



**Commission on Phytosanitary Measures**  
**Bureau Meeting**  
**Rome, Italy**  
05 October 2009

**Opening of the Meeting**

1. The Secretary welcomed members of the Bureau to the meeting (see Appendix 1 for the participants list). The Chairperson of the CPM noted that the meeting would be covering agenda items since the last Bureau meeting in June 2009.

**Report of the Bureau and SPTA Meetings**

2. The Chairperson suggested that the SPTA and the Bureau meetings could both have reports written during the meeting, rather than after. This approach was agreed as it would ensure the reports were finished in a timely manner. It was also agreed that the Bureau report should be more detailed, but that the SPTA report should contain the highlights without the need for much detail. Neither meeting typically has time allocated for review and adoption of a report prior to the end of the meeting.

**Information exchange and information management**

3. The Chairperson asked for an update on the IPP Support Group (Agenda item 7.2.1). The Secretariat reported that nine out of 24 previous members had responded that they wish to continue as members of the IPP Support Group, but that the names of the support group had not been posted. It was noted that the IPP Support Group had not been active in the past and they did not have a terms of reference. In the current IPP support group, Asia and South America were not well represented. The Secretariat pointed out the regional or sub-regional workshops for IPP editors were more beneficial for obtaining comments regarding the workings of the IPP. The Chairperson questioned whether the CPM needed to recognize another working group with the associated administrative and procedural arrangements. After some discussion, the Bureau decided that the IPP Support Group should be discontinued and that the output from the IPP workshops be used instead. The roll-out of the revised IPP should occur this year, as soon as testing has been completed and the SC, Bureau and existing volunteers should be used for the next round of testing.

4. It was also noted that the Secretariat is meeting more regularly, including weekly meetings on information exchange and the IPP, as well as biweekly meetings of the Secretariat staff. These meetings were viewed by the Secretariat as beneficial to working across programme areas. The Secretary informed the Bureau meeting that Dave Nowell, Information Exchange Officer, would be acting Coordinator for the Secretariat until 31 December 2009.

5. After some discussion, the Chairperson suggested to remove the agenda item on Information Management from the SPTA Agenda as no new information was available.

**Dispute Settlement**

6. With regard to dispute settlement, the Bureau was informed that UNIDO had requested an annual report on disputes and that UNIDO had been informed that the information it was seeking was not collected by the IPPC Secretariat. One request for dispute resolution would be made in the very near future.

7. The Bureau discussed the legal status of regional standards (RSPMs) within the context of the IPPC. In follow-up to the discussion on regional standards during the June meeting, the Bureau was

informed that a regional standard was only “deposited” if it was to be considered for adoption as an international standard, but that RSPMs have no status under the IPPC. The Bureau discussed hypothetical concerns between or within regions about the role of RSPMs in case of a dispute.

### **Capacity Building**

8. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that it was proposing to convene a small working group in Rome for two weeks in December 2009 to develop a framework for implementation of the BNPC Strategy over medium-long term. This provides a framework for the CPM, IPPC, RPPOs and NPPOs for implementation. The working group will develop a logistical framework approach to developing the operational plan for the strategy. The Secretariat also noted that it would hire a consultant to handle this work.

9. The Bureau discussed the formation of a virtual working group to further develop capacity building advocacy materials. The Bureau agreed to discuss the issue of capacity building, the two week workshop and the advocacy materials in the SPTA.

10. The Bureau recognized that in terms of phytosanitary advocacy materials, having case studies which provided the socio-economic impacts of a pest outbreak/new pest find, would be very beneficial (consultant to do work).

### **CPM Follow up actions from CPM4**

11. The Bureau discussed items arising from CPM4. The Bureau noted that no additional work had been done on the international workshop on the movement of grain since no external funding had been received and no effort had been made to find a partner with resources to put together a guide that showed how current ISPMs were relevant to the international movement of grain.

12. It was noted that Bureau and Secretariat members had attended international meetings and congresses relevant to the IPPC to promote the work of the CPM and IPPC. Amongst these was the International Seed Federation Congress in Rome, where the International Seed Testing Association indicated it was still very interested in collaborating with the IPPC and encouraged IPPC representatives to be more responsive to its suggestions for collaborative projects.

13. Following a further meeting on capacity building for surveillance, monitoring and diagnostics at a bio-weapons meeting in Geneva in August, the Secretariat for the BWC had tentatively agreed to hold a “plants session” during the Bio-weapons Convention Conference of Parties meeting in December 2009.

### **Staffing update**

14. The Secretary provided the Bureau with an update on staffing. He noted that the full time Secretary position had been filled. He also noted that P-3 position was going to be filled by a re-deployment case from FAO, and that efforts were underway to fill the administrative posts (e.g. G-3 post). The vacancy announcement for the P-5 coordinator was expected to be posted by the end of the week (Oct 9, 2009). The list for the P-4 position final selection would be on the ADG desk by the end of the week (Oct 9, 2009). A new APO funded by the USA had been selected.

### **Pest Reporting and RPPOs**

15. The Bureau discussed the role of RPPOs in pest reporting on behalf of countries in relation to the new IPP provided the necessary legal formalities had been completed. The Secretariat noted that the IPP would allow for pest reporting by RPPOs through an automatic updating process. The Secretariat had developed a form for countries to authorize a specified RPPO to undertake pest reporting on their behalf. One of the Bureau members raised the issue of how often countries are

reporting on pests, why they are not fulfilling their obligations in this respect and whether this issue should be raised in the SPTA. It was agreed to discuss this further in the SPTA.

16. A form to allow for unilateral reporting of pest free areas, as requested by CPM, would be available when the new IPP is functional.

### **Preparations for the SPTA**

17. The Bureau discussed the issue of requiring credentials for the CPM meeting. It was suggested that the CPM develop its own rules regarding credentials. It was agreed to raise this issue to the SPTA. The Bureau noted that there were some inconsistencies in numbering papers for the SPTA and noted that some of the agenda items could be dropped. Chagemu Kedera was chosen to chair the meeting and it was suggested to approach John Greifer to be the rapporteur for the meeting.

### **Other business**

18. The Secretariat raised the issue of the development of technical manuals relating to IPPC business. It informed the Bureau that the Forestry Department was developing a manual on best practices for forestry and noted that some requests for topics for ISPMs might be more appropriate as technical manuals rather than standards. It was noted that FAO had developed manuals on quarantine treatments but these were outdated. It was agreed to raise this issue to the SPTA for its consideration.

19. The Bureau was asked if regional integration organizations from Africa could be invited to CPM-5. These organizations were part of an existing TCP project for Africa. The Bureau agreed that these should be invited provided they had observer status with FAO.

20. The Bureau discussed its role in preparing and reviewing documents for the CPM and the Secretariat noted that with the expanded Bureau, the process became very complicated. It was suggested that the Bureau could review CPM documents using Google Documents as a way for all members of the Bureau to simultaneously view and comment on draft CPM documents. The Bureau agreed to try this approach.

21. The Bureau agreed the next meeting of the Bureau would be 18-19 March 2010 (the 2 working days immediately prior to CPM5).

## CPM Bureau – Rome, Italy, 5 October, 2009

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