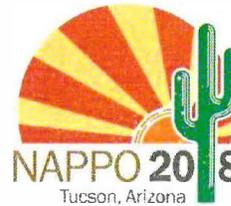




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42nd NAPPO ANNUAL MEETING

October 22 – 25, 2018

**Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort and Spa
Tucson, Arizona, USA**

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Executive Committee and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA-APHIS-PPQ), it is my pleasure to cordially invite you to attend the 42nd NAPPO Annual Meeting that will take place from October 22 to 25 in Tucson, Arizona.

As the regional plant protection organization of North America in existence since 1976, NAPPO provides a unique forum for public and private sectors in Canada, Mexico, and the United States to collaborate on the development and harmonization of regional science- and risk-based plant health standards and initiatives aimed at protecting agricultural, forest, and other plant resources against regulated plant pests while facilitating safe trade.

Each year, the NAPPO Annual Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for government officials, industry representatives, and research scientists to come together and discuss key issues affecting plant protection in North America. The meeting also allows us to examine ways to increase safe inter- as well as intra-regional trade in plants and plant products, as well as to exchange ideas on activities aimed to promote regional and international phytosanitary cooperation and harmonization.

During the 2018 NAPPO Annual Meeting, NAPPO's Expert Groups will report on their work towards fulfilling the NAPPO strategic plan objectives. In addition, the theme for this year's Symposium will be "Less is More: Precision Safeguarding". The 2018 NAPPO Symposium will explore strategies that allow national plant protection organizations to tailor regulatory (and non-regulatory) approaches to optimize plant protection and will deal with the concepts of "precision safeguarding" (related to precision agriculture) and the "safeguarding continuum".

Additional information on the NAPPO Annual Meeting is available at: <http://www.nappo.org>.

I hope that we can count on your attendance at the 2018 NAPPO Annual Meeting and I look forward to seeing you in Tucson. Please also share this invitation with other interested parties.

Best wishes,

Osama El-Lissy

PPQ Deputy Administrator / NAPPO Executive Committee Chairperson