



30th April 2019

Virtual Meeting Report of the IPPC ePhyto project Technical Committee & IPPC ePhyto Steering Group

Present Participants:

Christian Dellis (US)
Peter Neimanis (AU, Chair)
Craig Fedchock (IPPC Secretariat)
Laura Vicaria (IPPC Secretariat)
Aoife Cassin (IPPC Secretariat)
Venkat Venkateswaran (UNICC)
Gianluca Nuzzo (UNICC)

Participants not able to attend:

Walter Alessandrini (AR)
Chen Ying (CN)
Philippe Loopuyt (NL)
Josiah Syanda (KE)
Younes Kabbab (MAR)

1. Welcome Aoife – what is her role?

Aoife Cassin was welcomed to the IPPC ePhyto Team. She will be transitioning into the role of Laura.

2. IPPC - Outcomes and actions from CPM

At CPM 2019 there was a side session that consisted of a demonstration of the ePhyto Hub. The demonstration was very successful.

The Strategic Plan which was also submitted was well received. Feedback from New Zealand consisted of developing a small working group to tackle the challenges of defining a financial approach for the long-term operation of the system. The concerns mainly focused on developing a sustainable funding model. All agreed that defining this will need to be the priority for the rest of the year. There was significant financial commitments by the EU, the USA, and Korea. Further work to obtain additional financial contributions is needed.



The CPM report will be shared with the group once ready.

3. UNICC – Hub and GeNS updates

The last release of the Hub was in February. Following CPM discussion with Christian a few more adjustments will be made to fine tune the system, which will lead to another system release later this year. The countries in production have remained the same (no new additions), those countries in UAT are steadily working to advance and reach a level of production. It was announced that UK had shown indication to register to the system. The EU will also be testing the connection with traces to the Hub. The Chair highlighted that a pending item from the EU representative is the paper on digital signature and the potential options.

It was highlighted that an ongoing problem with registration related to the approval email being sent to the wrong person. It was clarified by the UNICC that this is a system problem that they are working to fix.

With reference to the GeNs, most of the pieces related to the development of the system are complete. Following Ghana trip, some issues were reported, all of which are now being addressed. Separate to this, any type of enhancements are being listed out which will need further discussion

4. IPPC – Africa/Near East ePhyto workshop

There will be one workshop taking place in Fiji (Aug 22-23) mainly focused on the GeNS for the south west pacific region. The workshop in Sri Lanka has been postponed due to increased levels of insecurity. The workshop in Samoa is still taking place (22-23 May).

With reference to the Africa and Near East workshop, this has been proposed to November in Maryland, which will go side by side to the ESG meeting. It will be funded by the US (50K) and ePhyto Budget (90K). Dates and further details are still to be discussed and defined.

Action Item	Owner	Status
CPM report to be distributed to the ESG once ready	IPPC (Laura)	
Paper on digital signature and their options	Philippe	