



26 August 2014

International Plant Protection Convention Call for Experts

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat is soliciting nominations for appropriately qualified experts for membership on the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) and the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT), as well as three Expert Working Groups (EWGs) to develop international standards on *International movement of grain (2008-007)*, *Revision of ISPM 6:1997 (Guidelines for surveillance) (2009-004)*, and *Safe handling and disposal of waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages (2008-004)*.

Nominations are due by **26 October 2014**.

Specific expertise required

The Standards Committee (SC) selects experts based on the match between an expert's skills and experience and the specific expertise required. For further details please refer to the "expertise" section of the relevant [approved specification](#). The discussions and work of technical panels and expert working groups take place in English, therefore experts should have strong working knowledge of English. The experts should be available to attend the next meeting of the relevant technical panel or expert working group, which can be found on the [IPPC Calendar](#).

Members of Technical Panels have continued obligations (for a five year term). They should be able to attend all face-to-face meetings of their respective Technical Panel (usually held annually). As the Technical Panels also collaborate virtually, the selected experts should be ready to participate in virtual meetings that might be organized outside of the usual working hours and are expected to obtain the necessary equipment and software. They should also be able to carry out necessary work in between meetings.

1. Expertise required for the TPDP (see [Specification TP 1 Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols](#)).

Specifically, in consideration of its work on *Insects and mites (2006-007)*, the TPDP is seeking nominees with the following profile:

- Entomology
- Classical entomological taxonomy
- Experience in diagnosis for insects and mites
- Experience in writing protocols for regulatory purposes.
- Practical expertise in the use of morphological and molecular/biochemical diagnostic techniques, in quality assurance and in phytosanitary procedures are desirable.

The selected expert(s) should be available to attend the meeting of the TPDP in 2015, which is tentatively scheduled for 22-26 June 2015 in Shanghai, China, and any change will be published on the [IPPC Calendar \(2015\)](#).

2. Expertise required for the TPPT (see [Specification TP 3 Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments](#)).

Members of this Panel are phytosanitary treatments researchers and personnel with practical treatment expertise (preference may be given to experts complementing to already existing expertise among TPPT members)

The selected expert(s) should be available to attend the meeting of the TPPT in 2015, which is tentatively scheduled for 26-30 October 2015 in Tohoku, Japan, and any change will be published on the [IPPC Calendar \(2015\)](#).

3. Expertise required for the EWG on *International movement of grain (2008-007)* (see [Specification 60](#)).

An EWG of eight to ten phytosanitary experts are sought with collective expertise in the following areas: development or implementation of phytosanitary measures to manage pest risks associated with the international movement of grain; PRA; grain inspection, testing or storage; and existing international guidance for the international movement of grain or other plant products. Expertise in exporting and importing countries' needs should be equally represented.

In addition to these experts, two or three experts from the grain industry (producing, packaging, storage, trading, transport, handling or processing) or from relevant international organizations may be invited to participate at the EWG meeting(s) or part of a meeting as invited experts.

The selected experts should be available to attend the EWG meeting in 2015, which is tentatively scheduled for 7-11 September 2015 in Melbourne, Australia, and any change will be published on the [IPPC Calendar \(2015\)](#).

4. Expertise required for the EWG on *Revision of ISPM 6:1997 (Guidelines for surveillance) (2009-004)* (see [Specification 61](#)).

An EWG of five to eight phytosanitary experts is sought, with practical expertise in designing and undertaking surveillance programmes for quarantine pests; experience with different surveillance methodologies; statistical knowledge of reliability associated with surveillance strategies; and experience in the management of surveillance programmes.

The selected experts should be available to attend the EWG meeting in 2015, which is tentatively scheduled for 3-7 August 2015 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and any change will be published on the [IPPC Calendar \(2015\)](#).

5. Expertise required for the EWG on *Safe handling and disposal of waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages (2008-004)* (see [Specification 55](#)).

