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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call/Meeting Report
Informe sobre conferencia telefónica/ reunión de la NAPPO

Expert Group/Grupo de Expertos:	Biological Control	
Location/Lugar:	Conference call	
Date/Fecha:	October 12, 2016	
Chairperson/Presidente	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants/Participantes:		
John Goolsby (USDA ARS)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)	Ken Bloem (APHIS PPQ)
Rene Ruitter (US Industry)	Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)
Rosalind James (USDA ARS)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)	Robert Tichenor (APHIS PPQ)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Wayne Wheeling (APHIS PPQ)
Summary/Resumen		
Project /Proyecto:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments/Comentarios generales:	Peter Mason introduced Mr. Wayne Wheeling to the EG.	
Item 1/ Asunto 1:	Updates on progress of “Online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent”	
Consensus/Decisiones:	<p>Ashley, Ken and Peter have been working on a version that is now ready for the group to review. NAPPO has provided a link to everyone to look at it. The module is only in the English version of the NAPPO webpage (S Bloem). http://www.nappo.org/RSPM_12/story.html</p> <p>Peter and Ken asked the group to provide comments/suggestions to them by next week (October 16-20) for Ashley to include in a revised version.</p> <p>Hugo Arredondo explained that Mexico has made changes to their “<i>Federal Phytosanitary Laws</i>” and will provide Peter and Ken with that information to update the module.</p> <p>The most updated version of the module will be available during the NAPPO annual meeting for everybody to see and for the</p>	

	AMC and EC (P. Mason).
Item 2/ Asunto 2:	Deferred Project Proposals
Consensus/Decisiones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Quick scan” option or IR-4/PMRA method or Rapid PRA: After discussion, the EG was not in favor to resubmit this proposal. • Guidelines for standardization of molecular methods for the detection of pathogens in non-Apis pollinators: The objective of this proposal was to develop a science and technology document and not a RSPM. There is a need to standardize a protocol for NAPPO countries because Mexico already has developed a method and other protocols are also available (two or three) (P. Mason). This proposal will be resubmitted as soon as NAPPO project proposal form is updated (P. Mason). • Guidelines for standardization of movement of pollen into and between the NAPPO member countries for the purpose of feeding non-Apis pollinators. P. Mason expressed concerns about how to move this project forward and suggested sending a letter advising Biobest to indicate the EG is trying to determine how to proceed with this project. This proposal is challenging because of the variability in regulatory oversight among NAPPO countries.
Item 3 / Asunto 3:	New Project Proposals
Consensus/Decisiones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of RSPM 22 (last reviewed in 2011) • Expand RSPM 26 to include nematodes • Update RSPM 26 Appendix II • Translate the online module to Spanish. <p>All EG members were in favor with these new project proposals.</p>
Item 4 / Asunto 4:	NAPPO annual Meeting
Consensus/Decisiones:	Peter informed that he will not be at the annual meeting. Ken Bloem will present on behalf of the EG group.
Other subjects/Otros asuntos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face meeting with EG members. • Ken Bloem’s last participation with the Biocontrol EG
Consensus/Decisiones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EG members agreed on having a face to face meeting around April 2017, most likely in the Washington DC area where most members live. • Ken Bloem announced his exit from the biological control EG. Ken is now the fruit fly coordinator for PPQ- Science and Technology. • EG members thanked Ken for his contributions.
Next Steps/Próximos pasos	

Responsible Person /Responsible	Action/Acciones	Date/Fecha
EG members	Review training module and provide input ASAP	ASAP
Peter Mason	Revise movement of pollen letter and send letter	ASAP [Completed]
Rene Ruitter	Resubmit proposal for standardizing molecular methods for pathogen detection	Not determined
Peter Mason and Robert Tichenor	Submit new proposals	Not determined
Alonso and Ken	Set up training module for the NAPPO annual meeting in Montreal.	ASAP
EG members	Send annual meeting presentation comments to Peter	ASAP
Next Meeting/Próxima Reunión		
Location/Lugar:	Conference call	
Date/Fecha:	January 12, 2017 at 2:00pm EDT	
Proposed Agenda Items/Asuntos Propuestos		
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.		