**International Plant Health Conference**(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

**Background**

An International Plant Health Conference (IPHC) will take place in the frame of the 2020 International Year for Plant Health (IYPH) in 5-8 October 2020. The Technical Advisory Board for IYPH (IYPH TAB) is developing a programme.

1. The IYPH International Steering Committee (IYPH ISC) held a meeting on the 17 February. The chairperson briefed on the International Plant Health Conference (IPHC), informing the Members that the IYPH Technical Advisory Board had agreed to the structure and main themes of the programme (see 07\_TPPT\_2020\_Mar).
2. He noted that the programme includes four days with concurrent symposia (scientific, regulatory, practical workshop and side event). The first day is focused on international trade and plant health, the second day is on plant health’s contribution to a hunger-free world, the third day on plant health and climate change and preserving life on land, and the fourth day is for international development and plant health. These topics relate to the IPPC strategic objectives and address the contribution of plant health towards the UN 2030 Agenda.
3. He informed that for the opening, the President of Finland and the FAO Director-General confirmed their participation, with possible participation by other personalities.
4. He noted that the second session will include speeches by the IPPC Secretary, representatives of the WTO and USDA/APHIS. He also informed that on the first day a side event will be organized by CABI and the University of York. He further highlighted themes for the first day’s scientific symposium and regulatory symposium (which could be jointly organized by the IPPC Secretariat, the World Bank and the STDF).
5. The IYPH ISC chairperson briefed on the session about global outbreak alert and response system. He informed that the scientific session on climate change and plant health would include a speaker by the International Congress of Entomology, and that the European Commission would organize a workshop on the EU plant health regime, and a workshop on plant health innovation with the European Space Agency.
6. He also briefed about the session on the IPPC, which would serve as a brainstorming on the IPPC and the possible need to adjust the Convention in relation to new developments since its last revision in 1997, in order to address new challenges ahead.
7. He informed that the closing ceremony would include an award ceremony for the winners of the IYPH photo contest.
8. He recalled that the IYPH ISC and TAB had reviewed the current programme, and that a call for speakers would be launched in early March.
9. He informed that the IYPH ISC chairperson would discuss arrangements for the registration to the conference and call for papers with the IPPC Secretariat.
10. The IYPH ISC discussed the programme presented. CIHEAM proposed to be included in the programme, and enquired about the space allocated to CABI and the University of York (for three days). The ISC chairperson informed that this session would be funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland.
11. The IPPC Secretariat suggested setting up a committee reviewing presentations, and confirmed that they would be available to undertake the organization of the workshop on capacity development, and to participate in the development of the surveillance and the pest outbreak and response system workshops. He suggested looking at environment more than climate, in terms of climate action and noted that the PRA section has the most actions linked to climate change (PRA to respond to climate change).
12. The IPPC Secretariat proposed to move the workshop on remote sensing under surveillance.
13. The IYPH ISC chairperson clarified that the IPHC is one of the IYPH key events. He informed that the IPHC is organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, and the IYPH Secretariat is participating in its organization. He noted that the programme is adopted by the IYPH ISC, while the IYPH TAB will be responsible for the detailed contents of each symposium, and for a final selection of conference speakers.
14. The chairperson clarified that the remote sensing workshop would be organized by EPPO, and be focused on pest surveillance innovations.
15. The IYPH ISC:
16. *Noted* the current programme of the IPHC.
17. *Noted* the launch of a call for speakers and for papers for the scientific symposia.

TPPT participation

1. The TPPT or some of its members are encouraged to participate in this meeting to highlight the work on phytosnitary treatments and their benefit to plant health.

Recommendation

The TPPT is invited to

1. *review* and the draft programme of the IPHC (07\_TPPT\_2020\_Mar)
2. *consider* the topics and sessions (regulatory or scientific) that the TPPT may present on and consider to submit any further proposals in response to the call for speakers and for papers for the scientific symposia
3. *request* the SC to agree to the participation of the TPPT in the IPHC