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1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] Marina MARTINO, IPPC Phytosanitary Standard Setting Specialist, opened the virtual meeting of the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP). She welcomed all participants and explained that the main objectives of the meeting were to welcome new members, prepare for the face-to-face meeting of the panel in June 2025 and share updates on CPM and SC meetings as well as on the development status of DPs.
- [2] Participants included all current TPDP members and TPDP former member Ms Yazmin R. RIVERA, TPDP steward Mr Prudence Tonator ATTIPOE and assistant steward Ms Mi Chi YEA.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Selection of chairperson

- [3] The TPDP selected Mr Robert TAYLOR (New Zealand) as the chairperson.

2.2 Selection of the rapporteur

- [4] The TPDP selected Ms Juliet GOLDSMITH (Suriname) as rapporteur.

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

- [5] The TPDP adopted the agenda (Appendix 1).

3. Administrative matters

- [6] No administrative matters were discussed.

4. Review of TPDP work programme

4.1 Update from SC May 2025 meeting

- [7] The IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as the “secretariat”) presented an update on outcomes from the SC meeting, which was held on 12–16 May 2025. The secretariat highlighted some key issues of relevance to the TPDP, including the following:
- The SC thanked Yazmin R. RIVERA (United States of America, Mycology) and Vessela A. MAVRODIEVA (United States of America, Virology) for their work to the IPPC TPDP and IPPC community and noted the selection of new TPDP experts in Mycology, Adrian James DINSDALE (Australia) and Sietse VAN DER LINDE (Kingdom of the Netherlands);
 - The SC approved the request from the TPDP to further develop DP 5 (*Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine) Aa on fruit) (2019-011) after the release of new scientific findings, and updated the status of the revision of DP 5 from “pending status” to “under development”;
 - The Secretariat received a proposal from Olga TIKKA, Director-General of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization, to attend the next TPDP face-to-face meeting, and the SC agreed to invite her as an invited expert and part of the host contingent. She will deliver a presentation on EPPO plant pest diagnostic protocols and the arrangements will be further discussed with the host organization, ANSES.
 - The SC noted the execution of the first-ever TPDP mini-workshop Boosting agricultural resilience: advancing knowledge sharing in the IPPC Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) and new plant pest diagnostic techniques and thanked Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for hosting the 2024 TPDP face-to-face meeting. The SC also acknowledged that the next TPDP face to face meeting will take place on 21-25 July 2025 at Angers, France.

- CPM-19 decided to trial a two-year ongoing call for topics, with the SC and IC reviewing submissions and recommending directly to CPM. For 2025, the SC set a schedule: in September, the Secretariat will compile and share submissions with the SC and relevant technical panels, which will advise on feasibility and priorities. As a result, the TPDP will review submissions related to DP topics, and this task will be added to its work programme. The SC acknowledged that this may lead to an increased workload for the TPDP. The SC will then review topics in its November face-to-face meeting, finalize recommendations by December, and submit them to CPM-20 in 2026. After the trial, an assessment result will be presented to CPM-21 in 2027 with recommendations for the future.

[8] The TPDP:

- (1) *noted* the update from SC May 2025 meeting.

4.2 Update on draft DPs in the work programme

The TPDP reviewed their entire work programme¹. The discipline leads gave updates on the progress of each topic and the IPPC secretariat provided schedule and upcoming deadlines for the development of these DPs.

The TPDP:

- (2) *asked* Andrew APPIAH, TPDP Virology expert, to liaise with former member Vessela A. MAVRODIEVA to receive updates on the development of DPs on Citrus leprosis virus (2018-025) and Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (2021-025) (for which she was discipline lead), and report back to the secretariat at the face-to-face meeting;
- (3) *agreed* that the lead author for DP on *Pyricularia oryzae* (*syn. Magnaporthe oryzae*) on *Triticum spp.* will contact the recently selected author for this DP as he didn't reach out yet following notification of selection by the secretariat;
- (4) *agreed* that the remaining pending actions for former member Yazmin R. RIVERA, who kindly offered to support the TPDP during the transitional period, will be:
 - a. introduce the new TPDP Mycology experts to the drafting groups for the DPs she was leading —revision of DP 5 (*Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine) Aa on fruit) (2019-011), *Cronartium comandrae* Peck (2018-015) and High-throughput sequencing identification of pure culture of phytopathogenic regulated bacteria isolated from plants (2023-009)— and hand over her responsibilities to them;
 - b. communicate to the drafting group the change of status of revision of DP 5 (*Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine) Aa on fruit) (2019-011);
 - c. forward to the secretariat the last updated version of DP on *Cronartium comandrae* Peck (2018-015).
- (5) *agreed* to revise DP on High-throughput sequencing identification of pure culture of phytopathogenic regulated bacteria isolated from plants (2023-009) at the face to face meeting, provided that a draft will be ready in time for the meeting, considering that this DP will have a different structure than others and some discussion may be needed on how to move forward; and
- (6) *agreed* to reach out to their respective drafting groups and assess if a first draft would be available in time for the face to face meeting.

4.3 Introduction of discussion on Instruction for Authors

[9] Géraldine ANTHOINE, the appointed champion for the Instructions to Authors document, gave some updates on the progress of the work.

[10] She reminded that the revision of this document has been deferred for several face to face meetings and therefore highlighted the need for having a dedicated time slot for the next one.

