

## **Dr. Rajesh Ramarathnam: Mini-Bio**

**Name:** Dr. Rajesh Ramarathnam

**Position:** Senior Specialist – International Phytosanitary Standards

**Education:** Ph.D in Plant Pathology and Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Microbial Ecology

### **Experience Summary:**

- Canadian member of the Standards Committee - International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
- Knowledge of the IPPC (its Strategic priorities and standard setting (development, consultation and adoption)), critical analysis and reporting
- Multilateral engagement: Plant Health Quads (group that brings together Australia, New Zealand, US and Canada in plant health issues), NAPPO-EPPO
- Bilateral engagement: Led the coordination of Plant Health Technical Working Group meetings with China and India – aimed at better understanding the regulatory framework and cooperation towards advancing international plant health issues
- Development of import and domestic plant health policies for the grains and oilseeds sector, and technical lead in negotiations with major trading partners for Canadian grain market access

### **Role in NAPPO:**

- Advisory and Management Committee member
- Provide the IPPC context in the development of regional phytosanitary standards, advancement of strategic plant health issues of regional interest, and overall facilitate implementation of the IPPC.