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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Seeds ToBRFV	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	March 23, 2022	
Chairperson	Ed Podleckis (APHIS – PPQ)	
Participants:		
Stephanie Dubon (APHIS – PPQ)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Sofia Baez (NAPPO)	Vessela Mavrodieva (APHIS – PPQ)	Angel Ramírez (SENASICA)
Huimin Xu (CFIA)	Jennifer Nickerson (CFIA)	Kevin Ong (Texas A&M)
Geoffrey Dennis (APHIS – PPQ)	Maribel Hurtado (NAPPO)	Beatriz Xoconostle (CINVESTAV)
Marlene Ortiz (AMSAC)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Nancy Osterbauer (APHIS – PPQ)
Summary		
Project:	<i>A pilot for the harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pests focuses on ToBRFV</i>	
General comments:	Welcome remarks provided by the NAPPO Secretariat. The NAPPO TD will take notes and write the videoconference call report. EG members authorized recording the session for report purposes.	
Item 1:	Updates on supplies ordering – Sofia Baez and Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO Secretariat)	
Consensus:	The NAPPO Secretariat informed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different laboratories might require different financial assistance when it comes to funding for additional supplies.• Laboratories should provide NAPPO the information of a contact person for ordering additional material for the project.• The laboratory contact person should provide a list and cost of materials requested.• NAPPO will transfer the requested funds to the laboratory.• The Secretariat will send an email with all the information needed when requesting additional funding for the labs.• Funding is for supplies and materials (pipette tips, gloves, tapes, etc.) but not for equipment.	
Item 2:	Panel preparation and protocols updates – Vessela Mavrodieva (APHIS – PPQ)	

<p>Consensus:</p>	<p>PPQ provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reagents for the participating laboratories were purchased with NAPPO funds. • Sixty packs of reagents were prepared (12 packs for each of 5 protocols). • Each participating laboratory will receive 5 packs. • One pack will be used to validate the reagents. • Quantities of reagents supplied are enough for all the tests including an additional test in case it needs to be repeated. • Packs for additional laboratories were also prepared in case other laboratories are interested in participating. • Samples will be prepared and provided in different packages. • The amount provided in the packs also includes enough material to run a pre-test. • Validation for all seed samples has been completed. Statistical analyses have been done. • Samples B and PPC were also evaluated for stability and transportation. Samples were stable during the transportation. • Validation data was submitted to Geoff Dennis for analysis. • Seed sample validation was completed. • Sample A will be provided as concentrate and labs will have to make 4 serial dilutions (5 concentrations with the undiluted sample). The EG agreed to provide sample A as an undiluted sample. • Calibrator sample will be provided ready to use. • Validation work on samples A and the calibrator are still a work in a progress. • Samples will be “blinded” in the Texas A&M facilities. • Sample blinding will be done based on the sample schemes that will be provided. • Validation analysis data was presented to the group.
<p>Item 3:</p>	<p>Panel distribution to Mexico</p>
<p>Consensus:</p>	<p>Mexico indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be difficult for someone from SENASICA to go to the US to take the panels to Mexico. • SENASICA personnel can meet the designated person at a determined port of entry (Laredo or Reynosa). A letter to authorize the entry of the material will be needed from Mexico. • Information of the designated person to transport the samples to Mexico (name of person that will bring the sample, flight number and date) should be provided to SENASICA to get the documentation. SENASICA requested to provide this information at least a couple of weeks before the estimated travel time.

Item 4:	Data collection and storage updates	
Consensus:	<p>Geoffrey Dennis provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data portal providers have made the changes to the protocol names. Protocols are named as A, B, C, D, and E. • EG members were encouraged to register to get access to the portal and provide feedback as soon as possible. This request was made to the EG members with the intention to test the portal before the participating laboratories. Modifications to the portal take time. • An Excel spreadsheet for the data collection will be prepared and shared with the participating laboratories in case there is no interest in using the portal or if there are issues using the portal. • Collecting data in a spreadsheet might be easier for the participating laboratories but this platform makes the data validation process more difficult because the data is not in an official format and, will compromise the data integrity. • A consensus was reached to use the portal. Mexico indicated that SENASICA has used the portal but for other laboratories in Mexico, a formal invitation letter from NAPPO will help with a more active participation. 	
Item 5:	Preparation of laboratory manuals.	
Consensus:	<p>The NAPPO TD provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft document for the laboratory manuals has been edited based on the feedback received from EG members. More changes are needed based on the decisions taken today. • The drafts will be sent to some EG for final review before the documents are shared with the participating laboratories. 	
Other subjects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal invitation letters for participating laboratories in Mexico. Mexico requested a formal invitation letter to participating laboratories in Mexico. The NAPPO ED indicated that NAPPO will send invitation letters to participating labs in Mexico and requested to the EG members from Mexico to provide the details to NAPPO (names, affiliation, and addresses). 2. The Guelph laboratory was removed from the list of participating laboratories because it could not be certified for PPC2 level on time however, a minimum of eight laboratories are needed. Without the Guelph lab, the total number of participating labs is nine with two laboratories from Canada. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Angel Ramírez (SENASICA)	Provide names, affiliations, and address of participating laboratory managers for NAPPO to send invitation letters.	

NAPPO ED	Send invitation letters to participating laboratories in Mexico	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference.	
Date:	April 20, 2022 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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