



**NAPPO**  
North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas  
MEXICO - USA - CANADA



**October 16 to 19, 2017**  
**Merida, Yucatan, Mexico**

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Executive Committee and the Dirección General de Sanidad Vegetal of SENASICA-SAGARPA, it is my pleasure to cordially invite you to attend the 41st NAPPO Annual Meeting that will take place from October 16 to 19, 2017 in Merida, Yucatan.

NAPPO is a Regional Plant Protection Organization that was created in 1976, in accordance with Article IX of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. NAPPO brings together government officials from the National Plant Protection Organizations of Canada, United States and Mexico and is the body responsible for coordinating regional efforts to protect our plant resources against the introduction and spread of regulated plant pests, while facilitating safe international trade between NAPPO countries and with trading partners around the world, through the development and adoption of regional standards for phytosanitary measures.

The NAPPO Annual Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for those involved in plant protection to meet and exchange ideas, as activities that promote regional and international phytosanitary cooperation are highlighted and discussed. Among the topics for this year's meeting, the Symposium title will be "Surveillance programs in NAPPO member countries – supporting safe trade in plants and plant products", where experts will share the latest advances on the subject. For more information, please visit the NAPPO website at – [www.nappo.org](http://www.nappo.org).

I hope we can count on your enthusiastic participation, and I would urge you to share this invitation with other interested parties.

Sincerely

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