An EWG of five to eight phytosanitary experts is sought, including at least one expert from a relevant international organization (for example, the UN International Maritime Organization and the International Air Transport Association).

The selected experts should be available to attend the EWG meeting in 2016, which is tentatively scheduled for 8-12 August 2016 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, and any change will be published on the [IPPC Calendar \(2016\)](#).

Criteria used for prioritizing participants to receive IPPC Secretariat assistance to attend meetings

The organization that employs an IPPC meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend. If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, participants are first encouraged to seek assistance from sources other than the IPPC Secretariat. Where such demonstrated efforts to secure assistance have been unsuccessful, requests for assistance

(i.e. travel and subsistence costs) from the IPPC Secretariat may be made. IPPC funds available to assist attendance at meetings are usually limited and if so the following priority for providing travel assistance will be followed. Exceptions are at the discretion of the IPPC Secretariat.

It is expected that participants will attend all sessions of the meeting and those participants who plan to attend only part of a meeting should fund their own travel.

Priority for providing travel assistance will be given to participants:

- 1) from countries with low Gross National Income (GNI) and low GNI per capita – criteria used to categorized national financial resources based on World Bank data;
- 2) who request only partial travel assistance (e.g. government or organization provides airfare and only daily subsistence allowance is requested);
- 3) who are the only participant from a country to a particular meeting.

Participants from non-contracting parties are given the lowest priority for assistance. The Gross National Income and the size of the economy of the country in which a participant is employed will be used to help determine priority for and the level of assistance provided. If the participant does not work for a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO), it is assumed that their organization will provide assistance and the participant will be considered lower priority for IPPC Secretariat assistance.

In all cases, the final determination of which participants will receive assistance, and at which level, is determined by the IPPC Secretariat.

Instructions for making nominations

Nominations will be accepted from governments, National or Regional Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs or RPPOs). Nominations should be submitted through the respective NPPO or RPPO Contact Point and self-nominations should be supported by an accompanying letter from a government authority.

A nomination should only be made if the nominee has agreed to his/her nomination, is available for the meeting dates as posted on the [IPPC Calendar](#) and can allocate appropriate time to the task.

Each nomination must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- **Completed nominee details and summary of expertise form** - All sections should be completed, including contact details, education and professional training. A clear description of the nominee's expertise in one of more of the areas of specific expertise is required.
- **Completed and signed Statement of Commitment form** - this should be read carefully by each nominee and a discussion had between the nominee and their employer. The form should then be signed by the nominee and a senior person in authority from the organization that employs the nominee and submitted with the nomination (as a scanned image file such as PDF). The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_commitment**.
- **The nominee's Curriculum Vitae (CV)** – electronic copy of the nominee's CV (only as a word processing file such as MS Word) with the file named as follows: **COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_CV**.

Submissions should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat by e-mail (ippc@fao.org) no later than **26 October 2014**. The name of the nominating country or RPPO and the words "Call for experts" should be placed in the subject line of the email message. The SC will review the nominations and select experts based on the experience presented. Selected experts will be contacted by the Secretariat once the nomination has been confirmed.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretariat for the International Plant Protection Convention

The following documents are posted on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/calls>):

2014_08_Call_Experts_01: *Nominee Details and Summary of Expertise – TPDP*

2014_08_Call_Experts_02: *Nominee Details and Summary of Expertise – TPPT*

2014_08_Call_Experts_03: *Nominee Details and Summary of Expertise – EWG on **International movement of grain (2008-007)***

2014_08_Call_Experts_04: *Nominee Details and Summary of Expertise – EWG on **Revision of ISPM 6:1997 (Guidelines for surveillance) (2009-004)***

2014_08_Call_Experts_05: *Nominee Details and Summary of Expertise – EWG on **Safe handling and disposal of waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages (2008-004)***

2014_08_Call_Experts_06: *Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for Technical Panels*

2014_08_Call_Experts_07: *Statement of Commitment*