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Goodbye from NAPPO's Technical Director

Goodbye!
Arrivederci!

Hasta la próxima!
Auf wiedersehen!

Au revoir!
Tot ziens!

Time definitively goes by faster as the years progress...It seems not so long ago, April 2010, that I joined NAPPO as Technical Director, returning to Canada after living for 18 years in Colombia. My first day on the job was spent taking a flight to Calgary for a meeting of what was then called the Forestry Panel! It didn't take long before I was able to reassure myself that I had made a good decision in accepting the position: I enjoyed the discussions, appreciated seeing things from the points of view of the three NAPPO member countries and the respective industry representatives, and saw that the work led to useful results. My next meetings with the many other NAPPO panels only served to underline the pleasant and professional way with which you all carry out your work.

Over the last six years, I have had the privilege of collaborating with some of the finest and most knowledgeable people in the phytosanitary world. From the details of registering biological control agents and agreements on shipping Christmas



trees, through conceptual discussions on host status and oversight, to quickly learning about the challenges linked to electronic transfer of phytosanitary certificates and leading an international steering committee and expert group in the preparation of the related agreement, among so many other interesting projects—all have contributed to my professional growth. And I thank you all for allowing me to contribute in turn to NAPPO's activities.

To all panel and expert group participants, past and present...I will miss those many ardent discussions...

To my international colleagues at IICA, CBD, IPPC—in particular those of the Standards Committee—and at our sister regional plant protection organizations (EPPO, OIRSA, COSAVE, NEPPO, CAN, PPPO, IAPSC) and the Caribbean region... exchanging perspectives with you and visiting some of your countries have been wonderful, unexpected perks of this position...

To the NAPPO Executive Committee...I am grateful for the confidence you placed in me as Technical Director, and especially the time I was privileged to act as Executive Director...

To the Industry Advisory Group...your overarching views helped me ground my understanding of the implications of regulations on trade....

To my colleagues of the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee (previously the NAPPO Working Group)...I am indebted to you for your patience and diligence as we have created innovative solutions to the challenges encountered in NAPPO's consecutive times of transition...

And especially to the staff at the NAPPO Secretariat: Alba Campos, for your meticulous administrative support; Nedelka Marin-Martinez, for the excellent discussions linked to the subtleties of translation; and the directors I have worked with (Ian McDonnell, Christina Devorshak, and Stephanie Bloem) for your leadership....

It has been a real pleasure and honor to work with all of you, learning with and from you. May we meet again soon!

Rebecca Lee

NAPPO Executive Director and Executive Committee attend the 11th Session of the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures (CPM 11)

The CPM 11 was held from April 4–8, 2016, at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy. Over 360 participants representing 136 countries, 12 international organizations, and 4 non-governmental organizations attended the meeting. In addition to NAPPO, six other Regional Plant Protection

Organizations (RPPOs) were in attendance (EPPO, NEPPO, OIRSA, COSAVE, APPPC, and IAPSC).

The theme for the CPM 11 was **Plant Health and Food Security**. Mr. Daniel Gustafson, Deputy Director General of FAO for Operations, delivered the opening remarks; Mr. Jingyuan Xia, Secretary to the IPPC, made a presentation on the role of the

IPPC in the next five years; and Prof. Rudy Rabbinge from the University of Wageningen delivered the keynote address. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Kyu-Ock Yim, outgoing CPM chair.

The CPM 11 completed 18 scheduled Agenda items, offered one pre-CPM training on implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 32—***Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk***—and organized seven side sessions on emerging pests and new technologies for plant health. Nine new international standards, two ISPMs—***Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae)*** and ***2014 Amendments to the Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms*** (ISPM 5)—two Phytosanitary Treatments, and five Diagnostic Protocols were adopted by the Contracting Parties during the meeting. There was an afternoon Special Topic Session on Phytosanitary Risks and Sea (intermodal) Containers to inform and

decide on the fate of a draft ISPM on this topic. During the week, participants were able to vote on the submissions to the second IPPC photo contest on the Shocking Impacts of Pests.

Stephanie Bloem, NAPPO Executive Director and current chair of the Technical Consultation (TC) among RPPOs, delivered a presentation to the CPM 11 on the results of the 27th TC among RPPOs, which was held in Memphis, Tennessee, immediately following the conclusion of the 39th NAPPO Annual Meeting.

