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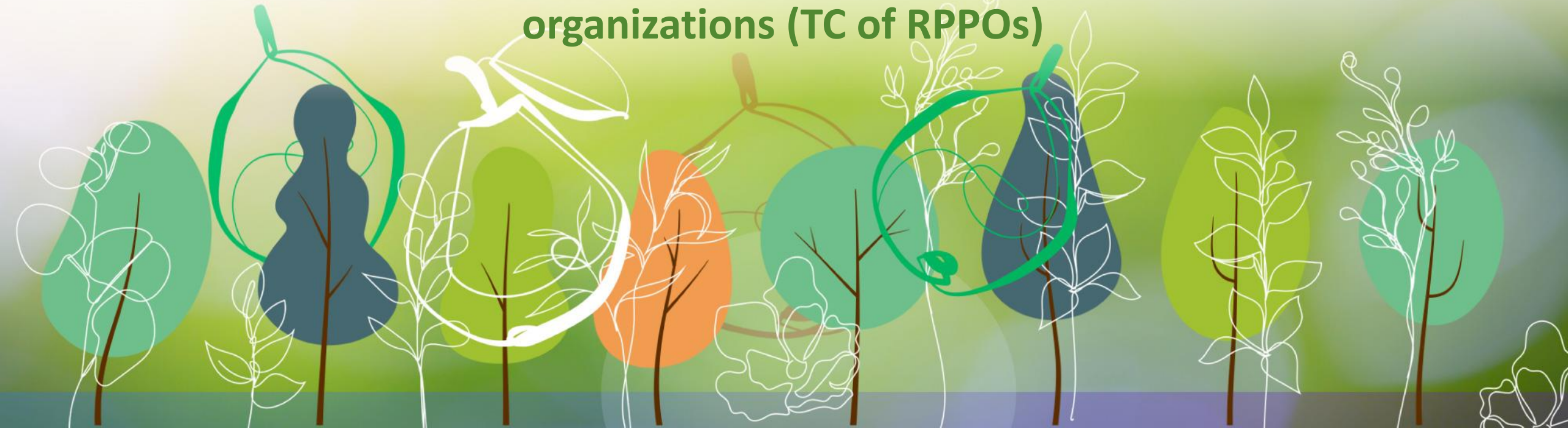
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# Update on SSU activities

24-27 October 2023

Bogota, Columbia

Technical Consultation of Regional Plant Protection  
organizations (TC of RPPOs)





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## Introduction

### The Standards Setting Unit (SSU) of the IPPC Secretariat:

- coordinates the processes for **setting International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)** and **Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) recommendations**.
- supports the **Standards Committee (SC), SC-7, Technical Panels (TPs)** and **Expert Working Groups (EWGs)**.
- provides support for **implementing the IPPC's Strategic Framework**.



## SSU staff



**Avetik Nersisyan**  
**SSU Team Lead**

- Overall coordination of the SSU
- Coordination of Standards Committee and SC-7 work program
- Coordination of the SC-SSU / IC-IFU interactions



**Adriana G. Moreira (staff)**  
**SSU Officer, Deputy to Team Lead**

- TPDP and diagnostic related matters
- TPCS and commodity standards related matters
- CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid



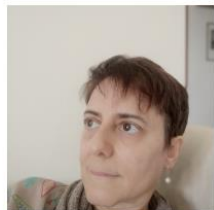
**Artur Shamilov (staff)**  
**SSU Officer**

- TPG and ISPM 5 related matters
- CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers
- Draft ISPM: Field inspection (including growing season inspection) (Annex to ISPM 23)



**Janka Kiss**  
**SSU Phytosanitary Specialist (consultancy)**

- TPPT and phytosanitary treatments related matters
- Call for phytosanitary treatments
- Draft ISPM: Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae))



**Aixa Del Greco**  
**SSU Specialist (consultant 60%)**

- Coordination of Language Review Groups for adopted International Standards and relevant annexes.
- Focal point for co-publishing agreements for ISPMs
- Coordination of quality assurance of adopted ISPMs in all FAO languages, including implementation of ink amendments



**Colleen Stirling**  
**SSU Phytosanitary Specialist**  
**(in-kind contribution)**

- Support CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers
- Providing guidance countries to carry out sea container surveys.
- Support the implementation of advance global sea container cleanliness.



## SSU support staff



**Daniel Torella**  
SSU Intern

- Support in TPG activities.
- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC 7.
- Coordinate SSU news items.



**Emmanuel Plarhar Krah**  
SSU Intern

- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC and SC 7.
- Support in TPPT activities.
- Support in maintaining the IPPC automated calls.



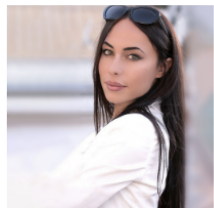
**Karen Rouen**  
Scientific copy editor (consultant 55%)

- Scientific copy editor of all IPPC standard setting documents
- Report writer for SC and virtual EWG meetings
- IPPC Style Guide



**Lorenzo Monterosa**  
SSU Intern

- Coordinate SSU chronicles of events.
- Support in TPDP and TPCS activities.
- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC and SC 7.



