



# NAPPO

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

## NAPPO Report of Meeting

Meeting:	Workshop on regulation of biological control agents in the EPPO region
Location:	Budapest, Hungary
Date:	23-24 November 2015
Participants :	Peter Mason, Biological Control Expert Group Chairperson, 73 other workshop participants from 24 countries (Appendix 1).

### Summary

NAPPO Activity:	Invited oral presentation, <i>Evaluating and Regulating Biological Control Agents: A North American perspective</i> (Appendix 2)
Workshop Objectives:	<p>The overall workshop goal was to reach consensus about sound, evidence-based, recommendations on how to improve the evaluation and regulation of biological control agents across the EPPO region (APPENDIX 3). Specific goals were to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) provide brief summaries of practice in seven different EPPO countries and an explanation from NAPPO of arrangements in North America;</li> <li>2) review recent case studies to define issues needing consensus;</li> <li>3) discuss four hypothetical case studies to answer the questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which legislation applies?</li> <li>• Which international or regional standards are relevant?</li> <li>• What additional information is needed to make a decision?</li> <li>• In what format should that information be provided and by whom?</li> <li>• Who carries out the analysis and using what methodology?</li> <li>• Who evaluates the analysis?</li> <li>• Who should make the decision</li> <li>• Who should be consulted?</li> </ul> </li> <li>4) identify weaknesses/strengths related to current regulation of classical BC in Europe;</li> <li>5) discuss ways forward to clarify/facilitate the regulation of classical BC of IAPS in Europe;</li> <li>6) discuss the way forward to respond to accidental introductions of exotic BC agents both at the national and European level.</li> </ol>
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Europe is looking to North America as a good model to follow for creating a recommending body at the EU level that would provide guidance to national authorities regarding the regulation of classical BC, and to petitioners submitting requests for release of classical biological control agents.</li> <li>• NAPPO RSPM's 7, 12, 22, 26, and 39 were cited as reference standards for procedures in the EPPO region.</li> <li>• Recommendations for moving forward were made (APPENDIX 4)</li> </ul>

<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Peter Mason	Coauthor (with Sam Bishop) a paper comparing European and North American approaches to regulating and evaluating biological control agents for publication in the EPPO Bulletin.	15 February, 2016
NAPPO-EPPO	Continue collaboration to develop similar approaches to oversight of biological control agents.	na