



34TH NAPPO ANNUAL MEETING

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Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel and Conference Centre
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On behalf of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Executive Committee, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 34th NAPPO Annual Meeting to be held October 18 - 22, 2010, at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Convention Centre in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada.

The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) provides a unique forum for public and private sectors in Canada, the United States and Mexico to collaborate in the development of international science-based phytosanitary standards to protect agricultural, forest and other plant resources against regulated plant pests while facilitating trade. Each year, the annual meeting provides an occasion for government officials, scientists, and industry representatives to discuss important issues affecting plant protection and international trade in plants and plant products.

At NAPPO 2010, representatives of six important industry sectors will speak about their industry in North America, providing information about the economic or social value of their products, common practices in their sector, and important trends in their industry in Mexico, United States and Canada. New regional standards for phytosanitary measures will be presented, and NAPPO priorities for the coming year will be established with input from all meeting participants. A workshop on commodity-based pathways for pest introduction and field trips to highlight the impressive agricultural and forest resources of the Okanagan Valley are also planned.

Additional information concerning NAPPO activities and the NAPPO Annual Meeting is available at <http://www.nappo.org> or by email to NAPPOCanada@inspection.gc.ca.

NAPPO 2010 will provide an opportunity for phytosanitary and other government officials to gain a fuller appreciation for the challenges faced by a cross-section of sectors, for industry experts to learn from their counterparts in other sectors, and for both industry representatives and government officials to explore means by which to take a pathways approach to minimizing pest introduction and spread. Everyone is welcome. I hope you will join us.

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NAPPO Executive Committee Chairperson

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