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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Seeds <i>ToBRFV</i> – Subgroup 3 (SG3)	
Location:	Zoom meeting - Videoconference	
Date:	June 4, 2021	
Chairperson SG 3	Beatriz Xoconostle (CINVESTAV) and Samantha Thomas (US industry)	
Participants:		
Jennifer Nickerson (CFIA)	Geoffrey Dennis (APHIS – PPQ)	Vessela Mavrodieva (APHIS – PPQ)
Kevin Ong (TAMU)	Beatriz Xoconostle (CINVESTAV)	Ángel Ramírez (SENASICA)
Samantha Thomas (US Industry)	Ed Podleckis (APHIS – PPQ)	Marlene Ortiz (Mexico Industry)
Patricia Abad (APHIS – PPQ)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
Summary		
Project:	A pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pests focused on <i>ToBRFV</i> .	
General comments:	<p>First Zoom meeting with the newly formed Subgroup 3 to discuss aspects related to the proposed <i>ToBRFV</i> ring tests logistics and operational issues.</p> <p>The overall EG Chairperson and TD welcomed and thanked participants for joining the call.</p> <p>Agenda approved as presented.</p> <p>The TD agreed to draft the meeting report to share with EG members.</p>	
Item 1:	Introduction of new member	
Consensus:	Jennifer Nickerson (CFIA) joined as an Ad-Hoc member. Jennifer is the Diagnostic Supervisor for the CFIA Charlottetown, Canada, Laboratory. She is primarily responsible for the Canadian potato seed certification, and the potato post-entry quarantine programs.	
Item 2:	Overview of SG 3 tasks	
Consensus:	<p>The overall EG Chairperson summarized the work by the NAPPO Seeds SG1 and SG2 and outlined the tasks for SG3, which are to determine/operationalize the logistics to effect/complete the <i>ToBRFV</i> ring test in the various laboratories. He also reiterated that a list of tasks assigned to SG3 had been distributed for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing list of participating laboratories including points of contact and shipping addresses. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Securing healthy and diseased seed sufficient to prepare necessary panels. 3. Preparing ring test panels. 4. Securing necessary permits. 5. Distributing panels. 6. Obtaining and aliquoting required reagents. 7. Distributing reagents. 8. Developing and distributing any necessary work instructions. 9. Developing and distributing forms for recording data. <p>Financial issues were addressed by NAPPO. The ED indicated that NAPPO can fully cover the costs for the ring test however, they continue to seek financial support from the seed industry.</p>
Item 3:	Next steps
Consensus:	<p>The overall EG Chairperson suggested the following next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nomination and selection of the SG3 Chairperson. 2. Discuss tasks to determine if the SG3 agrees with the proposed list or if it needs to be modified. 3. Allocation of tasks among subgroup members. <p>SG 3 Chairperson. Beatriz Xoconostle and Samantha Thomas agreed to serve as SG3 Chairpersons. NAPPO will assist with financial issues and offered the assistance of the NAPPO Scientific Officer (Maribel Hurtado) to manage the SG3. She has extensive experience in project management and great interest in ISPM 38 and phytosanitary issues in general. Maribel can help organize the data and be a resource to the chairpersons.</p> <p>List of tasks. Geoffrey Dennis indicated that the original list of tasks included a point in developing a system for data collection, storage, and analysis. The system (USDA – APHIS data portal) is a secure platform with strong features to analyze the data. Ed Podleckis indicated that there were concerns on whether the APHIS data portal would be the appropriate platform to use. He indicated that this will be a topic of discussion for SG3.</p> <p>Ed Podleckis agreed with the idea to develop a list of possible platforms to collect, organize and analyze the data. The advantages and disadvantages of the options considered will be examine by SG3 to decide which platform to use.</p> <p>Allocating tasks among subgroup members. The subgroup agreed to have a meeting to discuss specific tasks. Videoconference calls will be scheduled accordingly.</p>
Other subjects	Terms of reference (ToR) document.

Consensus:	Ed Podleckis confirmed that all the information will be used to prepare a terms of reference document for presentation to the NAPPO Executive Committee for approval. The ToR document should contain the basic information without too many technical details for the NAPPO EC.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	June 24 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1.		
2.		