



# 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:	July 12, 2017	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants:		
Rosalind James (USDA ARS)	Brian Spencer (Canadian Industry)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Robert Tichenor (APHIS PPQ)	Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)
Patricia Budd (APHIS PPQ)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)	Rene Ruitter (US industry)
John Goolsby (USDA ARS)	Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)
Nedelka Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)		
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Draft introduction to the English module of RSPM 12	
Consensus:	This was written and sent to the NAPPO Secretariat. To be circulated to the EG (P. Mason)	
Item 2:	Next steps for Spanish voice over of "Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent"	
Consensus:	Speaking notes need to be prepared for the Spanish. A speaker will need to be engaged to do the voice over.  Speaker notes to be prepared for each module (B. Gallant, J. Goolsby, R. Tichenor, P. Mason). Mexico to find out costs for completing the project (H. Arredondo) NAPPO to determine if they have the resources (A. Suazo)	
Item 3:	Draft Project Proposals	
Consensus:	Draft proposal for review of RSPM 22 confirmed. Draft proposal to expand RSPM 26 to include nematodes, and update Appendix II confirmed	

	<p>Draft proposal to develop Science and Technology Document for standardizing <b>PCR methodology for the detection of disease in Non-Apis pollinators</b> requires some additional background information (i.e., available protocols for Mexico and the US). If this proposal is approved experts in entomopathogens will need to be engaged.</p> <p>Proposals for RSPM 22 and 26 to be submitted directly to NAPPO (cc'd to AMC member for each country) by July 31 (P. Mason).</p> <p>Proposal to develop Science and Technology Document for standardizing <b>PCR methodology for the detection of disease in Non-Apis pollinators</b> to include information from Mexico and the US on available protocols (H. Arredondo, R. Ruitter) and submitted to NAPPO by industry (R. Ruitter).</p>
Item 4:	Comments submitted to the APHIS website by 19 April 2017 on concerns for removal of requirement for import permit for approved biological control agents (Canada, Mexico).
Consensus:	COMPLETED
Item 5:	Letter expressing NAPPO Biological Control EG concerns on the proposed changes to United States Plant Pest Regulations to the NAPPO Executive Committee for follow up.
Consensus:	<p>This need to be completed.</p> <p>The BC EG should draft a letter expressing their concern to the NAPPO Executive Committee for follow up (P. Mason, T. Poire, B. Gallant, H. Arredondo)</p>
Item 6:	Draft template for Country Reports
Consensus:	<p>A proposed template was discussed and accepted.</p> <p>Regulatory and Research reports for each country will be circulated before the January conference call and discussed during that call (EG members)</p>
Item 7:	Annual meeting presentation comments
Consensus:	<p>Biological Control EG annual report to be prepared and circulated to EG members for comment. Presentation at annual meeting to be made by EG member in attendance or NAPPO Secretariat if no EG member in attendance.</p> <p>Biological Control EG annual report to be drafted and circulated (P. Mason)</p>

Other subjects:	Face to face meeting with EG members.
Consensus:	If project proposals approved EG members agreed that a face to face meeting would be needed if the proposals are accepted. The United States is next in the rotation.

### Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
B. Gallant, J. Goolsby, R. Tichenor, P. Mason	Speaker notes to be prepared for each module.	October 1, 2017
H. Arredondo	Mexico to find out costs for completing the project (H. Arredondo)	October 1, 2017
A. Suazo	NAPPO to determine if resources are available	October 1, 2017
Rene Ruitter	Resubmit proposal for standardizing molecular methods for pathogen detection	July 31, 2017
Peter Mason	Submit new proposals for RSPM 22 and 26	July 31, 2017
Peter Mason, Hugo Arredondo, Thierry Poire, Bruno Gallant	Draft a letter expressing their concerns on the proposed changes to United States Plant Pest Regulations to the NAPPO Executive Committee for follow up.	July 31, 2017
Peter Mason and EG members	Send annual meeting presentation comments to Peter	October 1, 2017
EG members	Provide annual report on regulatory and research updates	January 12, 2018

### Next Meeting

Location:	Conference call
Date:	October 12, 2017 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.