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I. CPM chairperson's Report

1. It is already one year since the new Bureau was elected in CPM-9. During the year, many new activities such as the implementation program, ePhyto, the Secretariat enhancement evaluation are going along in addition to our continuing work programs. This requires enhanced communication by the Bureau with the Secretariat, many bodies of the IPPC, contracting parties and FAO.
2. The Bureau had 4 meetings in 2014; in April at the last day of CPM-9, a one week meeting in June, a 2 day meeting in October connected with the SPG meeting, and a few hour teleconference in December. These meetings covered a wide range of issues including regular updates and provision of direction to ensure progress was maintained. During the meetings, the Bureau suggested a new agenda for the SPG, 'IPPC in 20 years' which turned out to be very interesting and provided foresight into a wide range of long term views. These can be easily forgotten or overshadowed by the immediate issues of today.
3. The Bureau worked on the Secretariat enhancement evaluation with FAO OED. We gave input on the terms of reference and composition of the evaluation team and to the final report. Also all the bureau members individually participated to interviews and questionnaires, etc. I would like to thank NPPOs, RPPOs, international organizations, individuals and of course the Secretariat, for actively participating in the evaluation. I especially thank the evaluation team and FAO OED for their work within a short time frame. Analysis, decisions, and implementation of the recommendations and work with FAO on relevant area are on CPM's shoulders now.
4. This evaluation is financially supported by generous contribution from Australia, USA and the Netherlands.

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5. Concerns were shared in the Bureau that CPM decisions were often made without serious consideration of impacts on financial and human resources. It was strongly suggested that the CPM should take into account the resource implication of CPM decisions.
6. IPPC has had a similar level of regular budget from FAO in recent years. Despite the increased importance of phytosanitary measures in food security, safe trade and environment, the level of core funding from FAO are not sufficient to support an agreed IPPC work program. The Bureau considered this and agreed to actively encourage the CPs to urge and request FAO to increase FAO regular program budget allocation for the IPPC activities even though this is quite difficult due to overall budget cuts in FAO. This request was sent to CPs as an 'Update from the Bureau' in Nov. (https://www.ippc.int/sites/default/files/documents/20141208/update_from_cpm_chair_2014-11-14_201412081545--406.06%20KB.pdf). The FAO budget is approved through the Finance Committee, Program Committee and Council. I especially request CPs who are members of the relevant bodies of FAO to coordinate with their foreign affairs ministries and departments who represent their countries at FAO to put pressure on FAO to increase the IPPC budget.
7. The IPPC trust fund in 2014 was quite good and I would like to recognize with special thanks the valuable donors; Australia, Canada, EU, EPPO, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Switzerland, Sweden, USA, New Zealand, STDF/WTO and FAO are the major funding sources of various capacity development projects of IPPC. Also France and Japan generously contribute experts to work in the Secretariat, and others (Canada and the USA) contribute part time support from their respective countries.
8. The IPPC trust fund mainly comes from contributions of the CPs except capacity development projects. The Secretariat continuously has been looking for non-traditional donors but which has not been very successful yet. Following discussion in CPM-9, the Bureau, Financial committee, Strategic Planning Group and Secretariat further developed the idea of the 'Year of Plant Health' and an associated 'Donor conference'. CPM-10 will discuss this important event for resource mobilization and awareness of IPPC.
9. The Bureau has tried to attend various meetings of IPPC. The Chairperson, Vice-chair and the bureau member from Europe region attended the open ended working group meeting on implementation and the ePhyto steering group meeting. The bureau member from Africa and I attended the National Reporting Obligation Advisory Group (NROAG) meeting and the bureau member from Near East attended the Standard Committee (SC) meeting in Nov. I and the bureau member from Europe attended the Capacity Development Committee (CDC) meeting. I also participated in the Technical Consultation of RPPOs. We hope this active participation of the Bureau members in IPPC meetings increases the recognition of the importance of the meeting and enhances understanding and communication.
10. Regarding the Secretary position, the Bureau is trying to be involved the recruiting process as much as possible with help of the ADG office of FAO. I hope we can get a clear timeframe for recruitment by the time of CPM-10. I would like to thank Mr. Yukio for his dedicated work as IPPC Secretary over the last 5 years.
11. IPPC is facing many opportunities and challenges all at the same time. A few days ago I read again my hand written script of my speech in CPM-9. Then, I emphasized efforts on better recognition of IPPC, progress in the implementation program and the strong initiatives of ePhyto. These activities are going forward step by step with your cooperation and participation.
12. IPPC has enlarged its activities and structure including the Secretariat, Bureau, bodies and committees. CPM should be a forum to provide big picture direction and priorities with trust and recognition of the relevant bodies. The relevant bodies should work with coordination and cooperation to maximize efficiency and performance.
13. I would like to thank and recognize the hard work of the members of Secretariat, Financial Committee, SC, Technical Panels, Expert working groups for development draft ISPMs, Subsidiary Body for Dispute Settlement, Capacity CDC, NROAG, ePhyto steering group, OEWG for implementation and RPPOs. Also there are many experts who are always willing to help and often we

do not have a chance to properly recognize their efforts. Sincere appreciation goes to the countries who support their expert's participation and contribution.

14. Finally I have to thank the Bureau members. All of us are willing to open our e-mail wherever and whenever!

15. Thank you and I wish a very productive and cooperative CPM-10 to all of us!