is now in the queue to become active once the deliverables by another Expert Group are finalized. The NAPPO Secretariat will then review the EG membership and make any needed changes to participants.	
<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
A. Suazo, S. Bloem	NAPPO to complete Spanish module of RSPM 12 and upload to the website	TBD
P. Mason	Image of endangered species for slide on page 171 to be forwarded to NAPPO secretariat	ASAP
EG members	Provide 2018 annual reports on regulatory, research and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will send reminders 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
P. Mason	<p>Agenda Item for discussion at next conference call:</p> <p>New projects for NAPPO proposal call: Expand RSPM 26 <b><i>Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries</i></b> to include nematodes; and</p> <p>Develop a Science and Technology document for <b><i>Standardization of molecular methods for the detection of pathogens in non-Apis pollinators.</i></b></p>	January 24, 2019

**Next Meeting**

Location:	Conference call
Date:	January 24, 2019 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.