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

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	International Year of Plant Health	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	April 14, 2021	
Chairperson	Lisa Lafontaine (CFIA) – Not present in this meeting	
Participants:		
Ifi Chafy (CFIA)	Greg Rosenthal (APHIS - PPQ)	Karen Stephany Miranda (SENASICA)
Patricia Abad (APHIS – PPQ)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Adrian Mitz (SENASICA)		
Summary		
General comments:	Following welcoming remarks, the NAPPO TD asked Greg Rosenthal to chair the meeting on behalf of Lisa Lafontaine. The proposed agenda was approved and the NAPPO TD agreed to take notes and write the conference call report.	
Item 1:	Green building initiative	
Consensus:	<p>Greg Rosenthal informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The illumination of the USDA “Whitten” building (USDA Headquarters) in Washington, DC, was approved.• A promotional media event will be planned to inform the public about the green illumination project in Canada, US and Mexico.• The US will send a press release and will have a press event on Sunday, April 18.• The US will keep the green illumination until April 21. <p>Mexico informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The green illumination of the selected monuments and buildings has been approved and Mexico is ready and on schedule.• The selected monuments include the “Independence monument, the monument to the last Aztec emperor (Cuathemoc), and the monument to the Mexican oil Industry”.• They will wait for Canada and the US to provide videos and pictures of the illuminated buildings to start working on additional promotional material. This will be also included in the SENASICA webpage.• They will illuminate the selected buildings from April 17-24.	

	<p>Canada informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They confirmed the illumination of the Niagara Falls, an event that will happen in coordination with the US during the two days from 7:00 to 9:00 pm EST. The illumination will take place in the first 15 minutes of each hour. • Canadian museum of nature will be illuminated for one night on April 19 from the end of the afternoon until the morning of April 20. • News release will go out on April 16 and will be announced in social media channels. <p>Videos and photos will be shared by EG members to produce a time-lapse picture and video.</p>
Item 2:	News from the Secretariat
Consensus:	<p>The TD informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The joint news released (Canada, US, and Mexico) is ready and will be shared with the group. It will be posted on Friday, April 16. <p>Canada will also translate the joint news release into French.</p>
Item 3:	IYPH articles
Consensus:	<p>The TD informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico has provided the “Pest-free areas” article which could be published instead of the “Forest Pest” article (March-April article). • US agreed to write the Sea Container / North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI) article for May. <p>Canada will work on the “Forest Pest” article and will provide a copy to the Secretariat when done.</p>
Other subjects:	<p>The TD informed the EG that a 10 min presentation will be required by the EG to present at the NAPPO virtual annual meeting. Details will be provided later by the NAPPO Secretariat.</p> <p>Round table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US indicated that April is the “Invasive Species Awareness Month”. • US also had a media tour where a high executive visited radio station across the country to promote the Invasive Species Awareness Month. • USDA has also produced 5 stories broadcasted through the USDA radio to farmers. • US continues promoting the green illumination project. • Canada suggested to share information and outreach material on “Good Practices” for example, “Superheroes” cards with information on Scientists working in plant protection. This could be a tool to inspire the general public. It was suggested to put together an information packet to share with the EG.

Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	May 20, from 3:00-4:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Welcome remarks		
2. Approve / amend agenda		
3. Selection of meeting rapporteur		
4. Updates on “Green Illumination Initiative”		
5. Updates from each country		
6. Updates from the NAPPO Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IYPH articles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mexico: Pest-Free Areas Canada: Forest Pests U.S.: North American Sea Container Initiative All: IYPH Wrap-Up b. IPPC news 		
7. Next steps		
8. Round table		
9. Meeting adjourned		