

Phytopsanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)

Terms of reference and rules of procedures

(approved in 2017)

Mission

Harmonize research on phytopsanitary treatments and other measures with application to international trade of horticultural commodities to support IPPC Technical Panels, plant protection organizations, and researchers.

Functions

The main functions of the group are to:

- a. liaise with the TPPT to support the development of international phytopsanitary treatments to be considered and approved by the Standards Committee.
- b. serve as a forum for discussion, information exchange, and clarification of key scientific issues related to phytopsanitary treatment application in global trade.
- c. provide scientific analysis and review of global phytopsanitary treatment issues and new information.
- d. identify and undertake collaborative scientific research aimed at high priority phytopsanitary treatments.
- e. liaise with the International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) to avoid duplication.

Membership

The group draws its membership from the scientific and research community, and the phytopsanitary regulatory community. Membership will be reviewed and approved by a membership committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

Meeting participation

The Executive Committee of the PMRG may limit participation at the PMRG meetings.

Executive committee

The Executive Committee will be composed of a Chair, two Coordinators (one Research and one Operations) and a Secretary. At least one of the Executive Committee members must also be a TPPT member. The Executive Committee members are elected during a face-to-face meeting and serve for the next two face-to-face meetings.

Decision making

Decisions will be made by consensus during face-to-face meetings. In urgent situations, intercessional decisions will be taken by the Executive Committee.

Roles of executive members

Chair: provides overall guidance to coordinate the work of two Sections (Research and Operations).

Sections Coordinators: oversee the work of the two Sections and coordinate with the PMRG chair. Sections members will be experts in their field and carry out the tasks assigned to their Sections.

Secretary: ensure records of the meetings and other decisions are prepared, adopted, and made publicly available.

Meetings

The PMRG meetings will be held approximately every two years.

Provision of resources

Funding for participation in the meeting is provided by the host of the meeting. Participants in PMRG meeting activities voluntarily fund their travel and subsistence to attend.