

**THE NOVEMBER 2019 IC IRSS SUB-GROUP VIRTUAL MEETING***22nd November 2019**Start: 12.00pm – 13.00pm***Participants**

1. Alvero Sepulveda (representative from the SC to the IC)
2. Dilli Sharma,
3. Dominique Pelletier (Chair, IC IRSS Sub-group)
4. Francisco Gutierrez
5. Fuxiang Wang (Bureau Representative to the IC, was Skyped in)
6. Sally Jennings
7. Brent Larson (Secretariat)
8. Ketevan Lomsadze (Secretariat)
9. Vinitha Johnson (Secretariat)

Venue: FAO, Rome

The Chair of the IRSS IC Sub-group opened the meeting and introduced Olga Lavrentjeva, IC Chair, and Mary Megan Quinlan from Imperial College London as observers. The Chair then adopted the meeting agenda and the sub-group proceeded to consider the three new topic proposals in accordance with the new rules on submission of topics to the IC IRSS Sub-group.

Topic Proposal 2019:013: "Study on Developing Guidance on Risk-based Border Management"

The Secretariat presented the proposal for a study on "Developing Guidance on Risk-based Border Management". Participants discussed the possible benefits for such a study noting that "Phytosanitary Risk-based sampling" had been the subject of a presentation given at CPM-14 (2019). The Bureau representative observed that a study of this type would provide some information that is extremely pertinent to countries.

IC IRSS Sub-group recommended the topic proposal **2019:013** for a "**Study on Developing Guidance on Risk-based Border Management**" be recommended to the IC with a priority of 1.

Topic Proposal 2019:014: "Study on the Utility of IPPC Diagnostic Protocols"

The Secretariat presented the proposal for a survey on the Utility of Diagnostic Protocols and provided some background on this proposal. In 2012, a similar survey was proposed to gather information on the use of Diagnostic Protocols, but as only 3 diagnostic protocols were adopted at that point in time, the Bureau decided it was too early to conduct such a



survey. Currently, 29 Diagnostic Protocols have been adopted, hence it is considered to be pertinent to conduct this survey now. The Scope was discussed as follows: previously, the focus of the survey was to define the extent of the use of diagnostic protocols so that the cost-benefit of translations could be determined.

The Secretariat flagged that it might be useful to consider the expanded scope of the Study to include not only the uptake of diagnostic protocols, but capacity and infrastructure in diagnostic laboratories. This information would help to assess possible approaches to diagnostic laboratories networking and in turn might be useful for the work under the Strategic Framework (2020-2030) related Developmental Agenda Item.

A draft survey prepared by the TPDP was annexed to the new topic proposal which would provide a useful starting point when designing the survey. The SC Representative noted the discussions in the SC concluded that there is no need for the survey as proposed by the TPDP and similar information could be collected through the IPPC Regional Workshops.

The Secretariat also indicated that a questionnaire with a wider scope than just assessing the uptake of diagnostic protocols was previously prepared by the IFU in consultation with the Capacity Development Committee, and it might be possible to build on both the draft survey developed by the TPDP together with this questionnaire. It was also agreed that the draft survey submitted by the TPDP could be built on and include elements to measure diagnostic capacity.

IC IRSS Sub-group recommended the topic proposal **2019:014** for a “**Survey on the Utility of IPPC Diagnostic Protocols**” be recommended to the IC with a priority of 1. The IC IRSS Sub-group decided to adopt this study proposal.

Topic Proposal 2019:015: "Study on the Global Participation, and Resulting Involvement in the IPPC Community"

The Secretariat provided some background to this topic proposal explaining that data on participation in IPPC Secretariat meetings has been gathered for the past 15 years term. Some analysis of this data was initiated, but not completed and some of the information of interest to the IC, such as the impact of participation in IPPC Regional Workshops, and the submission of comments on draft standards could be generated by further analysis of this data.

The Secretariat stated that further analysis could demonstrate the effects of the IPPC Secretariat's capacity development work and may help identify implementation challenges that could then be addressed.

The significance of understanding obstacles to participation in meetings organised by the IPPC Secretariat was highlighted. However, it was also pointed out that participation of individuals in certain IPPC Secretariat meetings might be an internal decision-making matter for countries. It was also highlighted that in some regions, such as the EU, the region might only nominate one expert through a coordinated submission process, and this would need to be considered when considering the numerical count of participants.



IC IRSS Sub-group recommended the topic proposal **2019:015** for a “**Study on the Global Participation, and Resulting Involvement in the IPPC Community**” be encompassed within the current work undertaken on topic proposal 2018:XXX on “Develop baseline measures to monitor the impacts of and record/report benefits of the Strategic Framework 2020-30”.

Other items - Study on Authorisation of Third Party Entities

The Sub-group discussed the desk study on “Requirements for NPPOs if authorizing entities to perform phytosanitary actions” (previously called “Delegation of NPPO functions in the context of Third party authorization”, specifically vis-a vis the comments on the current draft ISPM on “Requirements for NPPOs if authorizing entities to perform phytosanitary actions” (2014-002) ,.

It was flagged that the use of terms like Accreditation must be carefully considered, and it was discussed as to whether Accreditation and Audit should be included within the scope of the study. The IC IRSS sub-group advised that clarity should be provided on the use of terms "Authorisation", "Audit" and "Accreditation" throughout the study to eliminate confusion.

It was concluded that the title of the study will be aligned with the title of the draft standard.

Closing

The IPPC Secretariat thanked the IC Sub-group on IRSS members for their participation and informed them that the recommendations from this meeting would be presented to the IC via e-Decision.

The meeting was closed.