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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group	International Year of Plant Health	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 14, 2020	
Chairperson	Lisa Lafontaine (CFIA)	
Participants:		
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Summary		
Project:	NAPPO International Year of Plant Health.	
General comments:	General discussion on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EG IYPH Calendar of activities for the second half of 2020. 2. IYPH Reporting to the IPPC 	
Item 1:	Welcome remarks.	
Consensus:	The TD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the EG members and thanked them for joining the call. • Thanked EG members from Mexico for providing the information to include in the EG IYPH webpage. • Indicated that the information will be translated by the NAPPO Secretariat and uploaded into the NAPPO website / EG IYPH webpage. 	
Item 2:	Topics for IYPH EG calendar	
Consensus:	<p>The EG discussed creating an EG calendar of IYPH events. The calendar will include timelines to produce small articles showing the contributions of NAPPO to regional plant health. Other EG activities/events will also be included in this calendar which will cover the second half of 2020. The Chairperson will create and share a template with the EG.</p> <p>Ideas to highlight for the calendar included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent “Seed article” publication in “Plant Protection Today”, an APHIS-PPQ publication. The article highlights the contributions and roles of NAPPO in the 	

	<p>implementation of ISPM 38 and the proposed annex to ISPM 38 on seed systems approaches. This article could serve as a good reference and the basis for EG articles highlighting NAPPO’s regional contribution on seed issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous articles published by PPQ to highlight the contribution of NAPPO in the development and implementation of ISPM 15 and the Asian Gypsy moth program. This article could serve as a good reference and the basis for EG articles highlighting NAPPO’s regional contribution in forestry issues. • US and Canada declared October as “Firewood awareness month” and could be considered as a topic to include in the calendar for October. • US and Canada indicated that August is “Tree Check” month. This could be linked to the implementation of the ISPM 15 work conducted by NAPPO and possibly to the forestry Science and Technology documents and other NAPPO documents relevant to forest health. • NAPPO 101 presentation prepared by Patricia Abad could be used as a general introductory article to explain the role of NAPPO as a regional plant protection organization and its impact on plant health in the region. • NAPPO’s role in the North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI), a possible topic for October. • NAPPO’s role in the development of the AGM vessel inspection program (RSPM 33). • Canada has designated June as a month to focus on horticultural issues including flower production, greenhouse production and gardening. • The Chairperson will take the lead in developing a template to use for the calendar of IYPH tasks and share with the EG members. EG members will fill the calendar using the ideas discussed during this conference call and additional ideas as needed. The first version of this calendar will be discussed during the next conference call. <p>Proposed plan to produce the articles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EG members from one country can start writing an article and share it with the EG to include more information relevant to their regions. • Upon completion, the articles will be uploaded into the NAPPO website / IYPH EG webpage. • NAPPO will send the first tweet or social media notification followed by additional tweets from each country.
Item 3:	Overarching reporting of IYPH activities to the IPPC / IYPH

Consensus:	<p>The EG discussed ways to report IYPH activities to the IPPC as requested by the IPPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US members indicated that they are reporting using a template linked to the “Hungry Pest” campaign and could probably be used as a starting point for discussion for the EG to harmonize a reporting format. US members also indicated that the report is usually generated at the end of the year. • Mexico will share their social media calendar with the EG to use, in addition to the PPQ template for discussions regarding the harmonization of IYPH activities reporting to the IPPC. • The EG agreed to provide input and feedback for a harmonized reporting format. • The TD informed that the proper mechanism for reporting will be discussed with the ED and communicated to the EG. • Canada indicated that the information generated for the IPPC report could also be used for the annual report in Canada which is due in October. • Canada suggested that the information could also be presented as “annexes” from all three NAPPO countries with the information highlighted in the main report.
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Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US will re-schedule the IYPH conference to 2021. • Canada still communicating essentials and COVID-19 communications. • Because most of the communications in Canada have to be linked to COVID-19, Canada is working with non-profits organization to get their messages out.
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Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
Lisa Lafontaine	Share calendar template with the EG.	
EG members	Fill calendar template for discussions during the next conference call with the EG.	
Gregory Rosenthal	Share article published by PPQ on seeds and other phytosanitary related topics that could be used as a reference to develop the short articles on NAPPO’s regional contribution to plant health.	
Patricia Abad	Share NAPPO 101 presentation	
Beatriz Redding	Share Mexico’s calendar of activities	

Next Meeting

Location:	Video conference - Zoom
Date:	June 3 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm EDT.

Proposed Agenda Items
1. Discuss calendar template
2.