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## I. Introduction

1. This report provides a record of the activities of the Standards Committee (SC) in 2019 as well as an insight into the work that is on the horizon for the SC and consequently for the contracting parties. Detailed reports supporting this information are available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)<sup>1</sup>.
2. The SC has completed a fruitful year with two International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) adopted by CPM-14 (2019) and one diagnostic protocol (DP) adopted by the SC on behalf of the CPM. The SC has also recommended three ISPMs for adoption by CPM-15 (2020).
3. The SC has also been engaged in various other works, highlights are the input to the development and governance approach of commodity and pathway standards, addressing the concerns around the authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions and the consideration given to the reorganisation of the standards related to pest risk analysis. Additionally, the SC continues to strive to improve the cooperation between the SC and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC).
4. The SC also dedicated time to review how their work relates to the IPPC 2020-2030 Strategic Framework; and how to support the commencement of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) recognising the important opportunity to raise awareness of plant health and the role of the IPPC and phytosanitary standards in protecting plant health.
5. Progress in the SC's work on the development of ISPMs depends entirely on the commitment and technical input from experts from all regions of the world. This includes contracting parties, regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) and international organizations. The commitment of contracting parties to provide experts as members of the Standards Committee is essential for the functioning of the Committee and allows the IPPC to fulfil its mission as the standard setting organization in plant health. In addition to the valuable comments received from contracting parties, RPPOs and international organizations the SC has also utilized their help with organizing some of the meetings. The SC would like to recognize the support from the contracting parties in providing SC members and experts to participate in the standard setting process.
6. This report highlights the significant input provided by the SC, technical panel and expert drafting group members and the stewards of draft ISPMs. Over 50 of the 100 topics on the *List of topics for IPPC standards*<sup>2</sup> have progressed, and this has required considerable input from all involved, i.e. the SC, technical panels, experts, contracting parties, RPPOs, other organizations and the IPPC Secretariat.
7. In 2019, the SC continued to strive to meet the CPM expectations, and the IPPC community to develop standards via a meaningful, transparent and inclusive process, and could not do this without the professionalism and dedication of the staff of the Standard Setting Unit (SSU) of the IPPC Secretariat.
8. As no ISPMs would be coming from first consultation for discussion by the SC Working group (SC-7) in 2020, the SC discussed considering to focus on standards strategic issues at the SC-7 meeting in 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Standard Setting web page: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting>

<sup>2</sup> *List of topics for IPPC standards*: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards/list>

## II. ISPMs adopted by the Standards Committee (SC) on behalf of CPM

9. The SC adopted the following diagnostic protocol (DP) on behalf of the CPM in February 2019:
  - 1) DP 29: Diagnostic protocol for *Bactrocera dorsalis* (2006-026) Annex to ISPM 27

## III. Consultations

10. The draft ISPMs, phytosanitary treatments (PTs) and diagnostic protocols (DPs) listed in this section have been considered and revised by the SC, the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7), the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG), the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) and the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT).

11. The following eight draft PTs and one draft DP were submitted for consultation for the first time in 2019:

- 1) Draft PT: for Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera dorsalis* (2017-015)
- 2) Draft PT: Cold treatment for *Ceratitis capitata* on *Prunus avium*, *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus persica* (2017-022A)
- 3) Draft PT: Cold treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Prunus avium*, *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus persica* (2017-022B)
- 4) Draft PT: Cold treatment for *Ceratitis capitata* on *Vitis vinifera* (2017-023A)
- 5) Draft PT: Cold treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Vitis vinifera* (2017-023B)
- 6) Draft PT: Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera tau* (2017-025)
- 7) Draft PT: Irradiation treatment for *Carposina Sasakii* (2017-026)
- 8) Draft PT: Irradiation treatment for the genus *Anastrepha* (2017-031)
- 9) Draft DP for *Striga* spp. (2008-009)

12. The following four draft ISPMs were submitted for consultation for the second time:

- 1) Draft 2018 Amendments to ISPM 5: *Glossary of phytosanitary terms* (1994-001)
- 2) Draft Revision of ISPM 8: *Determination of pest status in an area* (2009-005)
- 3) Draft ISPM: *Requirements for NPPOs if authorizing entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2014-002)
- 4) Draft ISPM: *Requirements for the use of modified atmosphere treatments as phytosanitary measures* (2014-006)

## IV. Recommendation of draft ISPMs to CPM-15 (2020) for adoption

13. The SC at its November 2019 meeting agreed that the following three draft ISPMs be recommended to CPM-15 (2020) for adoption (see also CPM 2020/07 and attachments):

- 1) Draft 2018 amendments to ISPM 5: *Glossary of phytosanitary terms* (1994-001)
- 2) Draft Revision of ISPM 8: *Determination of pest status in an area* (2009-005)
- 3) Draft ISPM: *Requirements for the use of modified atmosphere treatments as phytosanitary measures* (2014-006).