The Twelfth Session of CPM (CPM 12), with the theme ***Plant Health and Trade Facilitation***, will be held from April 5–11, 2017 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. This will be the first time that the CPM will be held outside of Rome. In his concluding remarks, the IPPC Secretary urged the IPPC community to attend CPM 12, and to plan well ahead to ensure that all preparations for CPM 12 are timely.



Plans to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of NAPPO at the 2016 NAPPO Annual Meeting

We wanted to provide a short update to our stakeholders concerning plans to hold the 40th NAPPO Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Please mark your calendars—meeting dates are October 31–November 3. This year's host organization, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), alongside the NAPPO Secretariat and the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee, have been busy ensuring that the 40th meeting will be an event to remember. The meeting will be held at the beautiful and historic Marriott Chateau Champlain Hotel right in the middle of Montreal's downtown area. Hotel accommodations and meeting rooms



NAPPO 2016

Montreal, Canada • October 31–November 3

are fantastic! The hotel is close to shops, restaurants, and entertainment of all kinds.

Kudos go to our colleagues from USDA-APHIS-PPQ who designed the logo for the meeting, which depicts the beautiful Montreal skyline. As you may have noticed, all of the webpages for the meeting, including those for registration, booking hotel accommodations and choosing your meals are now available on the NAPPO website—www.NAPPO.org. Kudos to Alba Campos for her hard work with the webpages and to Nedelka Marin-Martinez for translating the webpages to Spanish.

The Symposium topic for this year will be **Building on industry experience and best practices for efficient alternative service delivery**. This symposium will examine the current international regulatory framework for the authorization of alternative service delivery (ASD) in the context of phytosanitary regulation. It will explore the circumstances under which National Plant Protection



Organizations employ third-party services, including the advantages and challenges associated with this approach. Finally, the symposium will look at the current industry experience and best practices in an ASD framework.

In addition, several knowledge topics on important and timely phytosanitary concepts such as **Host Status** will also be part of the meeting. The NAPPO Secretariat has invited colleagues from international plant health organizations such as the International Plant Protection Convention and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture and fellow Regional Plant Protection Organizations to address our plenary.

The fourteen Expert Groups that are working on NAPPO “priority-driven” projects in 2016

will be presenting their results or updates during the meeting. These are Asian Gypsy Moth, Biological Control, Diversion from Intended Use, ePhyto, Forestry – 2 projects, Grains – 2 projects, Khapra Beetle, Likelihood of Establishment, Lymantriids, Phytosanitary Alert Systems, Potato – 3 projects, Risk-Based Sampling, Seed, and the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee.

Hope to see you there!



WANTED!

Logos from Past Annual Meetings

If you have Annual Meeting logos from 1977 to 1997, we would like to receive a scanned copy or the electronic version.

We will offer a reward to the person who sends the oldest logo and to whoever sends the highest number of logos! Start the search!

REWARD!

New Name for NAPPO Working Group Approved by Executive Committee

Dear colleagues,

During the mid-February meeting of NAPPO management [which included the Executive Committee (EC), the Working Group (WG), and the Industry Advisory Group (IAG)], a new name for the WG was suggested. This new name—the Advisory and Management Committee or AMC—better reflects the roles and responsibilities of this key NAPPO resource.

We are happy to report that the new name received unanimous endorsement by the NAPPO EC. As



such, please be aware that moving forward the WG will be called AMC; appropriate updates will be made in the website directory.

The AMC is composed of the following individuals:

Name	Organization	AMC Role	Country
Stephanie Bloem	NAPPO	Chairperson	-
Rebecca Lee	NAPPO	Member	-
Marie-Pierre Mignault	CFIA	Member	Canada
Katharine Church	CFIA	Member	Canada
Pati Abad	USDA-APHIS-PPQ	Member	United States
Stephanie Dubon	USDA-APHIS-PPQ	Member	United States
Ana Lilia Montealegre	SENASICA	Member	Mexico

International Symposium on Risk-Based Sampling

NAPPO and our key partners are pleased to announce the International Symposium on Risk-Based Sampling to be held in March 2017. The purpose of the Symposium is to bring together government agencies, researchers and analysts, industries and international organizations to collaborate in the development and implementation of Risk Based Sampling methods for phytosanitary inspection.

Vision

NAPPO and our key partners recognize the need for phytosanitary measures to be technically justified and based on phytosanitary considerations. Risk-Based Sampling provides a method for countries to implement ISPMs and ensure measures are consistent with international obligations.

