Update from CPM Bureau

1. Despite the efforts conducted primarily by permanent representatives to FAO, seeking the eventual Decision of the 2019 FAO Conference to increase de budget of IPPC from the regular fund, the end result is not the solution needed. Therefore the historic financial constraints to operate IPPC tasks will remain, unless voluntary contributions arise as an effect of IYPH activities and messages.
2. In regards to the progress of Strategic Framework, the CPM Bureau decided during its June 2019 meeting to make adjustments to seven concepts, detailed in the Bureau Report. The final document, for adoption of CPM, is still depending on CPM agreement on Commodity and Pathway Standards. The focus group continues to develop proposals on the mechanism for the development of these standards, including: through the normal standard setting process; the establishment of a technical panel to govern the development of commodity standards; the establishment of a permanent steward; or via transition arrangements that might be assisted by the focus group as an advisory group.
3. In regards to Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, the CPM Bureau agreed (1) to present the activities and tasks, funding sources and estimated Budget in USD from 2020 to 2024 for strengthening Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems to the SPG, for consideration for the CPM-15; (2) that the IPPC is not responsible for field-level response to emergencies; details on activities to be conducted at the national and regional levels should be included in the paper to be presented to the SPG.
4. The Surveillance Pilot Project did not receive a satisfactory evaluation, due to lack of financial resources. The Standards Committee (SC) and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) decided to work on surveillance without Secretariat overseeing the work.
5. The CPM Bureau agreed to change the priority of the revision of the IPPC surveillance guide from 3 to 1. They agreed that the Secretariat should continue working on the restructuring of the IPP Surveillance Landing Page. Agreed that Australia should develop an e-learning on surveillance and possibly which could be hosted on the IPP or a relevant website as a contributed resource, following the IC process for the review of contributed resources. Agreed that the Global Plant Health Surveillance Information Portal would be further discussed in the SPG October meeting in view of ensuring a sustainable solution in coordination with the IPPC Secretariat. Agreed that the IPPC Secretariat would develop a Global Surveillance Project Register as part of its current activities.
6. The 2020 agenda includes events that involve Ministerial participation, and even the presence of the President of Finland. However, for IYPH two constraints need to be solved. Firstly, the planned activities and available funds, present a gap of 449 000 USD, which may lead to Bureau decision to cut activities in the work program. Secondly, there has been a request by the Assistant Director-General of the FAO Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG) to enlarge the scope of the IYPH, to include concepts such as integrated pest management and plant protection, which fit under the work programme of the FAO Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP). The IYPH International Steering Committee has discussed this, proposing to keep the current IYPH definition as adopted by CPM, and include the following sentence to explain that the IYPH scope includes integrated pest management activities: “The above definition is interpreted as including the range of management activities that can be taken to eradicate or contain the spread of pests”.
7. The SPG is invited to:
* Note the update from the CPM Bureau