14. The SC could not reach consensus to recommend the draft ISPM: *Requirements for NPPOs if authorizing entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2014-002) to CPM-15 (2020) for adoption; therefore, the SC drafted a paper to be presented to the CPM (see CPM 2020/20).

## **V. Contracting parties' support for the standard setting activities**

15. As in the previous years, contracting parties and international organizations continued their support for the activities related to the IPPC standard setting.
16. Special thanks should be directed to countries that supported the standard setting-related meetings and for providing in-kind staff support for the Secretariat:
  - Canada, for providing financial contribution to organize the Expert Working Group meeting on *Audit in the phytosanitary context* (2015-014), and for their support in hosting and co-organizing the meeting
  - FAO/IAEA Joint Division for hosting the meeting of the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments in Vienna, Austria
  - Australia, and AgriBio-Centre for Agri Bioscience, La Torbe University for hosting the meeting of the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
  - France, for providing in-kind staff support for the Standard Setting Unit (SSU) of the IPPC Secretariat.
17. We greatly value these contributions, and we look forward to their continuation in the future. We would also like to thank in advance those who have already made such arrangements for 2020.

## **VI. Agenda of the 2020 meeting of the SC-7**

18. As no ISPMs would be coming from first consultation for discussion by the SC Working group (SC-7) in 2020, the SC discussed considering to focus on standards strategic issues. The possible agenda items were as follows:
  - Review of the Standard setting process: The SC-7 could review the Standard setting process in relation to commodity standards, the new joint call for topics and strategic discussions of the technical panel's work.
  - Pest risk analysis / pest risk management standards revision: The SC-7 could continue the discussion on the reorganization and revision of the PRA standards, following the decision of CPM-15 (2020).
  - "Authorization of entities": The SC-7 could continue working on this issue if requested by the CPM-15 (2020).
  - Pilot "commodity standard": The SC-7 could discuss regional standards that may become commodity standards and start working on a possible pilot commodity (mango had been suggested as a relevant Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission standard that is already under development).
  - Specifications for new standards: The SC-7 could draft specifications for standards identified as gaps in the Framework for standards and implementation.
19. The SC agreed to these agenda items, noting that "review" of the Standard setting process refers to consideration and analysis and does not include revision of the process.
20. The SC-IC collaboration, IYPH activities and prioritization of the work programme could also be included.

## **VII. Other issues discussed by the SC**

### **A. Commodity and Pathway Standards**

21. In May 2019, the SC considered the discussions held by the Focus Group on Commodity and Pathway Standards in October 2018 and the subsequent outcomes of CPM-14 (2019). The SC considered the relative merits of different governance models and possible transitional arrangements that might be used for the concept standard, and the need to include industry participation after the initial stage. While recognizing that the focus group is within the scope of the Bureau, the SC expressed support for the development of commodity and pathway standards being under the mandate of the SC, with a permanent stewardship arrangement.

22. In November 2019, the SC considered the outcomes of the June 2019 meeting of the focus group. The SC endorsed the focus group's recommendations that the standards should be restricted to commodities and not include pathways, and that these commodity standards should be annexes to the concept standard. The SC recommended that the concept standard remain with the focus group until the decision of CPM-15 (2020) and that, if CPM-15 were to decide to submit the draft concept standard for consultation, it should follow the normal Standard setting procedure. The SC considered the focus group's proposal for a Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and endorsed the focus group's recommendation that the Steward from the TPCS be a member of the Task Force on Topics. The SC provided comments on the drafting process for commodity standards and recommended that there be a Steward for each individual commodity standard. The SC further recommended that the SC should decide upon the criteria for including measures in commodity standards, with support from the TPCS, but recognized that the criteria for inclusion will be in the concept standard. Possible mechanisms to ensure prompt technical updates on measures when new evidence becomes available were discussed. The SC then considered the draft concept standard (draft ISPM on *Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures* (2019-008)) and the draft specification for the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (2019-009) drawn up by the focus group and provided suggested amendments for consideration by the Bureau.

