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1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] The IPPC Secretary welcomed the CPM Bureau (hereafter “Bureau”) members to the virtual meeting and opened the meeting. The Secretary highlighted the ten main achievements in 2016 and thanked all for the support.
- [2] The following Bureau members participated in the meeting:
- [3] Ms Lois RANSOM (Australia, CPM Chairperson), Ms Kyu-Ock YIM (Republic of Korea), Mr Corné VAN ALPHEN (The Netherlands), Mr Javier TRUJILLO (Mexico) and Ms Marie Claude FOREST (Canada)
- [4] The following Secretariat staff participated in the meeting:
- [5] Mr Jingyuan XIA (IPPC Secretary), Mr Craig FEDCHOCK (IPPC Coordinator), Ms Sarah BRUNEL (Capacity Development Officer, representing the Implementation Facilitation Unit), Ms Dorota BUZON (National Reporting Obligations Officer in Charge), Ms Adriana MOREIRA (Agricultural Standard Setting Officer, representing the Standard Setting Unit), Mr Marko BENOVIC (Executive Officer), and Mr Mirko MONTUORI (Communications). Additionally, Mr Ralf LOPIAN (chairperson of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) Steering Committee) participated in the virtual meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The CPM Bureau adopted the agenda (Appendix 1).

3. Oral Updates

3.1 Standard Setting

The representative from the Standard Setting Unit informed the Bureau members that the report of the 14-18 November meeting of the Standards Committee (SC) will be posted shortly¹. The SC is forwarding a record number of standards for adoption to the CPM-12 (a total of 16), as well as recommending two additional topics to the SC work program. The SC also discussed the use of certificates of compliance for wood handicrafts and will be preparing a paper for CPM-12 on the topic.

3.2 Implementation Facilitation

The representative from the Implementation Facilitation Unit provided an update on the Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPOs) also held during the week of 14-18 November in Rabat, Morocco². The Bureau was informed that this meeting had a strong focus on brainstorming and all of the Regional Plant Protection Organizations enthusiastically considered ways for collaboration. The TC-RPPOs agreed on the revised document of the RPPO roles and functions to be presented during CPM-12. The TC-RPPOs also discussed the proposal from Kenya on the State of Plant Protection in the World and intends to provide some comments to the Secretariat in January 2017. There were additional discussions on IYPH 2020 as well as a discussion on the study on diversion from intended use, for which they will provide case studies. The next meeting will be hosted by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) in Paris.

¹ SC page: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/standards-committee/>

² Report of the 28th TC-RPPO: <https://www.ippc.int/fr/publications/83842/>

3.3 International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)

The Bureau received an oral report on the first meeting of the IYPH Steering Committee³ from the chair of the Steering Committee. The chair noted that there will be two approaches to resourcing the effort; one to cover the work that needs to be done leading up to the proclamation by the UN General Assembly and the second, which will be required to fund the year itself. As the IYPH gets closer, the Steering Committee chair noted that the IPPC Secretariat may have to shift priorities for work to accommodate the IYPH effort.

Two separate working groups under the Steering Committee were formed. One will focus on financial planning and the other will focus on resource mobilization. In addition, a draft communications strategy was formulated, which includes plans for a quarterly newsletter and a social media strategy. The chair emphasized that the IPPC Secretariat should be the technical contact point for the IYPH effort, and that once the IYPH is officially approved, the FAO Office of Partnerships, Gender, Advocacy and Capacity Development (OPC) will take a larger role in IYPH work. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place on the margins of CPM-12 in 2017.

3.4 IPPC Strategy from 2020-2030

The Bureau was informed that the drafters of the paper for CPM-12 on the IPPC Strategy from 2020 to 2030 should have a new draft available during the week of 12 December 2016.

3.5 ePhyto

The Bureau was informed that the ePhyto project funding from the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) had finally completed all of its approval in the FAO process as of December 5th. This means that the USD1 million which STDF made available for the project will finally be able to begin being spent. Two additional countries have been added to the pilot program: Argentina and Ecuador.

