



# NAPPO

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

## NAPPO Conference Call/Meeting Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	January 11, 2018	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)	
<b>Participants:</b>		
Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)
Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)	Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Rosalind James (USDA ARS)
John Goolsby (USDA ARS)	Patricia Budd (APHIS PPQ)	Nedelka Marin-Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	
<b>Regrets:</b>		
Rene Ruiter (US industry)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	Bob Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)
	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)	
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Speaking notes need to be prepared for the Spanish version of "Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent".	
Consensus:	Speaking notes for all but one presentation have been sent to the NAPPO Secretariat and translation is almost complete.	
Item 2:	Voiceover for the Spanish version of "Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent".	
Consensus:	The <i>Unidad de Promoción y Vinculación</i> , SENASICA will do the voice over for free. The NAPPO Secretariat has sent an official invitation letter.	
Item 3:	Merge Spanish slides and voice files using "Storyline" software.	
Consensus:	The NAPPO secretariat will hire a media student at North Carolina State University.	

Item 4:	Annual reports on regulatory and research updates.
Consensus:	<p>Mexico (Regulatory) and Canada (Research) reports were circulated. Mexico indicated that obtaining project information from Universities was challenging and the United States and Canada concurred. Providing EG members with a list of submitted petitions for release of new agents would be helpful.</p> <p>Regulatory and Research reports for each country will be sent to the NAPPO secretariat for translation 2 weeks in advance of the 19 April conference call. Reports will be circulated before the call and discussed during that call (EG members).</p> <p>Industry representatives agreed to provide a report through the Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers (ANBP).</p> <p>These reports are for discussion among EG members and must not be posted on the NAPPO website to ensure confidentiality.</p>
Item 5:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.
Consensus:	The NAPPO Secretariat publishes the newsletter in March, July and November of each year and inclusion of notices of upcoming meetings relevant to the EG would be valuable.
Item 6:	NAPPO Work Plan 2018
Consensus:	<p>NAPPO received 14 proposals and these were considered when the Executive Committee met during the Annual Meeting (16-19 October 2017). The draft work plan will be published on the NAPPO website soon.</p> <p>NAPPO is able to manage 14-15 projects at one time; because the current work program has projects with deliverables that will end sometime in 2018 (e.g., development of Spanish module for “Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent”) only three new projects were approved to begin right away. As existing projects come to completion, additional new projects will be added to the work program.</p> <p>EG conference calls are approved by the Advisory &amp; Management Committee and supported based on NAPPO Secretariat resources.</p>
Item 7:	NAPPO Executive Committee response to letter expressing NAPPO Biological Control EG concerns on the proposed changes to United States Plant Pest Regulations.
Consensus:	The NAPPO Executive Director requested an update on the APHIS 330 rule from the U.S. Executive Committee representative/ APHIS-PPQ’s Deputy Administrator (PPQ DA)

	<p>during the October 20 NAPPO Executive Committee (EC) meeting.</p> <p>Due to legalities associated with the comment review process U.S. could only answer factual questions about the proposed rule: “APHIS is carefully reviewing all comments received and assessing the consequences of all options. As a general policy and practice, APHIS takes into account established RSPMs and ISPMs in its work and in the development of rules/ regulations”.</p> <p>Comments will be formally responded to in the publication of the final rule.</p>	
Other subjects	Bob Tichenor retired in early January 2018.	
Consensus:	The Biological Control EG would like to thank Bob for his valuable contributions to the work of the EG throughout the years.	
<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
R. Tichenor	Speaker notes to be prepared for remaining module.	January 31, 2018
NAPPO Secretariat	The <i>Unidad de Promoción y Vinculación</i> , SENASICA Mexico to complete the voice over for the project.	March 31, 2018
A. Suazo, S. Bloem	NAPPO to hire media student at North Carolina State University to merge Spanish slides and voice files using “Storyline” software.	January 31, 2018; May 2018
EG members	Provide annual reports on regulatory and research updates. Template and past reports to be circulated to EG members.	April 1, 2018
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	February, June, October 2018
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	April 19, 2018 at 2:00pm EDT	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		
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.		