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# COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

<b>Fifteenth Session</b>
<b>Rome, 30 March - 3 April 2020</b>
<b>Written reports from relevant international organizations - Report from The International Pest Risk Research Group (IPRRG)</b>
<b>Agenda item 13.2</b>
<b>Prepared by the IPRRG</b>
<b><i>English only</i></b>

1. The International Pest Risk Research Group (IPRRG) consists of scientists mostly working for, or with, National Plant Protection Organizations in Government agencies or institutions. Members have expertise in plant pest risk analysis and related matters. Some of the members of IPRRG were previously in the International Advisory Group for Pest Risk Analysis (IAGPRA). IAGPRA provided expert advice and support to the CPM, its subsidiary bodies, contracting parties and the IPPC Secretariat on pest risk analysis (PRA) related issues, in particular with respect to building capacity for PRA. IPRRG has now taken on this role (Agenda item 14.3 from CPM-14 (2019) refers).

2. The 13th annual IPRRG meeting took place in Poznań, Poland 3-6 September 2019. There were 54 participants from 17 countries. It was a useful meeting at which NPPO staff and plant pest researchers met to share knowledge of recent pest risk analysis developments and activities. There were 3½ days of technical scientific presentations together with discussion and technical field visits. Topics included methods to enhance inspection regimes and approaches for conducting commodity risk analyses in addition to pest specific risk analyses. The challenges faced by risk analysts undertaking conventional high-intensity studies were discussed and methods are being explored to reduce the NPPO burden while still providing useful information for pest management decision making and policy development, in

compliance with ISPMs. The IPRRG website provides the detailed meeting agenda and abstracts to all the presentations and posters<sup>1</sup>.

3. IPRRG activity this year has also led to the group being given some responsibility for a developing a session involving 15 presentation slots over three consecutive time blocks at the International Plant Health Conference in Helsinki, 5-8 October 2020, one of the major scientific and technical events during IYPH 2020.

4. Text describing IPRRG and its role as an external cooperating organization was developed for its IPPC webpage<sup>2</sup>.

5. You can find out more about IPRRG on its dedicated web page<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> IPRRG 13th Annual Meeting: <https://pestrisk.org/iprrg-2019/>

<sup>2</sup> IPRRG webpage under IPPC site: <https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/internationalpestriskresearchgroup/>

<sup>3</sup> IPRRG website: <https://pestrisk.org>