4. Approval of IPPC Work Plan and Budget

[6] The Secretariat introduced the revised IPPC Secretariat Work plan and budget, as requested by the Bureau in October 2016⁴. He explained that the Secretariat had followed the recommendations made by the Bureau during the October 2016 meeting, and had updated the work plan and budget format with clear deliverables for each pillar. In a small piece of good news, the Secretariat informed the Bureau that most of the proposed cuts the Bureau suggested in October are no longer necessary as additional resources had been identified which would obviate the necessity of making those cuts. The savings will be used for 2017 staffing.

[7] The Bureau approved the IPPC Secretariat work plan and multi-donor trust fund budget for 2017, and noted the IPPC Secretariat regular program budget for 2017.

5. Agenda for CPM-12 – any further points on the detailed agenda, including outcomes of the Capacity Development and the Standards Committees

[8] The Bureau discussed the agenda for CPM-12 (2017)⁵ and received an update on the preparations for the first CPM to be held outside of Rome. The Bureau urged the Secretariat to send out an informal invitation in order that countries can begin laying the foundation for travel arrangements and approvals in their respective countries. There was an additional suggestion to have the various RPPOs engage their respective parties in order to make adequate progress in their preparations for the CPM. The Bureau was informed that despite the CPM being held in the Republic of Korea, credentials must still be sent to Rome for review ahead of the meeting.

³ First meeting report of the IYPH Steering Committee: https://www.ippc.int/static/media/uploads/report_iyph-sc_1_2016-12-06.pdf

⁴ 03_Bureau_2016_Dec

⁵ 02_Bureau_2016_Dec

[9] The Bureau adjusted agenda item 8.7 to “Adjustments to CPM recommendations criteria”. The Bureau requested that sustainable funding be added under CPM agenda item 15. Financial report and budget. The Bureau also requested that a specific “no later than” date be announced to contracting parties as soon as possible and requested that the Secretariat issue a call for “Reports of successes and challenges of implementation of the IPPC and its standards” as soon as possible to be discussed as CPM agenda item 17. The Bureau also discussed CPM agenda item 16. Conceptual challenges in standards development in terms of implementation and agreed that the concept of certificate of compliance would be discussed at CPM-12.

[10] The Bureau approved the modified agenda.

6. Sustainable Funding Discussion

[11] The Secretariat introduced the discussion on sustainable funding for the IPPC. The Bureau requested that a paper be prepared for CPM which will provide details on the two proposals which had been discussed at the SPG in October; specifically a voluntary assessed contribution or a “pay as you go” approach.

[12] The Bureau acknowledged that there is an acceptance in the IPPC community that something needs to be done to find additional financial supports for the work of the Convention. What needs to be done and how to do it will be a critical discussion in the next CPM.

7. The Renewed IPPC Homepage as requested by FAO

[13] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the discussion on the renewed homepage being developed at the request of the FAO. The Bureau generally agreed that the new page was well done and suitable with only minimal suggestions for changes. The Secretariat noted the suggested changes and informed the Bureau that it will be negotiating to the extent possible with the FAO Office of Corporate Communications to ensure that the unique characteristics of the IPPC are maintained in the new format.

8. Any Other Business

[14] The Secretariat informed the Bureau that for the purposes of consistency, the Secretariat will be making ink amendments of CPM Recommendations, essentially to assure consistent formatting and appearance. The Bureau reviewed the ink amendments in Attachments 1-7 (document 04_Bureau_2016_Dec) and agreed to the revised CPM Recommendations in the amendments and requested the IPPC Secretariat to prepare a CPM paper providing a brief summary of what changes were made and agreed to by the Bureau.

[15] The Secretariat also encouraged the Bureau members to consider possible names for the Rapporteur role at CPM-12 (2017).

[16] The CPM Chairperson closed the meeting.