The International Symposium on Risk-Based Sampling (RBS) will promote:

- International collaboration to frame agricultural quarantine policy around RBS.
- A universal understanding of RBS concepts and their application in practice.
- A scientific understanding, an operational and regulatory strategy, and a collaborative approach to RBS and Risk-Based Quarantine Policy.
- Implementation of ISPMs and technically justified inspection procedures used in trade.
- Communication strategies for

fostering acceptance of RBS by decision-makers and stakeholders.

Who should be involved?

- Researchers in the field of inspection, risk, risk perception, and risk-based regulatory design
- Agricultural quarantine or exclusion policy managers
- Analysts and statisticians involved in risk analysis work for agricultural exclusion programs
- Trainers and training developers tasked with creating agricultural inspection curriculum
- Front line supervisors, officers, and technicians involved in day-to-day agricultural exclusion activities
- Senior administrative executives and senior policy executives interested in risk-based regulations
- Students interested in pursuit of risk-based regulatory design or risk-based sampling schemes in an agricultural environment
- Trade policy administrators and managers
- Importers, exporters, and brokers involved in international trade

For more information

The Symposium is planned to take place in March 2017. If you are interested in being added to our contact list for this event, please notify the NAPPO Secretariat (esbaez.nappo@gmail.com). Updates will be provided to our Symposium contact list and on the NAPPO website (www.nappo.org).

New Communication Technologies in Use by NAPPO

The NAPPO Secretariat is pleased to announce that we have been exploring the use of new technologies to improve our ability to run Expert Group meetings remotely. These advances address key challenges with connectivity and with information sharing and should make NAPPO's ability to serve stakeholders more efficient and effective.

The first change you will start to see is that web-based meetings will be run through Momentum Telecom conferencing. This platform allows for improved and simpler connections to web-based conference calls for all participants and is compatible with a wide variety of computer systems and Government firewalls. Anyone with an internet connection should be able to easily and quickly access web-conferencing with the Momentum Telecom conferencing service.

The second change you will see is the use of Google Docs to securely store, retrieve, edit, and seamlessly share documents that Expert Groups are working on. Like the Momentum Telecom conferencing service, anyone with an internet connection should be able to access Google Docs.

We continue to explore these new platforms as a way to better serve the three NPPOs and other NAPPO stakeholders. We would also welcome feedback to the Secretariat if you use these programs – how well do they work for you? Have you encountered any problems? Do you have any suggestions for improvements?

Finally, you'll see from our website that we are on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter ...stay connected: "like" us, "connect" with us, and "follow" us!

Thanks from NAPPO

The NAPPO secretariat would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who have helped in achieving our goals, particularly those who have, for one reason or another, left NAPPO in the past year (2015). *Any omissions are far from intentional: please let us know if we have left anyone out!*

Retirees of 2015:

- Louise Dumouchel, CFIA, member and chairperson, Pest Risk Analysis panel
- Brian Zak, Canadian industry representative, Forestry panel and

Forestry EGs

- Greg Stubbings, CFIA, former Executive Committee member
- Joel Floyd, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, designer of the logo for the Fort McDowell, Arizona, NAPPO Annual Meeting; member, *Cactoblastis* bi-national program

Those who have moved on:

- Greg Wolff, CFIA, former Executive Committee member
- Cesar Murillo, SEMARNAT
- Shane Sela, former chairperson Forestry panel and Forestry EGs,

on temporary assignment to IPPC, but hopefully returning to participate in NAPPO!

- Héctor Sanchez Anguiano, SENASICA, former Chairperson, Citrus Panel and then Citrus EG
- Prakash Hebbar, APHIS, Citrus Panel and then Citrus EG

And passed on:

- Doug Warner - He is sincerely missed!

Projects finalized—many thanks to all the members of:

Fruit Trapping EG

- Lisa Neven
- Brad Sinclair
- Pablo Jesus Montoya
- Pablo Liedo
- Mike Willett
- Marcy Martin
- José Luís Zavala
- José Manuel Gutiérrez
- Carlos Chavez
- Ricardo Márquez
- Juan Lorenzo Palau
- Carlos García

RSPM 18 EG

- Charlene Green
- Stewart Gray
- Clemente de Jesus García
- Patricia McAllister
- Lynn Evans-Goldner
- Margaret Kelly
- Juan José Flores
- Craig Regelbrugge
- Lin Schmale-Tate
- Phillip Baugher
- Mauricio González
- Andrew Morse

