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International Plant Protection Convention call for nominations of experts

Dear Sir/Madam,

Nominations are being solicited by the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) for authors of two IPPC diagnostic protocols, for *Ips* spp. and *Dendroctonus ponderosae*, as outlined below.

Nominations for authors of two IPPC diagnostic protocols for *Ips* spp. and *Dendroctonus ponderosae*

The IPPC Secretariat is soliciting nominations for authors of the diagnostic protocol for *Ips* spp. and *Dendroctonus ponderosae* (syn. *Scolytus scolytus*). The experts selected will complete the two teams currently composed of respectively: Linda Semeraro (Australia), Edson Tadeu Iede (Brazil) and Brigitta Wessels-Berk (Netherlands); Edson Tadeu Iede (Brazil) and Brigitta Wessels-Berk (Netherlands). Authors will work in liaison with the member of the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) in charge of these protocols to develop two draft protocols as annexes to ISPM 27:2006 (*Diagnostic Protocols for Regulated Pests*).

Curriculum Vitae (CV) of experts nominated as authors should outline the specific diagnostic expertise with *Ips* spp. or *Dendroctonus ponderosae*. Technical and scientific expertise with the pests, especially diagnostic expertise, is considered a core requirement. Additional expertise that would be helpful is:

- taxonomy and molecular diagnostics
- practical experience related to the pest (detection, identification, isolation etc.)
- quarantine diagnostic protocol expertise
- drafting of diagnostic protocols (such as regional diagnostic protocols)
- development of novel diagnostic methods
- experience using diagnostic protocols for diagnosis of regulated pests.

Nominees for authorship of diagnostic protocols should also be able to demonstrate the ability to work primarily through e-mail discussions in English (as it is not anticipated that authors will be required to meet in person) and that appropriate time to dedicate to drafting the diagnostic protocol via e-mail will be available. Several experts may be selected.

Selection procedure

All nominations will be considered, although it is encouraged that nominations be submitted through national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) or regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs). Nominations should be supported by the submitting organization and self nominations should be supported by an accompanying letter from a government authority. All nominations should include the nominee's CV and a signed statement of commitment form. The nominations will be reviewed and experts will be selected based on the experience demonstrated in the CV.

The selected experts will be contacted by the Secretariat and TPDP member in charge of the diagnostic protocols for *Ips* spp. and *Dendroctonus ponderosae* once their participation has been confirmed.

Nominees for each protocol should have agreed to their nominations, be available for drafting the diagnostic protocol via e-mail and be able to allocate the appropriate time to the task prior to their names being submitted. In addition, the attached *Statement of commitment* should be completed by the nominee and submitted with the nomination.

To nominate experts, please consider the attached documents and submit the following information and documentation (by e-mail, with the name of the nominating country and “call for experts” in the subject line of the e-mail message) for each nominee:

- name, address, country, phone number, fax number and valid e-mail address
- which diagnostic protocol authorship the nomination is for
- electronic copy of the nominee’s CV (preferably as a word processing file such as MS Word) with the file named as follows: COUNTRY_Firstname_SURNAME
- signed statement of commitment (preferably as a scanned image file such as TIF) with the file named as follows: COUNTRY_Firstname_SURNAME_commitment.

Submissions should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat by e-mail (ippc@fao.org) no later than **1 November 2012**.

Yours sincerely,



Brent Larson
Standards Officer
Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention

Enclosures:

1. IPPC statement of commitment (English, French, Spanish)
2. TPDP Working Procedures
3. ISPM 27:2006 (*Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests*)