



## COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### TWENTIETH SESSION

#### REPORT FROM THE CPM CHAIRPERSON

##### AGENDA ITEM 6

*(Prepared by the CPM chairperson)*

- [1] It is an honour to be writing my first report as CPM Chairperson and to be chairing the CPM for the first time. Although taking over as chair could be considered daunting, I have had superb support from the CPM Bureau (both old and new), FAO Deputy-Director General (DDG) Beth Bechdol, the secretariat of the IPPC, Mr Don SYME (Senior Adviser to DDG BECHDOL) our new IPPC Secretary, Mr Enrico PEROTTI and the IPPC community more widely.
- [2] I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to DDG Beth BECHDOL for her leadership as the Officer-in-Charge of the IPPC whilst we were between IPPC Secretaries.
- [3] The beginning of my tenure as chair saw significant changes in the CPM Bureau. We said goodbye to Mr Greg WOLFF, Ms Gabrielle VIVIAN-SMITH, Mr Jan HENDRIK VENTER, Mr Matsui MAMORU and Mr Diago QUIROGA. On behalf of myself and CPM, I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to them for the leading role they have played in supporting the CPM during their time on the bureau.
- [4] Mr Barik DRIS remains on the bureau, becoming vice-chair, and we welcomed Ms Michelle GRAY, Ms Temarama ANGUNA-KAMANA, Mr Mamba Mamba DAMAS, Mr Glenn PANGANIBAN and Mr Larry Mauricio RIVERA.<sup>1</sup>
- [5] We have also welcomed Mr Enrico PEROTTI as the new Secretary of the IPPC. Mr PEROTTI was appointed on 7 October 2025 and was immediately immersed in preparations for his first meeting of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG). This might not have been quite as gentle an introduction to the IPPC that he was looking for. I have been impressed, and grateful, how quickly Mr PEROTTI has got up to speed with what we do within the IPPC and with some of our most pressing challenges and am looking forward to working with him during what will be his first session of the CPM and my first session as CPM chair.
- [6] The CPM Bureau had three physical meetings in 2025 with virtual meetings taking place in September and December.<sup>2</sup> The financial committee (FC) met five times, co-chaired by the bureau representatives from North America, Ms Michelle GRAY and the Southwest Pacific, Ms Temarama ANGUNA-KAMANA and the future of the FC will be discussed during the CPM-20 week under agenda item 6.2.
- [7] As in previous years, much of the bureau's focus has been on finances, including highlighting the need for more sustainable funding within FAO, governance, the status of our flagship programmes such as

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<sup>1</sup> Current membership list of the CPM Bureau: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/89723/>

<sup>2</sup> CPM Bureau meeting reports: <https://www.ippc.int/en/commission/bureau/>

ePhyto and the APP as well as reviewing progress of the Strategic Framework (SF) Development Agenda Item Focus Groups.

[8] It has been another busy year for the IPPC community and one of things which has really struck me whilst reading through the papers for this session of the CPM is just how much progress has been made on delivering the ambitions of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

[9] As you will see from their respective CPM papers the Standards Committee (SC), Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) and the IPPC Secretariat have also made excellent progress on delivery of their work programmes.

[10] We had a lively and productive SPG in October 2025 and many of the outputs will play key roles in shaping the direction of what the IPPC delivers this year. The future of the IPPC strategic framework 2020-2030 was a key topic and one thing which became clear was that preparing for the next SF must become a key focus for our work. Another major agenda item was the 'future of ISPMs', a topic which was first raised at the SPG in 2024, and which had continued to be discussed up until SPG 2025. I will be presenting a paper summarising some of the SPGs' key recommendations when I introduce my Chair's report at CPM under agenda item 6.1.

[11] The discussions and recommendations generated by the SPG in October 2025 really highlighted to me the valuable influence, guidance and direction the group brings to the work of the IPPC.

[12] Finally, I would like to share my personal view of what I believe are some of the year's key challenges and success

#### [13] **Key successes**

- The IPPC Global workshop on Systems Approaches<sup>3</sup>. Organizing a successful international workshop usually require 12 months of planning and the fact that the project team managed to organize this workshop in only 7 months is both an impressive and significant achievement
- The launch of the Plant Health Campus<sup>4</sup> and the courses now being available in English and French. Much like ePhyto, the campus is well on its way to becoming a flagship resource of the IPPC
- The presentation of the annex to ISPM 23 and revision to ISPM 26 to CPM for adoption. There were significant challenges related to the development of both draft texts so presenting them adoption is significant success.
- USD 500,000 budget increase for the next biennium, which was highlighted as a direct result of secretariat and bureau members' efforts to promote the work of the IPPC. Whilst this is a success it should not detract from our long-term ambitions for a permanent increase in the funding of the IPPC

#### [14] **Key challenges**

- As in most years our key challenges continued to be insufficient funding and a lack of staff resources within the IPPC secretariat.

[15] Resolving these issues is key ambition of the bureau, but we can't do it alone and I encourage contracting parties to take all opportunities for increasing awareness of the importance of the IPPC within FAO and beyond.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/events/webinars/ippc-global-workshop-on-systems-approaches-advancing-understanding-and-implementation-of-integrated-measures-for-pest-risk-management/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://elearning.fao.org/course/ippc-campus>

## Recommendations

[16] The CPM is invited to:

- (1) *Note* the report of the CPM Chairperson

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