



UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE TECHNICAL PANEL ON PEST FREE AREAS AND SYSTEMS APPROACHES FOR FRUIT FLIES (TPFF) FROM MAY 2016 TO APRIL 2017

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

- [1] The IPPC Secretariat support for the Technical Panel on Pest Free Areas and Systems Approaches for Fruit Flies (TPFF) are:
- Ms Eva MOLLER (Secretariat lead)
 - Mr Rui CARDOSO PEREIRA (technical expert, Secretariat support)

Membership update:

- [2] The detailed TPF membership list can be found on the [IPP](#). Below is a simplified version of the TPF membership as of April 2016:

| Participant role | Name (country) | Term expires |
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| Steward | Ms Ana Lilia MONTEALEGRE LARA (Mexico) | |
| Assistant steward | Ms Thanh Huong HA (Viet Nam) | |
| Member | Ms Mary BAHDOUSHEH (Jordan) | 2018 |
| Member | Mr Robert DUTHIE (Australia) | 2018 |
| Member | Mr Rui CARDOSO PEREIRA (IAEA) | 2018 |
| Member | Mr Keng Hong TAN (Malaysia) | 2018 |
| Member | Mr Kenji TSURUTA (Japan) | 2018 |
| Member | Ms Alies VAN SAUERS-MULLER (Suriname) | 2018 |
| Member | Mr Jan Hendrik VENTER (South Africa) | 2018 |
| Member | Mr José Luis ZAVALA LÓPEZ (Mexico) | 2018 |

Volume of work for the TPF from May 2016 to April 2017:

- [3] The TPF did not carry out any specific tasks related to their mandate in the past year. The work done in relation to the “reorganization of fruit fly standards” (2015-012) was finalized in early 2016 and was pending CPM-12 (2017) decision. Up to CPM-12 (2017), the TPF was involved in explaining the reasons for the reorganization and provided answers or feedback to queries in relation to the technical updates and ink amendments. The TPF members remained active and respondent to IPPC Secretariat communications during the year.

Proposed reorganization of the fruit fly standards (2015-012)

- [4] The CPM-12 (2017) discussed the reorganization of fruit fly standards (2015-012) and agreed not to go ahead with the reorganization as proposed by the TPF, in spite of strong support from most regions (see also 19_SC_2017_May under agenda item 3.1).
- [5] The CPM did not discuss the proposal in details in plenary, and thus the concerns underpinning the decision were not captured in the CPM report. However, from discussions in the margins of the session, the main concern about the reorganization was that it was feared that moving the ISPM 30 on area of low pest prevalence (ALPP) to an annex of the fruit fly systems approach ISPM would make ALPP mandatory when using a systems approach.

- [6] The CPM agreed to proceed with the work and COSAVE volunteered to lead a virtual working group which would also include Australia, Europe and Japan to review the CPM papers on the reorganization of the fruit fly standards. This working group should provide a revised proposal to the IPPC Secretariat by 30 September 2017 in time for the SC to review and discuss at their November 2017 meeting. The SC will then decide whether this revised proposal will be presented to CPM-13 (2018) for consideration.
- [7] The CPM also noted that if the proposal should be reviewed by the TPF, then extra-budgetary resources would be required.

Tentative work plan for the period May 2017-April 2018

- [8] As mentioned in the previous section, a number of contracting parties will work together to propose an alternative solution to the proposed reorganization. The TPF may be consulted in this process but subject to extra-budgetary funding.