### **B. International Year of Plant Health**

23. The SC members are continuously working in their areas to facilitate the implementation of International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) and providing input to the IYPH International Steering Committee (ISC) on IYPH initiatives and activities from a technical perspective as required. The SC discussed that the IYPH Technical Advisory Board be reinstated and utilized in advising the IYPH ISC. The SC is contributing in particular by divulging the programme of events, using the IYPH visual identity, disseminating the call for contributions and the call for human-interest stories related to plant health, and sharing any IYPH-related event details with the IYPH Secretariat.

### **C. IPPC Regional Workshops**

24. The SC have been updated on the 2019 IPPC Regional Workshops. The SC agreed in 2018 to have at least one SC member participating in 2019 workshops and this was successfully implemented and contributed to the smooth delivery of the workshops.

25. It is anticipated that the 2020 IPPC Regional Workshops will include discussions on draft ISPMs, IYPH, call for topics (open in 2021), IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 and regional priorities.

## **D. Collaboration between SC and IC**

26. The interaction between Standard Setting and Implementation activities has been very fruitful. The Framework for standards and implementation (FSI) was successfully reformatted and updated to align with the Strategic Framework 2020-2030. The joint effort by the IFU/SSU staff together with the SC and IC Framework champions has resulted in the framework now being more user friendly. The new FSI is being presented to the CPM-15 (CPM 2020/09) for formal endorsement.
27. In November 2018, the SC nominated two SC members as representative and alternate representative on the IC for 2019.
28. The SC has been gathering and reviewing information on potential implementation issues related to each draft ISPM via consultation comments and requesting the input of the experts drafting the ISPM, and have been forwarding these for consideration to the IC. To improve the flow of this information, the SC representative compiled and presented all implementation issues gathered on the ISPMs that were recommended for adoption for discussion at the November meeting of the IC.
29. The SC welcomed the assignment of the IC liaison person for each ISPM under development. Both SC and IC agreed that their representatives attending each IPPC Regional Workshops should liaise prior to the workshop to help ensure better coordination. The Steward for a draft ISPM should collaborate with their IC counterpart on the development of the presentation and in order to include questions/topics for the discussion on potential implementation issues.
30. The SC and IC also worked on revising the format of the Strategic Framework for Standards and Implementation with the assistance of the assigned Framework Champions and the Secretariat. The successful collaboration resulted in a clear and readable format of this database of existing standards, topics and other reference material and enabled the easier identification of gaps as guidance for the development of standards and other material to support implementation.
31. The SC felt that the interactions between the SC and IC are progressing well and will evolve as the IC procedures and activities develop.

## **E. Standards Committee Working group (SC-7)**

32. The Standards Committee Working group (SC-7) at their 2019 meeting considered the comments to the following four draft ISPMs, submitted during the 2018 first consultation period:
- 1) Draft 2018 Amendments to ISPM 5: *Glossary of phytosanitary terms* (1994-001)
  - 2) Draft Revision of ISPM 8: Determination of pest status in an area (2009-005)
  - 3) Draft ISPM: *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2014-002)
  - 4) Draft ISPM: *Requirements for the use of modified atmosphere treatments as phytosanitary measures* (2014-006)
33. The SC-7 approved all draft ISPMs for a second consultation but amended the name of draft ISPM *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2014-002) to *Requirements for NPPOs if authorizing entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2014-002).

## F. Summary of e-Decisions

34. To expedite the development of ISPMs, Specifications, and the large number of draft DPs and PTs, and to decide other pending issues, the SC has been using decisions via electronic means (forums and polls).