Citrus EG

- José Hernández
- Stuart Kuehne
- Robert Krueger
- Pedro Luís Robles
- Mary Palm
- Luís Ángel Villareal
- Elena Iobana Alanis
- Jim Cranney
- Juan Lorenzo Palau

NAPPO wishes to express its appreciation to **Ashley Franklin** for her contributions to NAPPO over the past year. Ashley works in USDA-APHIS-PPQ as a technical editor. Ashley has generously lent her assistance to the NAPPO Secretariat in numerous capacities. To name a few, she brought her skills as a technical editor to redesigning the NAPPO newsletter and other documents and to providing support during key NAPPO meetings including the recent Strategic Plan revision. She

is also working with the Biocontrol Expert Group on their project to develop an online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent. The products Ashley produces for NAPPO are high quality, professional, and critical to our work. We sincerely thank Ashley for her contributions! We also acknowledge the generosity of USDA-APHIS-PPQ leadership for allowing the NAPPO Secretariat to make use of Ashley.



Faces of NAPPO



Sofia Baez joined the NAPPO Secretariat in late February 2016 as the new Executive Assistant in NAPPO's Raleigh, NC, office. A native of Mexico, Sofia has close to 20 years of experience in customer service and sales in both Mexico and the United States. Sofia joined BB&T (Branch Banking and Trust) bank in 2008, where her career quickly progressed from Teller to Senior Teller and then to Branch Banker. At BB&T, Sofia was a primary contact for account holders and provided financial support in all

types of banking transactions. She was awarded BB&T's Olympian Award for her top performance, superior client service delivery, and operational excellence four times in a row. Sofia also has experience in plant protection, having worked with the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Tallahassee, FL, as Laboratory Assistant for 3 ½ years. She is excited to be part of the NAPPO Secretariat during this critical time, and looks forward to working with NAPPO's partners and stakeholders.



Christina Devorshak has joined the NAPPO Secretariat as a Visiting Scientist on a temporary work assignment through July 2016 as the NAPPO office completes its transition to Raleigh, NC, USA. She has worked extensively in the field of standard-setting, starting her career working in the International Plant Protection Convention Secretariat in 1999. In 2004, she joined the USDA-PPQ Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory as a risk analyst. During that period, she worked on various NAPPO projects, and served as the

PPQ's representative to the NAPPO Working Group. While working with NAPPO over the next several months, Christina will be focusing on organization of an international symposium on Risk-Based Sampling, in addition to other projects including seeds, diversion from intended use, Khapra beetle, and likelihood of establishment. She is excited to be bringing support and expertise to the NAPPO Secretariat during this critical time, and looks forward to working with NAPPO's partners and stakeholders.

Events

Cultivate '16

July 9–12, 2016
Columbus, OH, US

AmericanHort.org/events

AmericanHort's annual event features keynote presentations, educational workshops and sessions, and the largest horticultural trade show of its type in North America.

2016 APS Annual Meeting

July 30–August 3, 2016
Tampa, FL, US

www.apsnet.org/meet

XXV International Congress of Entomology

Co-location of Annual Meetings of:
Entomological Society of America,

Entomological Society of Canada and other national societies.

Join us for the **NAPPO-USDA ARS joint symposium on: *The Role of National, Regional and International Plant Protection Organizations to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Plant Pests***
Orlando, Florida, US
September 25–30, 2016
www.ice2016orlando.org

Convention on Biological Diversity - Conference of the Parties – COP 13
December 4–17
Cancun, Mexico
www.cbd.int/cop/
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dv6h-C3MgWg

11th International Congress of Plant Pathology. Celebrating 50 years.

Boston, MA, US
July 29–August 3, 2018
www.isppweb.org/

XXX International Horticulture Congress

August 12–16, 2018
Istanbul, Turkey
www.ihc2018.org/

WORKSHOP FOR THE AMERICAS
“CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF
ISPM 15, REGULATION OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE”

The 5-day workshop will focus on ...

- Sharing experiences and obstacles to implementing the wood packaging standard
- Step-by-step guidance on the “how-to”
- Who does what? distribution of responsibilities between NPPO and industry
- Procedures for
 - Non-compliance notification
 - Improving communication with NPPOs
 - Involving third parties
- What treatments are acceptable for ISPM 15 compliance
- What to do when ...
 - Wood packaging material is repaired
 - Bark remains on pallets

Target audience – NPPOs and industry

Date – August 29 – September 2, 2016

Venue – San José, Costa Rica (IICA headquarters)

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT
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