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North American Plant Protection Organization
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	June 21, 2018	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants:		
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Nedelka Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)
Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)	Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)
Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Bob Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Patricia Budd (APHIS PPQ)		
Regrets:		
Brian Spencer (Applied Bio-nomics)	Rene Ruitter (Koppert)	John Goolsby (USDA ARS)
Rosalind James (USDA ARS)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)	
Summary		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Completion of Spanish module of RSPM 12 and upload to the NAPPO website.	
Consensus:	Final revisions of content are being made. MS Powerpoint will be used for the final product. Timeline will be adjusted.	
Item 2:	Translation of country reports on regulatory and research updates.	
Consensus:	Country reports have all been translated. Participants noted the value of the information provided.	
Item 3:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	
Consensus:	Mexican Society for Biological Control, XLI National Conference on Biological Control, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, November 4-10, 2018.	

	https://www.smcb-mx.org/convocatoria First International Congress on Biological Control: Approaches and Applications, Bengaluru, India, 27–29 September 2018. http://www.icbc2018bengaluru.com/ Entomological Societies of Canada, British Columbia and America Joint Annual Meeting – Crossing Borders: Entomology in a Changing World, Vancouver, British Columbia, 11-14 November 2018. https://www.entsoc.org/events/annual-meeting	
Other subjects	Vineland Research and Innovation Centre and the Canadian Biocontrol Industry (Applied Bionomics, Biobest and Koppert) are forming a consortium to use industry funding as leverage for some Government funding to investigate new, native North American arthropods for biological control. A list of priorities has been established and resources (money and technology and people) committed to develop the first attempt with the goal that it will become a working model for future work.	
Consensus:	The focus is to develop native species as new agents for commercial production and use in North America. Participants agreed that this is an exciting initiative and look forward to updates on progress.	
Other subjects	Status of the changes to United States Plant Pest Regulations (APHIS 330 rule)	
Consensus:	Recommendations have been reviewed and the revised version is with the Office of the General Counsel. Date for official publication is not yet established.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
A. Suazo, S. Bloem	NAPPO to complete Spanish module of RSPM 12 and upload to the website	TBD
EG members	Provide 2018 annual reports on regulatory, research and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will send reminders 4 months and 2 months prior to the deadline.	Jan 1, 2019
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	February, June, October 2018
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	September 27, 2018 at 2:00pm EDT	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. The agenda for the next conference call meeting will be provided by the EG Chairperson to all EG members prior to the scheduled conference call date.		