

History of discussions on the International Year of Plant Health

2014

- First discussions on an International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) were carried out in the Finance Committee of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

2015

- The 10th Session of the IPPC's Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-10) unanimously supported Finland's proposal for an IYPH 2020.
- During the 39th Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Conference, Finland received strong support for its IYPH proposal from numerous delegations from all FAO regions and all development stages, including countries that had previously expressed doubts about the benefits of organising international years.

2016

- The 11th Session of the IPPC's Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-10) adopted the scope of "plant health in the context of IYPH and the IYPH objectives, and established an IYPH Steering Committee to secure the IYPH proclamation and start developing programme, roles and responsibilities.
- The 25th Session of FAO's Committee on Agriculture adopted Finland's proposal for an IYPH 2020 and recommended that the FAO Council and Conference adopt a resolution to this effect. The proposal received wide support from delegations around the world.
- The 155th FAO Council endorsed the draft resolution for an International Year of Plant Health in 2020 and submitted it to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption.

2017

- The 12th Session of the CPM adopted envisaged outcomes and outputs for the IYPH 2020.
- At the 40th Session of the FAO Conference, the European Union and its 28 Member States, Ghana (on behalf of the African group), and 11 additional countries strongly supported Finland's proposal to celebrate the IYPH 2020. The FAO Conference adopted resolution 5/2017 on the International Year of Plant Health on 7 July 2017.
- The FAO Director-General requested the UN Secretary-General to place the IYPH 2020 on the agenda of the UN General Assembly.

2018

- The 13th Session of the CPM agreed to the skeleton of IYPH programme events and their associated estimated costs proposed by the IYPH StC.
- The IYPH 2020 is expected to be discussed at proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly at its Second Committee.