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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Phytosanitary Alert System	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 7, 2025	
Chairperson	Ignacio Báez (USDA APHIS)	
Participants:		
Alexandre Blain (CFIA)	Amanda Kaye (USDA APHIS)	Lilia Cruz Castillo (SENASICA)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Hoffmann Blassio Sánchez (SENASICA, AMC member)	Tanya Staffen (CFIA, AMC member)
Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)		

Summary

Item 1:	<p>Welcome Lilia Cruz Castillo as a new EG member from Mexico. Background: Lilia Cruz Castillo joined the NAPPO PAS EG in place of retired Ana Lilia Montealegre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members introduced themselves. • The chair provided an overview of the purpose and process of the NAPPO PAS and the role of the expert group members. • The chair will be sharing a manual to use the NAPPO PAS and will assist in getting log-in credentials to access the system.
Item 2:	<p>System performance and maintenance Background: The chairperson consulted with EG members to determine whether there have been any issues with access to and functionality of the PAS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada and Mexico members reported not having any problems accessing and viewing the systems. • Chair works with NAPPO Secretariat's contractor to address any technical issues, ensuring that the system is stable, secure, and continuously performs.
Item 3:	<p>Updates from EG members Canada (Alexandre Blain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pest detections of relevance that may trigger official pest reports. • There is an updated international pest reporting directive D-04-03 that clarifies international pest reporting internally. Also, internal procedures for pest reporting were updated. • He continues to be the only expert group member for Canada after Rajesh rotated out of the expert group last year. <p>US</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Kaye is on the IPPC's Steering Group for the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System (POARS). The group is developing a framework to

	<p>look at how countries can have global coordination and response efforts in the event of pest outbreaks. Pest alert guidelines are being developed. A recent alert was developed for a bacterium on corn (<i>Clavibacter nebraskensis</i>). The group is still working on the way alerts are disseminated and the standard procedure to trigger the alerts. There will be a meeting with the group tomorrow to determine resources in case of an outbreak. Questions: 1) Do you see an overlap of POARS with NAPPO PAS? PAS is, in part, more focused on reporting any pest found in NAPPO countries and communicating this to NAPPO trading partners. POARS is more focused on recognizing when a pest is jumping continents and affecting a large number of countries. Once an emerging pest is recognized, countries coordinate resources to stop the pest. 2) Is there a role for RPPOs with POARS? They may have a role in response coordination in the region in which they are involved. Amanda will continue providing updates on the POARS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ignacio Báez. This year, so far, we have posted 16 official pest reports for the US, pertaining to the following pests: <i>Anastrepha ludens</i>, <i>Lymantria dispar</i>, <i>Annoplopora glabripennis</i>, <i>Tilletia indica</i>, <i>Globodera rostochiensis</i>, <i>Globodera pallida</i>, and citrus greening. Amanda added that they have lost an expert in nematodes to retirement. The team also discussed the restructuring happening in their organization, which might affect them. Alonso expressed concern about the impact of these changes on their programs. <p>Mexico (Lilia Cruz Castillo, Hoffmann Blassio Sánchez)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No updates. <p>The topic “Discussion of implications for the NAPPO PAS” was postponed for another meeting.</p>	
Item 4:	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In the meeting, Ignacio requested updates on the NAPPO website under the PAS expert group page. He suggested removing Rajesh's name from the list as he is no longer with the group. He also pointed out that the 2023 PAS report is under the 2022 section and needs its own 2023 section. Lastly, he mentioned that the March 2024 report is not on the site yet.Alonso agreed to make these updates and proposed to send a poll to decide on the frequency of the group meetings, either quarterly or more often.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Chair	Share the NAPPO PAS manual and site links with the new EG member.	May 9, 2025
Chair	Coordinate with the NAPPO Secretariat’s contractor to provide login credentials for the new EG member.	May 14, 2025
Technical Director	Make updates to the NAPPO PAS EG webpage. a) remove name of R. Ramarathnam. b) re-order 2023	May 30, 2025

	call report under its own year category, and c) add the March 2024 report.	
Technical Director	Send a poll to arrange for the next quarterly call.	May 30, 2025
Next meeting		
Location:	Teleconference	
Date:	To be determined	
Proposed Agenda Items		