35. In 2019 the SC conducted the following 15 SC e-decisions and 1 SC-IC joint e-decision:

- 2019\_eSC\_Nov\_01: Approval of Draft DP *Striga* spp. (2008-009) for consultation
- 2019\_eSC\_Nov\_02: Selection of Experts for Expert Working Group on Focused Revision of ISPM 12 (*Phytosanitary certificates*) in relation to re-export (2015-011)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_01: Selection of experts for the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_02: Selection of experts for the for Expert Working Group on Audits in the Phytosanitary context (2015-014)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_03: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Irradiation treatment for the genus *Anastrepha* (2017-031)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_04: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Irradiation treatment for *Carposina sasakii* (2017-026)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_05: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera tau* (2017-025)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_06: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera dorsalis* (2017-015)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_07: Review of the Annotated Glossary, Explanatory document for ISPM 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms), 2019 version
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_08: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Cold treatment for *Ceratitis capitata* on *Prunus avium*, *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus persica* (2017-022A)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_09: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Cold treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Prunus avium*, *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus persica* (2017-022B)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_10: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Cold treatment for *Ceratitis capitata* on *Vitis vinifera* (2017-023A)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_11: Approval of Draft PT for consultation: Cold treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Vitis vinifera* (2017-023B)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_12: Selection of an invited expert for Expert Working Group on Audits in the phytosanitary context (2015-014)
- 2019\_eSC\_May\_13: Approval of Draft DP *Striga* spp. (2008-009) for consultation
- 2019\_eSCIC\_Nov\_01: Approval of the Framework for Standards and Implementation

## G. TPs & EWGs

36. The SC oversees the work of the technical panels and expert working groups (EWGs). A summary of their work is presented below.

### ***Technical Panel for Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)***

37. The Technical Panel for Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)<sup>3</sup> is comprised of eight members<sup>4</sup> and has a work programme with six disciplines or topics, and as of January 2020 19 draft DPs were under various stages of development. One DP (*Striga* spp) was submitted for country consultation in July 2019. One new topic was added by the SC at their November 2019 meeting on the Revision of DP 5 (*Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine) Aa on fruit) because of new information regarding the potential for false positive detections using the methods described in DP 5. The topic was included on the LOT with a “pending” status so that a revision can take place as soon as a specific PCR test for *Phyllosticta citricarpa* becomes available. The Panel oversees the work of more than 40 experts in various countries<sup>5</sup>, to help ensure quality and consistency of the DPs.

38. The TPDP’s work programme was delivered through consultations (see section IV entitled Consultations, above), two TPDP e-forums and one face-to-face meeting, which was held in August 2019 in Melbourne, Australia and was hosted by AgriBio – Centre for Agri Bioscience. The reports from TPDP meetings are available on the IPP<sup>6</sup>.

### ***Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)***

39. The TPPT is composed of nine members<sup>7</sup>. The TPPT members are committed and engaged for the development of quality ISPMs and phytosanitary treatments (PTs) that meet the requirements outlined in ISPM 28 (*Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*).

40. The TPPT work programme comprises 26 draft PTs and three draft ISPMs (on requirements for the following types of treatments: chemical, irradiation, and modified atmosphere)

41. In 2019 the TPPT held one face-to-face meeting in June in Vienna, Austria, hosted by the FAO/IAEA Joint Division, and one virtual meeting. The reports from the meetings can be found on the IPP<sup>8</sup>.

42. The call for phytosanitary treatments is still open<sup>9</sup>. Contracting parties and RPPOs may submit phytosanitary treatments to be adopted as annexes to ISPM 28 or posted as contributed resources. The call remains open, so treatments can be submitted at any time. Since the call opened in 2017, 31 submissions<sup>10</sup> were received.

43. During their 2019 meetings, the TPPT discussed 16 draft PTs, and recommended four of them for first consultation in 2020. They also considered how to contribute to the Development Agenda of the 2020-2030 IPPC Strategic Framework, in particular to the development of commodity standards and considered ways to streamline the process of developing PTs. They also reviewed the effect of modified atmosphere storage to the efficacy of irradiation treatments and presented their findings to the SC and to the CPM.

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<sup>3</sup> TPDP webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-diagnostic-protocols/>

<sup>4</sup> TPDP membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81560/>

<sup>5</sup> IPPC DP drafting groups: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2582/>

<sup>6</sup> Reports of the TPDP meetings: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-diagnostic-protocols/>

<sup>7</sup> TPPT membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81655/>

<sup>8</sup> Reports of the TPPT meetings: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-phytosanitary-treatments/>

<sup>9</sup> Call for Phytosanitary Treatments: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/calls-treatments/>

<sup>10</sup> Call for treatments and all submissions: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/calls-treatments/>



44. Eight PTs were submitted for first consultation in 2019 and the Treatment Leads provided responses to the comments of contracting parties.

45. The TPPT will continue the assessment of the submissions that they requested additional information from the submitter, will keep working on the draft PTs that are in the review stage of the standard setting process and seek further submissions for treatments used in international trade.

46. The TPPT also continues their liaison with the Phytosanitary Measures Research Group and the Methyl Bromide Technical Option Committee via the Ozone Secretariat.