Appendix 01 – CPM-12 Provisional Agenda

Agenda Number and Title	Drafter	Presenter
1. Opening of the Session		
1.1 FAO Opening	Fedchock	Director General?
1.2 Korea Opening	Yim	Korea Minister AG
2. Keynote Address on Plant Health and Trade Facilitation	Fedchock/Xia	Mr. Mikuriya WCO Director General
3. Adoption of the Agenda	Fedchock	Ransom
3.1 EU Statement of Competence	EU	EU
4. Election of the Rapporteur – (TBD)	N/A	Ransom
5. Establishment of the Credentials Committee	N/A	Sosa
6. Report from the CPM Chairperson	Ransom	Ransom
7. Report from the IPPC Secretariat	Fedchock/Xia	Fedchock/Xia
8. Governance		
8.1 Summary of the Strategic Planning Group report	Trujillo/Fedchock	Trujillo
8.2 Strategic Framework 2020-2030	Thomson/Lopian	Thomson/Lopian
8.3 Sustainable Funding	Fedchock/Benovic	Fedchock/Benovic
8.4 Emerging Issues	Fedchock	Fedchock
8.5 Strategic Partnerships	Fedchock	Fedchock
8.6 Sea Containers- Complementary Action Plan	Ransom/Fedchock	Ransom
8.7 CPM Recommendations criteria	Larson	Larson
8.8 Adjustments to the TC-RPPO rules of procedure	Brunel	Ransom
8.9 Framework for standards and implementation	Trujillo/Fedchock	Fedchock
8.10 Capacity development and implementation oversight	Stewart	Sosa
8.11 Proposal for a new implementation oversight body	Stewart	Sosa/Ransom
9. Standard Setting		
9.1 Report on the activities of the Standards Committee	Rossel/Larson	Rossel
9.2 Adoption of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reorganization of fruit flies standards 	Moreira	Moreira
9.3 Topics for IPPC standards - New topics and adjustments to the <i>List of topics for IPPC standards</i>	Howard	Larson
9.4 Noting translation adjustments to International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures adopted at CPM-10	Moller	Larson/Moreira
9.5 Adjustments to the language review process	Moreira	Larson
10. Implementation Facilitation		
10.1 Report on activities for IFU	Sosa	Sosa
10.2 Implementation Pilot on Surveillance	Sosa	Brunel
10.3 Implementation, Review and Support System (IRSS)	Stewart	Stewart
10.4 Report on National Reporting Obligations	Buzon	Buzon
10.5 Status of ISPM 15 Symbol Registration – update	Buzon/Pardo	Buzon/Pardo
10.6 Report on ePhyto	Sela	Sela
11. Communication and Advocacy		
11.1 Activities on Communication and Advocacy of IPPC Secretariat in 2016	Montuori	Montuori
11.2 Plan for Communication and Advocacy of IPPC Secretariat for 2017	Montuori	Montuori
12. Report on IPPC Network		
12.1 Report on IPPC Regional Workshops	Lomsadze	Lomsadze
12.2 Report of the Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations	Chouibani/Brunel	Chouibani/Brunel
13. International Year of Plant Health in 2020 (IYPH)	Lopian/Montuori	Lopian
14. International cooperation		

14.1 Oral reports from selected international organizations	WTO/STDF/WCO/CBD/World Bank?	Fedchock
14.2 Written reports from international organizations	Int. Org./CABI, IICA, IAEA, CIHEAM, Codex, OIE	Fedchock
15. Financial Report and Budget		
15.1 IPPC Secretariat Financial Report for 2016	Benovic	Benovic
15.2 IPPC Secretariat Work plan and Budget for 2017	Benovic	Benovic
15.3 Resource Mobilization of IPPC Secretariat	Benovic/Fedchock	Xia
15.4 Sustainable funding	Benovic/Fedchock	Benovic
16. Conceptual challenges in standards development in terms of implementation	Larson	Ransom
17. Successes and Challenges of Implementation of the Convention	Brunel	Brunel
18. Special Topics Session: e-Commerce	Brunel	Brunel
19. Confirmation of membership and potential replacement members for CPM subsidiary bodies		
19.1 CPM Bureau members and potential replacement members	Howard	Fedchock
19.2 SC members and potential replacement members	Howard/Larson	Fedchock
19.3 SBDS members and potential replacement members	Howard	Fedchock
20. Any other business	N/A	Fedchock
21. Date and venue of the next Session	N/A	Xia
22. Adoption of the Report	N/A	Ransom