¹ 02_TPDP_Tel_2025_June

- [11] She has been working on incorporating the main discussion points highlighted during the last TPDP face-to-face meeting into the document², and encouraged the panel to review it and start considering proposals for implementing these changes at the upcoming meeting in July.
- [12] It is to note that the TPDP will also have to include new recommendations to guide authors in the drafting of new types of DPs, such as the DP on High-throughput sequencing identification of pure culture of phytopathogenic regulated bacteria isolated from plants (2023-009).
- [13] The TPDP:
- (7) *agreed* to review the updated version of the Instructions to Authors prepared by the champion ahead of the next meeting and to formulate suggestions for addressing the key issues, in order to ensure a more focused and productive discussion during the TPDP face-to-face meeting in July.

5. Upcoming TPDP meeting: arrangements for June 2025 face-to-face meeting

- [14] The secretariat referred the TPDP to the provisional agenda for the face-to-face meeting of the TPDP, to be held on 21–25 July 2025 in Angers, France.³
- [15] The panel discussed the agenda and logistics.
- [16] One member proposed moving the agenda item on Instructions to Authors to the first day, before the protocols revision. This would help ensure sufficient time is allocated to revising the document, which is essential for harmonizing guidance for drafting authors, and to prevent the topic from being deferred again.
- [17] Another member agreed and added that addressing Instructions to Authors at the start of the meeting would also benefit new TPDP members by helping them become familiar with the agreed content structure, data presentation, and related elements.
- [18] The Secretariat asked the TPDP what they would consider a realistic number of DPs to revise, in order to allow sufficient time for updating the Instructions to Authors. One member noted that this depends on the status of each protocol—whether it is well developed or requires more extensive and time-consuming revisions—but generally, three DPs would be a manageable number. Another member agreed, adding that the panel could realistically review at least three but no more than four DPs.
- [19] One member asked whether DPs that have completed the Expert Consultation period should also be included on the agenda. It was clarified that, as a general rule, the TPDP collectively reviews DPs after the Expert Consultation period. However, in this case, the revision took place beforehand during the last face-to-face meeting in Japan. Therefore, the next step is for the DLs and respective drafting groups to determine if the TPDP needs to review any substantial comments received during the Expert Consultation period. Hence, time should be allocated in the agenda to potentially go through them.
- [20] The TPDP member from ANSES emphasized the importance of confirming the number of participants attending the upcoming face-to-face meeting to arrange logistics such as restaurant bookings and dietary requirements. While the arrangements for the venue and accommodations are in place, having an accurate participant count is essential for finalizing these details. Attendees were encouraged to reach out promptly for any visa documentation or assistance. Additionally, a visit to the laboratory facilities is proposed as part of the meeting agenda. She offered support for any questions or difficulties.
- [21] Several members reported that they are still awaiting approval from their organizations to attend the meeting. The Secretariat acknowledged this and encouraged those with pending clearance to provide updates as soon as possible and to register for the event⁴ if they plan to participate. The Secretariat also

² 03_TPDP_Tel_2025_June

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⁴ Meeting event registration: <https://www.ippc.int/en/events/event/1531/>

emphasized that if members are unable to travel, it will be important to either adjust the agenda to include other DPs not under their responsibility or explore options for joining the meeting remotely to ensure their participation in the discussions. Due to this situation, the secretariat also urged all DLs to engage with their respective drafting groups and, where possible, work towards preparing a first draft in time for the face-to-face meeting.

[22] The TPDP:

- (8) *requested* the secretariat to move the agenda item on revising the Instructions to Authors to precede the revisions of draft DPs;
- (9) *requested* that the Secretariat include up to four DPs for review during the face-to-face meeting;
- (10) *agreed* to include the three DPs that have completed the Expert Consultation period—*Drosophila suzukii* (2021-017), *Bactrocera zonata* and *Bactrocera correcta* (2021-013), and *Dickeya* spp. (2021-014)—on the TPDP face-to-face meeting agenda, provided the respective discipline leads determine that expert comments would benefit from the TPDP's input; and
- (11) *agreed* to inform the secretariat and ANSES promptly once their participation is confirmed.

6. Any other business

[23] There was no other business.

7. Close of the meeting

[24] The chairperson thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda

(Meeting documents are available only to TPDP members)

Agenda Item		Document No.	Presenter
1.	Opening of the Meeting		
1.1	Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	--	IPPC Secretariat
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1	Selection of Chairperson	--	IPPC Secretariat
2.2	Selection of the Rapporteur	--	Chairperson
2.3	Adoption of the Agenda	01_TPDP_2025_June	Chairperson
3.	Administrative Matters		
3.1	Connections to Zoom and virtual meetings	Short guidelines for participants	IPPC Secretariat
3.2	Introduction of new TPDP members	TPDP membership list	IPPC Secretariat/ Chairperson
4.	Review of TPDP work programme		
4.1	Update from SC May 2025 meeting	--	IPPC Secretariat/ ATTIPOE/ YEA
4.2	Update on draft DPs in the work programme	02_TPDP_2025_June	IPPC Secretariat/ ALL
4.3	Introduction of discussion on Instruction for Authors	03_TPDP_2025_June	ANTHOINE
5	Upcoming TPDP meeting		
5.1	TPDP 2025 July face-face meeting arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of draft agenda Logistics 	04_TPDP_2025_June	IPPC Secretariat/ ANTHOINE/ ALL
6.	Any other business	--	Chairperson
7.	Closing of the meeting	--	IPPC Secretariat / Chairperson