**NAPPO Report to the 25th Technical Consultation among**

**Regional Plant Protection Organizations**

**Colonia del Sacramento (Uruguay), August 26-30, 2013**

***2012/13*** ***work plan***

NAPPO had another busy year in a number of activity areas as described below.

***Standards, Protocols and other Scientific and Technical documents***

Standards (new):

* RSPM 36, Phytosanitary guidelines for the movement of seed
* RSPM 37, Integrated measures for the trade of Christmas trees

Standards (revised):

* Appendix 1 (Audit checklist ) of RSPM 9, Authorization of Laboratories for Phytosanitary Testing
* RSPM 16, Integrated measures for the movement of citrus propagative material
* RSPM 24, Integrated pest risk management measures for the importation of plants for planting into NAPPO member countries

Standards ready for country consultation:

* RSPM 28, Guidelines for Authorization of Entities to Perform Phytosanitary Services

Protocols (new)

* Surveillance protocol for the tomato leaf miner, *Tuta absoluta*, for NAPPO member countries

Protocols (revised)

* Diagnostic protocol for CTV

Science and technology documents

* Discussion paper on the efficacy of potato sprout control products to minimize sprout production
* The current state of potato virus Y in North America
* Status of *Rhagoletis* (Diptera: Tephritidae) pests in the NAPPO countries
* Heat treatment for wood products to a temperature of 56C for 30 minutes (with relation to certain pests such as the emerald ash borer that have demonstrated a tolerance to treatments)
* Application of biological control of the emerald ash borer
* Additional documents on *Lobesia botrana, Drosophila suzukii*, *Tetranychus* mites and trapping of fruit pests are being finalized.

***Collaboration with other international organizations***

***Regional Plant Protection Organizations***

NAPPO and OIRSA scientists collaborated closely on the development of the Surveillance protocol for the tomato leaf miner, *Tuta absoluta.*

NAPPO organized an international workshop on phytosanitary management of citrus pests and diseases, inviting numerous international experts including those from several other RPPOs.

NAPPO and EPPO held their 13th annual bilateral meeting to exchange information on phytosanitary issues of mutual concern.

***Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture*** ***(IICA)***

NAPPO held the Coordinator position for the Interamerican Coordinating Group in Plant Protection and organized a very successful ePhyto workshop with the collaboration of IICA. In addition, NAPPO holds regular semi-annual meetings with IICA Canada to develop projects of mutual interest.

***2013/14*** ***proposed work plan***

**Implementation of the revised NAPPO Strategic Plan**

As a result of severe resource constraints in NAPPO member countries over the past several years, we needed to review priorities so that we can focus our resources on the top priority issues. The NAPPO Executive Committee and Industry Advisory Group have drafted a new Strategic Plan for the organization and have held consultations with stakeholders within their countries. The Strategic Plan will be presented at the NAPPO Annual Meeting in October 2013.

**Organizational changes**

Another impact of the resource constraints has led to a decision to replace the current system of standing Panels in NAPPO to one of project-based expert groups with specific objectives and timeframes. In the coming months we will be transitioning to this new system with established criteria for project proposals from industry, government, academia and other stakeholders.

***NAPPO headquarters***

NAPPO headquarters have been in Ottawa, Canada since its establishment in 1976. Other member countries have expressed an interest in hosting the Secretariat. During the next year we will conduct a feasibility study of the costs and benefits of rotating the NAPPO Secretariat.

***NAPPO-APPPC workshop on implementation of ISPM 15***

The objective is to share experiences and best practices among countries in North America and Asia regarding implementation of ISPM 15 in order to reduce non-compliance and minimize pest risk

The target audience includes NPPOs, border agencies, packaging associations, exporter associations, freight/cargo forwarders, exporters, importers, embassy staff, government-owned corporations, appropriate decision-makers/authorities

***Carry-over projects:***

Currently NAPPO is working on a number of new projects which will carry-over into 2013/14 including the development of standards on:

* the reduction and/or elimination of Oversight programs
* Pest Risk Management; and
* Determination of host status of pest arthropods and pathogens.

**Additional activities:**

* Carrying out additional scientific and technical projects following Executive Committee approval of proposals at the Annual Meeting in October, 2013
* Continuing to coordinate the activities of the Interamerican Group
* Supporting the international steering committee on ePhyto