Report of the Meeting of the Technical Panel on pest free areas and systems approaches for fruit flies, Bangkok, 20-24 September 2004 (final version 09/06/2005)

Present:

Walther Enkerlin	Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture, Austria
Jose Fernandes	Portugal
John Hedley	New Zealand (Chair of the meeting)
Aldo Malavasi	Brazil
Watchreeporn Orankanok	Thailand (Host)
Odilson Ribeiro e Silva	Brazil (Steward)
Alies van Sauers-Muller	Suriname
Tan Keng Hong	Malaysia
Kenji Tsuruta	Japan
Jane Chard	UK (IPPC Secretariat)
Brent Larson	Italy (IPPC Secretariat)

Introduction

Mr Hedley was elected as chair of the meeting and the Technical Panel (TP) members introduced themselves. Mr Larson gave a brief presentation on the IPPC, with particular emphasis on the standard setting process; Mr Ribeiro e Silva introduced the specification and explained the aims of the meeting and Mr Enkerlin explained the work of the FAO/IAEA joint Division, particularly relating to fruit fly control.

The TP reviewed the documents supplied at the meeting, including ISPM No. 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*), NAPPO RSPM No 17 (*Guidelines for the establishment, maintenance and verification of fruit fly pest free areas in North America*DQWKH)&&SKOLFDWLRQ LQ WOHG *Trapping Guidelines for area-wide fruit fly programmes*7KH73DOVRFRQ LGHUHGWKHRXWFRPHRI WKH 4th meeting of the working group on fruit flies of the Western Hemisphere, held in Florida in May 2004 and an Australian document on pest free areas for medfly and Queensland fruit fly.

The TP noted that, for fruit flies, the establishment of an area of low pest prevalence (ALPP) was an essential prerequisite before a systems approach could be adopted. The TP therefore proposed modifications to the specification for the TP to take this into DFFRXQW &RQ &RUZHUHUDVWKHGUDIWVWDQGDUGRQ *Requirements for the establishment, maintenance and verification of areas of low pest prevalence*ZDVDWWKH country consultation stage and might undergo considerable change before adoption at the ICPM, it was not regarded as appropriate to consider it further at the meeting. Once adopted, the standard should form a good basis for drafting a fruit fly-specific standard on ALPPs.