



# 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:	October 12, 2017	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
<b>Participants:</b>		
Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Brian Spencer (Applied Bio-nomics)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)
Robert Tichenor (APHIS PPQ)	Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Rene Ruitter (Koppert)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Nedelka Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)
<b>Regrets:</b>	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	Bob Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)
Rosalind James (USDA ARS)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)	John Goolsby (USDA ARS)
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Speaking notes need to be prepared for the Spanish version of “Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent”.	
Consensus:	Speaking notes for all but one presentation have been sent to the NAPPO Secretariat.	
Item 2:	Voiceover costs and designation of speaker for Spanish voice over to be determined.	
Consensus:	Mexican government communications group will do the voice over for free.	
Item 3:	Project Proposals submission to NAPPO.	
Consensus:	Proposals for review of RSPM 22, expansion of RSPM 26 to include nematodes, and update Appendix II submitted by EG chair (cc'd to AMC member for each country). [COMPLETED] Proposal to develop Science and Technology Document for standardizing <b>PCR methodology for the detection of disease in Non-Apis pollinators</b> submitted by industry. [COMPLETED]	

	NAPPO received 14 proposals and these will be considered when the Executive Committee meets during the Annual Meeting (16-19 October 2017).
Item 4:	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:	Letter was sent [COMPLETED].  This is a separate agenda item for the NAPPO Executive Committee meeting on 19 October 2017.
Item 5:	Biological Control EG presentation for NAPPO Annual Meeting.
Consensus:	Presentation reviewed and submitted to NAPPO secretariat. [COMPLETED]  Hugo Arredondo agreed to make the presentation at the NAPPO Annual Meeting.
Item 6:	Annual Regulatory and Research reports.
Consensus:	Industry representatives agreed to provide a report through the Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers (ANBP).  Regulatory and Research reports for each country will be sent to the NAPPO secretariat for translation 2 weeks in advance of the January 11 conference call. Reports will be circulated before the call and discussed during that call (EG members).
Item 7:	Government employee participation in industry meetings.
Consensus:	Participation of government officials on topics relevant to Industry is of great value. The ANBP can provide letters of support to ensure their participation at industry meetings.
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
R. Tichenor	Speaker notes to be prepared for remaining module.	Oct. 31, 2017
H. Arredondo	Mexico to confirm speaker for completing the voice over for the project.	Oct. 31, 2017
A. Suazo, S. Bloem	NAPPO to hire temporary staff to merge Spanish slides and voice files using "Storyline" software.	Dec. 1, 2017
EG members	Provide annual report on regulatory and research updates.	Dec. 28, 2017

EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	January 11, 2018 at 2:00 p. m. EDT	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		
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.		