**Ilona Kudziyarava**  
General Staff

- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC and SC 7
- Logistics, travel, expenditures of all SSU meetings
- Budget tracking
- Administrative support to all SSU activities



## Planned Standard Setting Unit work in 2023

- **Standard Committee May (SC May):** 08 to 12 May 2023
- **Standard Committee Working Group (SC-7):** 15 to 19 May 2023
- **Standard Committee November (SC November):** 13 to 17 November 2023.
- **Expert Working Groups (EWGs)**
  - **EWG on the Revision of ISPM 26: (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2021-010):** 10 July–14 July 2023, Wellington, New Zealand
  - **EWG on the Field inspection Annex (2021-018) to ISPM 23:** 16 October – 20 October 2023, Japan.



## Planned Standard Setting Unit work in 2023 (cont'd)

- **Technical Panels (TPs)**
  - TP Commodity Standards - (January, Tokyo)
  - TP Diagnostic Protocols - (October, Paris)
  - TP Phytosanitary Treatments - (October, Rome)
  - TP Glossary - (December, Brazil)
- IPPC 2023 call for topics for Standards and Implementation (05 May- 15 September)
- 2023 webinars on call for topic for Standards and Implementation – June 20, 2023
- Sea containers international workshop on Pest risk mitigation of sea containers and their cargoes and the facilitation of international trade - defining the way forward – 17 July- 19 July, Brisbane Australia



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## Standard Committee (SC) & Standard Committee Working Group (SC-7)

08-12 May 2023



15-19 May 2023





## Draft ISPMs for first consultation

### Draft ISPMs approved by SC May 2023

- Reorganization and revision of pest risk analysis standards (2020-001), Priority 1;
- Draft annex to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures*): International movement of mango (*Mangifera indica*) fruit (2021-011), priority 1; and
- Draft annex to ISPM 39 (*International movement of wood*): Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood (2015-004), priority 3

### Draft ISPMs approved via e-decision

- Revision of DP 09: Genus *Anastrepha* Schiner (2021-002)
- Revision of DP 27: *Ips* spp. (2021-004)
- Revision of DP 25: *Xylella fastidiosa* (2021-003)
- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Vapour heat treatment for *Planococcus lilacinus* (2021-028)





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## Draft ISPMs approved for the second consultation

### SC-7 May 2023 approved

- Draft 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5: (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001), Priority 1
- Draft Annex: Criteria for evaluation of available information for determining host status of fruit to fruit flies to ISPM 37 (Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae)) (2018-011)

### SC approved via e-decision

- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)

## Draft ISPMs approved for adoption by CPM

- Draft revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002)
- Draft annex to ISPM 27: *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006)
- Draft annex to ISPM 27: Genus *Ceratitis* (2016-001)



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## Draft ISPMs not progressed by the Standard Committee

- Draft 2023 amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001)
- Draft annex to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*): Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (2018-009)
  - Outcome: *agreed* that a small working group of SC members would develop a paper for the SPG explaining concerns from SC members and on how a common understanding may be achieved within the IPPC community about what systems approaches are and how they are developed.

## Draft ISPM in the work programme

- Revision of ISPM 15 (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*): Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade (2006-010)
  - Outcome: *agreed* that a new specification is needed to clarify the scope and purpose of the revision, which will be reviewed by the SC in November 2023.



## Other issues from SC May 2023

- 1) The Standard Committee agreed to undertake an additional consultation period for DPs only in January 2024;
- 2) The Standard Committee agreed on revision to Specification TP 1 (Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols);
- 3) The Standard Committee invited the secretariat and the TPCS to explore options on how to build a database on commodity standards;
- 4) The Standard Committee agreed to add a footnote to adopted commodity standards that will be added as an ink amendment when there is evidence that a phytosanitary measure may no longer be effective or when there is a taxonomic change concerning a pest; and
- 5) The SC in May 2023 strongly encouraged submitters when submitting commodity standards proposals to also provide the Information Materials for Commodity Standards using the approved template that was approved by SC May 2023;
- 6) The SC agreed that TPPT members can actively seek out appropriate treatments and submit them as subjects for approval by the SC through an NPPO or RPPO;



## SC update (Paper 13\_Bureau\_2023\_Jun) on the progress of the term “Emerging Pest” to be included in ISPM 5 (Glossary On Phytosanitary Terms) (1994-001)

The CPM and several CPM bodies, including the Bureau, TC-RPPOs, SPG, SC and IC, have engaged in developing concepts on *emerging pest*.

**The TPG submitted a proposed definition in 2019, then developed alongside the FG/POARS (now POARS Steering group) until 2022, and eventually submitted to the SC in May 2023 as it reads:**

“A **pest** deemed to have the characteristics of a **quarantine pest** for an **area**, for which the **pest risk** has recently increased substantially, because of changes in **pest**-intrinsic factors, hosts, **pathways** or environment-related factors, and for which the potential **introduction**, **spread** and economic impact are likely to reach a pandemic level.”

The SC in May 2023 agreed that the definition was not yet ready to be sent for consultation.

**The SC recommended to the CPM Bureau that the POARS Steering Group continue the work of the CPM POARS Focus Group in developing criteria for what constitutes an emerging pest, with input as necessary from the TPG and taking account of the comments made at this meeting on the definition drafted by the TPG, and invited the CPM Bureau to advise on the next steps.**



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# Thank you

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