



20 May 2013

**Call for:
Topics for the IPPC standard setting work programme**

As outlined in the IPPC Standard Setting Procedure, a biennial call for topics for the IPPC standard setting work programme is being made¹. It is noteworthy that because the 2011 call for topics was cancelled, the last call occurred in 2009.

Topics being solicited include the following:

- new topics for International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)
- new components to existing ISPMs, such as supplements, annexes or appendices
- revisions or amendments to adopted ISPMs, supplements, annexes, appendices or glossary terms
- pests for which a new diagnostic protocol should be developed
- new topics for phytosanitary treatments. Note that specific treatment submission data will be called for at a later date.

After the call closes, the Secretariat will compile the list of proposed work programme topics from the submissions received. Submissions from previous calls will not be considered unless resubmitted in 2013. The Standards Committee (SC) will evaluate the list of submissions and will recommend the selected topics to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) for consideration.

IPPC members² and Technical Panels (TPs) submit detailed proposals for new topics or for the revision of existing ISPMs to the IPPC Secretariat. Submissions should be accompanied with a draft specification, a literature review and justification that the proposed topic meets the CPM-approved criteria for topics. To indicate a broader need for the proposed topic, submitters are encouraged to gain support from other IPPC members and/or regions.

Please review the attached documents (also available electronically on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) at: https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1111210&no_cache=1&L=0).

Electronic forms should be saved and submitted as: 2013_TOPIC_SUBMISSION_COUNTRY or ORGANIZATION NAME – Proposed title of topic.doc.

All documents must be submitted by the National IPPC Official Contact Point, preferably in electronic format to ippc@fao.org, no later than **31 August 2013**.

¹ Calls for topics include "technical area", "topic" and "subject".

² IPPC members are defined as: Contracting parties, national plant protection organizations (NPPOs), regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) and relevant international organizations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Larson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Enclosures (3):

- Submission form for IPPC standard setting work programme topics
- Procedures for identifying topics and priorities for standards
- *List of Topics for IPPC Standards* (available on IPP webpage)
(https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=stds_work_programme&no_cache=1&L=0)