**2019-08 Call for Experts – Technical Panels**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS EXTENDED UNTIL 1 NOVEMBER 2019!

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat is soliciting nominations for appropriately qualified experts to take part in:

• the **Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)**: all expertises

• the **Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)**: experts in **Botany, Mycology and Virology**

Nominations are due **01 November 2019** and should be sent to ippc@fao.org

Experts will be appointed for five-year terms beginning in 2020 and should be available to attend all annual face-to-face meetings as well as potential virtual meetings of the respective Technical Panel (see requirement details below).

All meeting dates will be published on the [IPPC Calendar (2020)](http://www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar/?year=2020&month=1&day=1&hour=0&minute=0&second=0).

These groups operate in English language (without interpretation), so experts should have a strong working knowledge of English.

**1. Specific expertise required**

The Standards Committee (SC) will select the experts based on how closely an expert’s skills and experience match the specific expertise required.

• **Expertise required for the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)**

Experts are sought with specific expertise in phytosanitary treatments (phytosanitary treatment research or practical treatment expertise) to complement already existing expertise within the TPPT. Preference will be given to experts actively involved in developing phytosanitary treatments.

Willingness and availability to participate continuously in the work of the TPPT throughout the year, including face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings, and intersession work is essential. The tasks of the TPPT are described in the [Specification TP3](http://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1308/). For more information about the TPPT, please access their webpage by clicking [here](http://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-phytosanitary-treatments/).

This is for a five-year term beginning in 2020 and the selected experts should be available to attend all meetings of the TPPT. The next face-to-face meeting is tentatively scheduled for 22-26 June 2020.

• **Expertise required for the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)**

In response to the inclusion of new topics for DPs in the List of Topics of IPPC Standards, experts for the fields of **Botany, Mycology and Virology** are sought to complement already existing expertise within the TPDP. Candidates should have diagnostic expertise in their relevant field, including practical and research expertise in the use of morphological, molecular and biochemical diagnostic techniques, in quality assurance and in phytosanitary procedures. Experience in developing diagnostic protocols is highly desired.

Willingness and availability to participate continuously in the work of the TPDP throughout the year, including face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings, and intersession work is essential. The tasks of the TPDP are described in the [Specification TP1](http://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1297/). For more information about the TPDP, please access their webpage by clicking [here](http://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-diagnostic-protocols/).

This is for a five-year term beginning in 2020 and the selected experts should be available to attend all meetings of the TPDP. The next face-to-face meeting is tentatively scheduled for 17–21 August 2020.

**2. Instructions for making nominations**

Nominations will be accepted from contracting parties, national or regional plant protection organizations (NPPOs or RPPOs) through their respective NPPO or RPPO [official IPPC Contact Point](http://www.ippc.int/countries/all/contactpoints).

A nomination should only be made if the nominee has agreed to his/her nomination, is available for the meeting dates as posted on the [IPPC Calendar (2020)](http://www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar/?year=2020&month=1&day=1&hour=0&minute=0&second=0) and can allocate appropriate time to the tasks as outlined in the [Statement of Commitment](http://www.ippc.int/en/publications/84037/). Each nomination must be accompanied by the following documentation (templates can be found on the bottom of the page):

* **Completed nominee details and summary of expertise form** (posted below). All sections should be completed, including contact details, education and professional training. A clear description of the nominee’s expertise is required. The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY\_SURNAME\_Firstname\_Summary**.
* **Completed and signed** [**Statement of Commitment form**](http://www.ippc.int/en/publications/84037/) - this should be read carefully by each nominee and discussed between the nominee and their employer. The form should then be signed by the nominee and a senior person in authority from the organization that employs the nominee. The form should be submitted with the nomination (as a scanned image file such as PDF). The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY\_SURNAME\_Firstname\_commitment**.
* **The nominee’s Curriculum Vitae (CV)** – an electronic copy of the nominee’s CV should be submitted as pdf or word file named as follows: **COUNTRY\_SURNAME\_Firstname\_CV**.

Submissions should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat by e-mail (ippc@fao.org) no later than **01 October 2019**. The name of the nominating country or RPPO and the words “Call for Experts” should be placed in the subject line of the email message.

**3. Funding for experts to attend meetings**

The organization that employs an IPPC meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend. If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, participants are first encouraged to seek assistance from sources other than the IPPC Secretariat. Where such demonstrated efforts to secure assistance have been unsuccessful, requests for assistance (i.e. travel and subsistence costs) from the IPPC Secretariat may be made. However, any support is subject to available funds. The IPPC Secretariat will consider funding assistance for participants following IPPC criteria for funding. Full details on these criteria can be found on the IPP ([https://www.ippc.int/publications/criteria-used-prioritizing-participants-receive-travel-assistance-attend-meetings](http://www.ippc.int/publications/criteria-used-prioritizing-participants-receive-travel-assistance-attend-meetings)).

It is expected that participants will attend all sessions of the meeting and those participants who plan to attend only part of a meeting should fund their own travel.