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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Phytosanitary Alert System	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	22 February 2024	
Chairperson	Ignacio Baez (USDA APHIS)	
Participants:		
Alexandre Blain (CFIA)	Amanda Kaye (USDA APHIS)	Ana Lilia Montealegre (SENASICA)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Stephanie Dubon (USDA APHIS)	

Summary

Item 1:	<p>System performance and maintenance.</p> <p>Background: In July 2023, the chairperson worked with the NAPPO Secretariat's contractor to upgrade the PAS platform's software and code to have a stable and secure system. The chairperson consulted with EG members to determine if there had been any issues with access and functionality with the PAS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada and Mexico members reported not having any problems accessing and viewing the systems.• The US member indicated not being able to log into the system.
Item 2:	<p>Linking OPRs to the IPPC's International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).</p> <p>Background: Around 2009, NAPPO expert group members came to a consensus to harmonize NPPO procedures for postings to the IPP. When a country decides to post an official report on the IPP, their respective editor to the IPP posts the title, pest scientific name, pest status, and the following short summary: "For full report, please visit the NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System (www.pestalert.org)."</p> <p>Discussion topics and summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Verify if countries continue doing this step.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada and U.S. members confirmed to continue posting and linking to the IPP.• Mexico's member mentioned that while aware of the process, she has not been able to post due to time constraints.2) Confirm editors to post OPRs on the IPP for each country.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada: Steve Côté• Mexico: Ana Lilia Montealegre• US: Ignacio Baez is the main editor for OPRs3) Discuss adding guidance to the NAPPO PAS instruction document on the steps to post in the IPP.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada and US members concurred on adding guidance to the instruction document.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Mexico member initially did not think it was necessary to include guidance in the instruction document because it is the NPPO’s obligation to post official pest reports, and the IPPC has its own guidelines for uploading information to the IPP. But later, she agreed to review any proposed paragraph that could be added to the instruction document for additional guidance.	
Item 3:	<p>Updates from EG members</p> <p>Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rajesh Ramarathnam is on assignment and is rotating out of the expert group. <p>US</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amanda Kaye is now a member of the GICSV (Grupo Interamericano de Coordinación en Sanidad Vegetal) expert group on phytosanitary emergencies, and she is on the IPPC’s Steering Group for the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems (POARS). On March 1, the POARS steering committee will have its first meeting. <p>Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No updates.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Chair	Item 1. Contact the NAPPO PAS contractor to update login credentials for the US member.	Feb 23, 2024
Chair	Item 2. Draft a paragraph for the NAPPO PAS instruction document that provides the steps to take when linking an OPR posted in the NAPPO PAS to the IPPC’s IPP. Share the proposed text with EG members for concurrence.	Mar 15, 2024
Next Meeting		
Location:	Teleconference	
Date:	To be determined.	
Proposed Agenda Items		