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### Liaison with Research, Education and Other Institutes

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## I. Background

1. At its Fourth session in 2002, the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) considered the need for a link between the ICPM and research and education institutes. ICPM-4 requested that the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (SPTA) develop a plan of action for linkages with research and education institutes for consideration at the Fifth Session of the ICPM (Report of the Fourth Session of the ICPM, paragraph 72.5). ICPM-5 agreed with the importance of strong links with research and education institutes and agreed to establish an Informal Working Group on Research and Educational Liaison to develop an information package and to identify ways to develop and increase liaison.
2. In 2005 a pilot project of two months was undertaken by the IPPC Secretariat to determine the feasibility of undertaking such liaison work and provide some basic guidance for future work. In December 2005 the Informal Working Group (IWG) on Liaison with Research and Education Institutes was held in Rome. The IWG considered the guidance provided by the ICPM and SPTA, developed TORs for future work in this area, and established a work programme (with priorities) that could be undertaken as resources became available.
3. The report of the IWG and its recommendations were submitted to CPM-1 in 2006. CPM-1 took note of the report and referred it to the SPTA for its consideration and for presenting further recommendations to CPM-2 (CPM-1 report, paragraph 174). The SPTA discussed the recommendations of the IWG and voiced its broad support for the objectives of the programme. However, it was strongly felt that a more focused proposal needed to be provided to CPM-2 with specific objectives, time frames and resource implications. The SPTA agreed that a new paper be developed for CPM-2.

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## II. Establishment of a work programme

4. In its report (see CPM-1 document CPM 2006/24) the IWG on Liaison with Research and Education Institutes proposed an ambitious work programme. The proposals included:

- identification of research, education and other institutes of phytosanitary relevance
- identification of the phytosanitary expertise of these institutes and their resources
- extension of the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) to include information on research, education and other institutes of phytosanitary relevance
- development of linkages and liaison between regulatory communities and these institutes through:
  - workshops facilitated by regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) and the IPPC Secretariat
  - side meetings within international scientific conferences and regional meetings of heads of institutions,
  - the organization of seminars to introduce IPPC concepts
  - joint seminars and meetings between national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and research, education and other institutes of phytosanitary relevance
- development of papers on IPPC relevance to research, education and other institutes
- promotion and support of phytosanitary training and education at research, education and other institutes
- encouraging research, education and other institutes to conduct research of phytosanitary relevance
- encouraging NPPOs to identify their research and education needs to research, education and other institutes.

5. The above activities, if undertaken, could utilise a considerable part of the staff and financial resources of the IPPC Secretariat. For this reason, CPM-2 may wish to consider an initial first phase whereby some basic activities (Annex 1) are undertaken, with more detailed work to be followed later, provided resources are available.

6. When analysing the proposed work programme of the IWG, it is possible to identify sequences under which the activities may be undertaken. It is assumed that the first step in establishing a closer liaison with research, education and other institutes would be the identification of such institutes in different countries. Once identified, data on the institutes could be incorporated in the IPP. In order to raise the awareness of the IPPC in such institutes, an information package about the IPPC and its relevance to research, education and other institutes could be developed and provided to these institutes.

7. It is estimated that the resource requirements to undertake these first steps would require one person for a period of 12 months. The activities of incorporating the identified institutes into the IPP, producing the information package and providing it to the identified institutes would require minimal funding and could be covered within the regular budget of the IPPC.

8. After the completion of the first phase, the CPM could consider further steps for a work programme, subject to available funding, based on the proposals by the IWG and the experience gained in phase one.

9. The CPM is invited to:

1. *Consider* the proposed work programme outlined in Annex 1;
2. *Adopt* the proposed work programme outlined in Annex 1;
3. *Agree* that the IPPC Secretariat implements the adopted work programme only if extra-budgetary resources become available.

## Annex 1

**PHASE 1 OF THE WORK PROGRAMME ON LIAISON WITH RESEARCH,  
EDUCATION AND OTHER INSTITUTES**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Output</i>	<i>Resource Requirements</i>
Identification of research, education and other institutes in countries	Database on research, education and other institutes in countries	Extra-budgetary staff resources (1 person for 12 months)
Incorporation of database into IPP	Fully updated IPP	No additional funding necessary; assistance through IPP support group
Development of an IPPC information package	Information package on IPPC relevance for research, education and other institutes	Minimal funding required (regular budget)
IPPC information package provided to research, education and other institutes	IPPC and phytosanitary awareness of research, education and other institutes is raised	Minimal funding required (regular budget)