



NAPPO

North American Plant Protection Organization

Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

The year 2016 for NAPPO – completing the NAPPO Secretariat transition and call for project proposals / El año 2016 para la NAPPO - completando la transición de la Secretaría de la NAPPO y convocatoria para las propuestas de proyectos.

Dear industry and government stakeholders,

Greetings from the NAPPO Executive Director (ED). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our organization and to bring you up-to-date on the NAPPO transition from Ottawa to North Carolina since I took over as ED back in July of 2015. I'd also like to let you know about "next steps" in the next 6-8 months of transition. I'd be grateful to know if you have any questions or concerns, so please feel free to contact me at SBloem.NAPPO@gmail.com or give me a call at 919-480-4761.

- **NAPPO transitions in 2016 – location and staffing**
 - The NC office is open for business at 1730 Varsity Drive, Suite 145, Raleigh, NC, inside the North Carolina State University Centennial Campus
 - The NAPPO Ottawa office will permanently close on June 30, 2016
 - NAPPO applied for a Visa for our Interpreter - Nedelka Marin-Martinez - to move to NC
 - The Technical Director – Dr. Rebecca Lee – decided not to relocate to NC
 - US regulations did not allow the Executive Assistant - Alba Campos - to obtain a Visa to move to the US
 - Rebecca and Alba will continue working until June 30, 2016
 - NAPPO hired a new Executive Assistant – Sofia Baez - in late February
 - NAPPO has a visiting scientist – Dr. Christina Devorshak - from the USDA "on loan" for 4 months - until mid-July
 - NAPPO advertised for a new Technical Director and will be conducting interviews in the next few weeks.
- **NAPPO work program**
 - NAPPO has an updated Constitution and By-Laws
 - NAPPO has a new 5-year draft Strategic Plan
 - Seventeen projects -6 new and 11 carry-over-, managed by sixteen Expert Groups (EGs) are currently being worked on
 - Two projects have large international meetings as "deliverables"
 - ISPM 15 implementation workshop with emphasis on the Americas (scheduled for late August at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica) and
 - Risk-Based Sampling International Symposium (scheduled for 2017; location TBD)
 - One ongoing project will result in a new regional standard, another will produce an e-learning module and several will result in production of science and technology documents and revisions and updates or several of our regional standards
- **What the next 6-8 months look like for NAPPO**

- NAPPO will select a new TD in the next month or so. The new TD will need some time (2-6 months) to get familiarized with our NAPPO work before being effective at facilitating/coordinating/leading NAPPO projects
- The NAPPO EGs and Secretariat will continue to move the seventeen active projects to their successful conclusion
- The 2 projects with a meeting deliverable will require considerable organizational support from the NAPPO Secretariat
- Finally, because of resource and personnel constraints at CFIA in Canada, the NAPPO Secretariat has agreed to take a lead role in organizing and delivering the 40th NAPPO Annual Meeting. We are already underway in the planning and execution of this event, but much remains to be done
- **How all of this impacts a 2016 call for project proposals**
 - Given the above, the NAPPO Executive Committee and the Industry Advisory Group – agreed with my suggestion that there should not be a call for new NAPPO project proposals in 2016
 - This decision will ...
 - allow the Secretariat to complete the relocation and closure of offices
 - allow the new TD time to get familiarized with NAPPO work
 - allow the EGs and the Secretariat time to complete the ongoing projects
 - depending on progress, allow the Secretariat and the EGs to hopefully begin work on some of the projects that are currently “on-hold”

Although NAPPO is not issuing a call for new topics this year, we want to assure our stakeholders that we remain responsive to their plant health concerns. Should a situation arise that is high impact/high priority, NAPPO will be positioned to respond accordingly.

Please let me or the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee Member know if we can answer any questions on the above or any other aspect of NAPPO.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Bloem