25th Technical Consultation
Among Regional Plant Protection Organizations
25 Years of Cooperation and Coordination

25 YEARS OF COOPERATION UNDER IPPC

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25th TC amongst RPPOs

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Before ICPM, Technical Consultant was the only International forum to address phytosanitary issues, thus contributing to develop the first ISPMs, having an active role in the IPPC revision and the need for the establishment of ICPM.

IPPC Article IX: The Secretary will convene regular Technical Consultations of representatives of Regional Plant Protection Organizations to:

(a)promote the development and use of relevant international standards for phytosanitary measures; and

(b) encourage inter-regional cooperation in promoting harmonized phytosanitary for controlling pests and in preventing their spread and/or introduction.

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ICPM 5 (2003) approved functions and roles of TC

1989-2013: 25 Meetings were held and each year, activity was defined by the issues of major concern in the international scenario.

Interest remains high in the TC, 7 out of 10 current RPPOs participated in the 25th TC-RPPO in Uruguay. It is a very important opportunity for information exchange, between regions.

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15 Meetings were held in Rome, mainly the first TC, and then they rotated between regions as follows:

APPPC: Nouméa (1995), Auckland (2001), Hanoi (2011)

COSAVE: Brasilia (1997), San Pablo (2005), Colonia (2013)

EPPO: París (1996), Marrakech (2002), Azores Island (2010)

IAPSC: Nairobi (2004), Entebbe (2009)

NAPPO: San Diego (2000), Ottawa (2007)

OIRSA: San Salvador (1992)

PPPO: Sigatoka (2003), Fiji (2012)

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1989 : FIRST MEETING. Rome

PARTICIPANTS: Organizer: FAO (7)

ORPF : APPPC (1), CPPC(1), COSAVE(1), EPPO(2), NAPPO(4), OIRSA(1), (SPC 1), (Near East 1).

Others: GATT (1), IICA (1)

GLOBAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: Uruguay round GATT : GATT requested technical assistance to FAO, particularly on plant quarantine (harmonization, transparency and dispute settlement) and RPPOs are convened.

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Issues discusses:

Harmonization about: Quarantine Legislation (guidelines on the technical issues that the law should address), regulations (the use of identical principles), procedures (certification and inspection, to reduce bilateral agreement)

Scientific pest risk assessment (to eliminate subjectivity from the decision-making process and achieve transparency

Information Exchange and notification.

Dispute settlement procedure

Future Cooperation between RPPOs and implementation of the IPPC.

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RECOMENDATIONS

1.- Need to create a clearly identifiable IPPC Secretariat for the establishment of a coordinated program of activity by FAO and the RPPOs to strengthen the implementation of the IPPC and to develop harmonized principles and procedures

Suggested the **roles of IPPC Secretariat**, annual convening of TC and a **program of annual activities** was established including the following issues:

To develop:

- harmonized processes for **pest risk assessment**

- harmonized **quarantine principles** consistent with phytosanitary regulations.

- harmonized **procedures on plant quarantine**.

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Operation: **RPPOs** and such **expert working groups** as may be established, to reaching and implementing globally agreed recommendations.

1992: IPPC Secretariat is created; 1993 ISPM 1 Quarantine Principles and in 1995 ISPM 2 Guidelines for PRA, was approval.

2.- ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICIAL BODY IN SUPPORT ON THE IPPC.

It is recommended that FAO explore the possibility of creating official body in support of the IPPC, calling on the RPPOs and the contracting parties to the IPPC, and administered by the IPPC Secretariat.

1997 New Text Convention 1998 ICPM

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3.- Increase of the number of contracting parties to ensure universal application of the provisions of the IPPC.

At that time was 94 contracting parties**, today we are 181 countries.**

4.- Assistance to developing countries to strengthen Plan Protection Structures to enable the application of the principles of the IPPC.

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The recommendations in this first meeting, shows the importance of our RPPOs, in cooperation given through time in the current operation of the IPPC and the validity thereof for providing the vision of our regions based on the actions of the NPPOs within them.

The Technical Consultation among regional organizations will remain the most important forum for the implementation of IPPC standards and evaluation of plant protection issues relevant globally.

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March 9, 2014 COSAVE also celebrated its 25 years and has been cooperating since that time.

Thank you