**Sumary activities 2015**

**General Secretary of the Andean Comunity**

The Andean Subregional Integration Agreement, the Cartagena Agreement, among others topics, it dictates the adoption of policies and common developments in pest and animal health, which are instruments to improve the sanitary and phytosanitary standards of the Member States, and facilitate trade in order to contribute to achieve a single regional market. In this sense, the Decision 515Andean System of Agricultural Sanitary Measures *“Sistema Andino de Sanidad Agropecuaria*”, signed by the Andes Community Commision*,* created the Andean Agricultural Health System. The institutional framework for plant and animal health is formed by:

* The Andean Community Commission. “*Comisión de la Comunidad Andina”*
* The General Secretary of the Andean Comunity “*Secretaría General de la Comunidad Andina”* (SGCAN)
* The Agricultural Sanitary Measures Andean Comitee “*Comité Andino de Sanidad Agropecuaria”* (COTASA)
* The state member’s Agricultural Sanitary Measures Official Services “*Servicios Oficiales de Sanidad Agropecuaria”* (SOSA)

In the Decision 515, the general principles for the phytosanitary rules, include the principles included in the agreement on the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the norms and recommendations of the IPPC. Also, we have the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Rules Subregional Register “*Registro Subregional de Normas Sanitarias y Fitosanitarias de la Comunidad Andina”* (RS), whose principal objective is provide transparency, legal certainty and security in the application of the phytosanitary standards adopted by our countries members.

In the daily task of managing the RS, we promote the implementation and application of the International Standards of Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of the IPPC, especially in topics related with the pest status in our countries members, Pest Risk Assessment (PRA), and application of phytosanitary measures only for Regulated Pest.

Under the COTASA framework, the SOSAs of countries members, discuss and makes recommendations on technical matters of plant health, to bring them into consideration of the Andean Community Commisionand the SGCAN. During 2015, among others activities, we have been working on the following topics:

* Regional contingency plan to prevention of introduction of citrus disease  *“huanglongbing*”
* Plan to prevent the entry of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. cubense raza 4 tropical, according to continental plan.
* Promote update of phytosanitary requirements for trade of 31 plant products, according to criteria of the ISPM
* We started to build a phytosanitary portal web page in order to improve the information exchange.

Since 1998 the Andean community has rules for the registration and control of pesticides. In 2015 this rules has been updated. In this sense the trade and agriculture ministers signed the Decision 804.

Decision 804 is to establish the guidelines and harmonized procedures for the registration and control of chemical pesticides for use Agricultural ( PQUA ) ; orient their proper use and management in the framework of good practices agricultural ; prevent and minimize risks to health and the environment; ensure effectiveness biological product ; and facilitate trade in the subregion.