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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	January 23, 2020	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants:		
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO Secretariat)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO Secretariat)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)
Heather Cummming (CFIA)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Kirk Martin (USDA APHIS)	Robert Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)
Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)		
Regrets:		
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO Secretariat)	Melissa Tacolla (US industry)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)
Antolin Diaz Voss (Mexican industry)	Rene Ruiter (US industry)	John Goolsby (USDA ARS)
Summary		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG. Heather Cumming was welcomed as a new representative for the CFIA.	
Item 1:	RSPM 22 comments incorporated and the document translated and circulated to EG members.	
Consensus:	RSPM 22 comments were incorporated into a single document for final discussion. The document was translated and circulated to members (6 November 2019). No further comments have been received. The revisions to RSPM 22 will be finalized at the face-to-face meeting scheduled for April 2020.	
Item 2:	Face-to-face meeting of the Biological Control Expert Group	
Consensus:	Face-to-face meeting of the Biological Control Expert Group has been planned for 27-30 April 2020 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Topics for discussion will include RSPM 22, RSPM 26, country reports, and possible display of EG activities for presentation at the National Plant Health meetings panned for Mexico and the USA in 2020.	
Item 3:	Update Appendix II of RSPM 26	
Consensus:	Canada has reviewed and updated the taxonomic names. The CFIA has no new names to add. Regulators in Mexico and the United States should discuss the Appendix to determine what	

	should be included. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
Item 4:	Preparation of 2019 country reports on regulatory, research and industry updates.
Consensus:	Reports for industry, ARS and AAFC have been received and will be forwarded to the NAPPO secretariat for translation. Other reports are in preparation. These should be completed by 1 March 2020 so they can be translated for discussion at the April meeting.
Item 5:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.
Consensus:	Submissions can be made anytime by sending an email to the NAPPO Secretariat. The deadline for the March 2019 newsletter is end of February. The <i>2nd International Congress on Biological Control</i> is planned for 26-30 April 2021 in Davos, Switzerland.
Item 6:	Other
Consensus:	CABI has just published: van Lenteren JC, Bueno VHP, Luna MG, Colmenarez YC (Eds.) (2020) <i>Biological Control in Latin America and the Caribbean: Its Rich History and Bright Future</i> . CAB International Wallingford, UK. Our own Hugo Arredondo-Bernal is the lead author of the chapter "Biological Control in Mexico" https://www.cabi.org/products-and-services/bookshop/bookshop-search/?search=Biological+Control+in+Latin+America
Item 7:	Other
Consensus:	As part of the United Nations 'Year of Plant Health', Mexico and the United States are planning national plant health meetings. The Biological Control Expert Group should plan to contribute a display on biological control and how it contributes to plant health.

Next Step

Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	Review RSPM 22 comments and prepare for discussion to finalize the standard.	April 27, 2020
NAPPO Secretariat	Prepare for the face-to-face meeting of the Biological Control EG in Raleigh	April 27, 2020
P. Mason	Prepare draft agenda for face-to-face meeting of the Biological Control EG in Raleigh. Agenda to include finalizing RSPM 22, discussion of RSPM 26, country reports, potential display on biological control for national plant health meeting in NAPPO countries, other topics proposed by NAPPO and EG members.	April 20, 2020
EG members	Provide 2019 annual reports on regulatory, research and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will send reminders 2 months prior to the deadline.	March 1, 2020
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant	February, June,

	to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	October
Next Meeting		
Location:	Face-to-face	
Date:	April 27, 2020 at 9:00am EDT	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. The agenda for the next meeting will be provided by the EG Chairperson to all EG members prior to the scheduled meeting date.		