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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	January 12, 2017	
Chairperson:	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants:		
John Goolsby (USDA ARS)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	Rosalind James (USDA ARS)
Rene Ruitter (US industry)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Nedelka Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)	
Summary		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Alonso Suazo introduced the participants on the call.	
Item 1:	Update on NAPPO Annual Meeting 29 October – 2 November 2016, Montreal Québec	
Consensus:	<p>Alonso reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training module has been uploaded to the NAPPO Website. • Ken Bloem and Ashley Franklin are attending to the minor fixes that are needed. • The NAPPO Secretariat has agreed to do the translation to Spanish but need to find a ‘speaker’ to complete the process. • It was noted that RSPM 22 was in need of review. 	
Item 2:	Updates on progress of “Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent”	
Consensus:	<p>The training module can be found at http://www.nappo.org/RSPM_12/story.html</p> <p>A few members have gone to the site and agree that it is fine.</p>	
Item 3:	Deferred Project Proposals	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Quick scan” option or IR-4/PMRA method or Rapid PRA: A letter was sent to the originator indicating that the EG was not in favor to resubmit this proposal. • Guidelines for standardization of molecular methods for the detection of pathogens in non-Apis pollinators: A 	

	<p>letter was sent to the originator recommending that this proposal be resubmitted as soon as NAPPO project proposal form is updated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for standardization of movement of pollen into and between the NAPPO member countries for the purpose of feeding non-Apis pollinators. A letter was sent to the originator indicating that the EG would continue to consider the issue but that it is challenging because pollen movement is regulated by Plant Health regulations in the United States whereas it is regulated by Animal Health legislation in Canada and Mexico. It was recommended that, in the meantime, approaching the appropriate regulatory authority in each country for permits to move pollen would be the best option.
Item 4:	New Project Proposals
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of RSPM 22 (last reviewed in 2011) • Expand RSPM 26 to include nematodes • Update RSPM 26 Appendix II <p>Proposals will be submitted once guidance has been received from the NAPPO Secretariat.</p>
Item 5:	Certificate of Origin/Purity
Consensus:	<p>Peter put forward the issue that some countries require a Certificate of Origin & Purity in order to receive living biological control agents. While this may currently be an informal process for Classical Biological Control Agents there is the possibility that Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) legislation being developed by participant countries in the Nagoya Protocol would increase the likelihood that a 'Certificate' would be required, even for commercially produced biological control agents. Members concluded that the EG should put in a proposal for a face to face discussion to determine the need to develop an RSPM and what form it might take.</p>
Other subjects	<p>Information Items:</p> <p>The International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) Global Commission on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) has been actively participating in meetings and workshops, and has contributed documents outlining the value of biological control for managing Invasive Alien Species (IAS).</p> <p>The IOBC Global Commission is developing a 'Best Practices' document that will be posted on its website.</p>
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EG members acknowledged that ABS is an important issue for biological control. • EG members recommended that the Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers (ANBP) be made aware of this document.
Next Steps	

Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Translate training module into Spanish	Not determined
Rene Ruiters	Resubmit proposal for standardizing molecular methods for pathogen detection	Not determined
Peter Mason and EG members	Submit new proposals	Not determined
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	April 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.		