### ***Technical Panel for Forest Quarantine (TPFQ)***

47. The Technical Panel for Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) is composed of seven members<sup>11</sup> and deals with technical matters regarding quarantine issues relating to the pests of wood, wood packaging material and tree species. The TPFQ also works closely with the TPPT in developing guidance related to treatments for wood commodities and ISPM 15 treatments.

48. The TPFQ did not meet in 2019 as the topics on their work program are pending the availability of further information.

### ***Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)***

49. The Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG) is composed of eight experts<sup>12</sup> with knowledge of phytosanitary systems who together represent all FAO languages. There are currently 22 terms on the TPG work programme.

50. The TPG held one face-to-face meeting in November 2019 hosted by FAO in Rome, where they reviewed subjects on the TPG Work Programme such terms as “inspection”, “incidence”, “emergency action” and others were discussed. In addition, during the meeting, TPG agreed to continue working on “surveillance”, “specific surveillance” and “general surveillance” as well as “identity (of a consignment)”, “integrity (of a consignment)” (consequential) and “phytosanitary security (of a consignment)” hence, defer any recommendations to the SC, and come back to the definitions next year.

51. The TPG has elaborated a discussion paper for the expert working group EWG on the “Focused revision of ISPM 12 (*Phytosanitary certificates*) in relation to re-export (2015-011)” and provided recommendation to avoid using the term “phytosanitary status” when amending section 5 of ISPM 12.

52. Strategic discussion on the TPG work was concentrated around potential impact of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 on the work of the panels and possibilities for increased involvement of TPG in consistency review in languages.

53. The TPG considered areas where they could contribute to, and have an impact on, the future work of the IPPC governing bodies. The TPG highlighted the significance of the TPG’s work to the IPPC Standard setting process, including the harmonization of terminology and the production of explanatory documents to facilitate implementation. Within the new Strategic Framework, the contribution that the TPG will be able to make to the terminology associated with item 5 of the IPPC development agenda 2020–2030.

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<sup>11</sup> TPFQ membership: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1191/>

<sup>12</sup> TPG membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/8069/>

***EWG on the development of draft ISPM on Audit in the phytosanitary context***

54. The meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) for the development of a draft International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) on Audit in the phytosanitary context (2015-014) was convened in Toronto, Canada, from 03 to 07 June 2019. The meeting of the EWG was co-organised by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The standard drafted at the meeting provides guidance to NPPOs on the conduct of audits in the phytosanitary context. It enables the common understanding of the term “audit” and the responsibilities of NPPOs, auditors and those audited, and provides procedures for planning and conducting audits. The standard describes the essential elements of uses of audit that focus on the implementation of phytosanitary measures, including audits of entities in the exporting country conducted by the NPPO of the exporting country, audits of the phytosanitary certification system carried out by the NPPO of the importing country in the exporting country, and audits of entities other than NPPOs who are authorized to perform phytosanitary actions. The EWG also considered implementation issues in relation to the draft standard.

***EWG on the development of the draft Revision of ISPM 12***

55. The meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) on *Focused revision of ISPM 12 (Phytosanitary Certificates) in relation to re-export* took place at FAO Headquarter in Rome, from 09 to 12 December 2019. The main objective of this revision was to provide of more detailed requirements for preparing and issuing phytosanitary certificates in re-export situations to ensure a provision of a clearer and more comprehensive description of re-export issues, with a correct use of terminology and in particular, if necessary, of the terms “identity”, “phytosanitary security” and “integrity”.

56. Hence, the EWG work was focused on sections affected by the terms “identity (of a consignment)”, “integrity (of a consignment)” and “phytosanitary security (of a consignment)” aiming to provide some minor text changes so that the requirements for preparing and issuing phytosanitary certificates in re-export situations are clearly and unambiguously described, using correct terminology.

57. The EWG revised as deemed necessary the text dealing with re-export situations to ensure more clarity as regards the description of the considerations and requirements for preparing and issuing phytosanitary certificates for re-export and clearly explained the process of issuing phytosanitary certificate for re-export in plain wording (and without referring to the three terms mentioned in the previous point). The EWG, particularly considered current section 6 of the ISPM 12 and provided suggestions to SC for expanding on some additional typical re-export situations and giving additional guidance. The EWG also consider implementation of the revised ISPM by contracting parties and identify potential implementation issues to be provided to the SC.

## **VIII. Decisions**

58. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *note* the report on the activities of the Standards Committee in 2019.