



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

July 14, 2016

Minutes

Participants

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2017 Work & Financial Plans

A question arose about funding and the need to put travel to a National CAPS Meeting next year in state FY17 budgets. John and Brian decided that it would be best to **not** include travel to the meeting in your FY17 budget. It is best to plan for travel and training for those events that will directly support your development in the CAPS Program. Funds for state travel to the meeting will be held in Riverdale. If or when the meeting is approved, those funds will be transferred to Field Operations and agreements amended to add funds specifically for travel to the meeting for those states that may need it. This is the same approach we have taken in the past.

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 6 Review

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) has out for comment 11 draft international phytosanitary standards. These can be accessed via the links in the Stakeholder Registry announcement (copied at the end of these minutes). Of interest to the CAPS community is the draft revision to ISPM 6, now entitled National Surveillance Systems (previously Guidelines for Surveillance). The current standard is attached for reference. Changes to the Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms (ISPM 5) also may be of interest.

Please read and review the draft standards, especially National Surveillance Systems, but any other that may interest you. No comment is insignificant, and we welcome positive and negative comments, as well as suggestions on how to strengthen the standard. This is your opportunity to participate in an international dialogue. We want to make the strongest contribution as possible from the U.S., and this only happens with widespread participation.

The IPPC Secretariat will only recognize comments from the national plant protection organization (NPPO), which is APHIS, PPQ. For the CAPS community, and comments on National Surveillance Systems, please send your comments directly to John by Friday, August 19, and he will compile and submit them to the Deputy Administrator's Office. For the other draft standards, comments can be sent directly to Marina Zlotina as directed in the Stakeholder Registry or through PPQ's internal process.

Note: A reminder to the NCC, please distribute CAPS updates, conference-call minutes, and other CAPS-related information to the constituency that you represent in a timely manner. Also, please bring their items, issues, concerns, and opinions back to the NCC for discussion. It is our responsibility that everyone is kept engaged in the CAPS program.



Missing Survey Data

On review, there are missing data in NAPIS from past CAPS and Farm Bill surveys. A requirement of the cooperative agreement is that the states enter the data from the funded surveys into an approved database. That database is NAPIS. Please review your data submissions and make sure all data entry in NAPIS is up-to-date. It may be hard to justify continued funding if past data is missing. Susan can help with the logistics of any data entry questions. Let John and/or Brian know if you have any questions. See <http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/caps-accountability-report>.

European Cherry Fruit Fly

Rhagoletis cerasi has been confirmed in Canada. Requests for survey data are going to be coming soon so please have all *R. cerasi* data entered into NAPIS as soon as possible. Brian spoke to the PSSs about it.

General Lures – continued from last month's call

The use of a general lure can have a very sound effect on our survey program. They can be extremely valuable along pathways and around warehouses and port environs where you are just trying to find pests that should not be there and not targeting any specific pests. They would increase the chance of finding something you were not looking for. General lures also could be used as second tier when surveying for target pests. Placing a general lure among your regular survey traps may facilitate capturing anything you may miss with a specific lure. However, guidance is needed on how to capture negative data. We need to iron out some specific guidance for their use so that everyone is on the same page and has an understanding of where and when general lures can best be deployed and how to report on their use.

Ethanol lures already are available and being used, and new cerambycid lures are in development. These work by attracting pests across a family or genus. In trials overseas, some of these have been found to be effective at the genus level, but we cannot tie them to a specific target pest. Lisa and Heather will meet with scientists at Otis the week of July 25 to discuss the cerambycid lures in more detail. The scientists were asked to pick the two lures that attract the most species so we can focus on how best to get those produced and out to the field.

As discussed during last month's call, negative data may be best captured in the Survey Summary Form. We will wait on the outcome of the talks at Otis, and then proceed from there. Likely we are talking about changes to the Guidelines for the 2018 survey season, and use 2017 surveys to gain a better understanding of the best way to approach the use of general lures.

Screening Aids on CAPS R&C

Over the last couple of months some questions have arose as to the usefulness of some of the screening aids posted on the CAPS R&C site. This page originally was started to allow the CAPS community the ability to share what they found useful in the hope that someone else may



find it useful. Documents were posted without a review. However, the time has come to bring some order and structure to the page.

The way that the screening aids are organized presently makes it difficult to find what you need quickly. In addition to screening aids, keys and other diagnostic tools are incorporated in the lists. To start, Susan and David at Purdue will provide an inventory of what is posted. This will allow Lisa and Heather to quickly go through the list and start sorting and categorizing by taxon and the type of document (purpose). This analysis will allow for a search feature and filters to be incorporated on the page. Finding a document should then be quicker, but the question remains of the quality of that document.

The screening aids we have need to be evaluated to determine how they are being used, which ones are most effective, and to ensure that all are up to date and accurate. In the end, qualified identifiers and diagnosticians need to review the material, but how to identify the priority as to not overload already busy people with another review project. Several options were discussed:

- Options for improving screening aids.
 - CAPS core team review them for usefulness – likely too much to do for four people
 - Create a review committee
 - Let all the CAPS community review them – perhaps using a star system where 5 stars will be prioritized for review and updates and 1 star aids eventually will be removed
- Screening aids produced through Farm Bill funding will receive more scrutiny and will be prioritized moving forward.

The discussion continues. Contact Lisa or Heather if you have any suggestions, comments, or want to help in the effort.

CAPS 101 Revival

Over the last couple of years there has been a lot of new people in new positions, both in PPQ and the States. Many of these are not familiar with our Pest Surveillance program and all the topics, issues, and activities therein. At one point in time we started to work on a CAPS 101 project for situations such as this, but that effort failed to get enough traction in everyone's schedule and languished. It is time to visit this again, but the question still remains, "Who will do this?"

PDC once had a CAPS module in their PSS training course, but the course has not been offered recently and the information in the CAPS module likely is outdated. John Crowe and Kristian have been involved with capacity building efforts in India and elsewhere, and have worked with folks at Texas A&M University building modules using distant learning technologies. John C reached out to the folks at TAMU to gauge their interest, but have not heard back as yet. This may be a good Farm Bill suggestion for anyone interested in this approach. A third option could



be to initiate a regular seminar/webinar series open to everyone on program and survey topics. This could fill a void in the absence of a formal or virtual course. Lisa and Melinda are planning webinars for the Approved Methods and the OPEP list, and Susan is tidying up her webinars for new SSC training on NAPIS.

Everyone was very open to a webinar series that would be held every month, recorded, and posted for continual viewing. Everyone should discuss this with your constituency. In particular, answer the following questions.

- Should we have a formal monthly webinar series?
- What topics and in what order?
- Would seasoned PSSs and SSCs give presentations of field techniques in addition to program folks?

To keep this on track, John suggested that everyone come to the August NCC call with some ideas. We can then start the planning stage and perhaps offer the first one in early fall and continue throughout the winter and spring. Suggestions for the webinar software to use and formatting can also be discussed. Purdue has used WebX to record presentations, and Kristian uses LiveMeeting to record Farm Bill webinars.

Farm Bill Update

The FY17 Farm Bill suggestion period is open now through August 19. Suggestion for Farm Bill funding can be made through the Metastorm system as in previous years.

Please note that the 2017 Farm Bill Implementation Plan for Goal 1 Priority Survey mirrors the 2017 National Pest Surveillance Guidelines. Farm Bill survey suggestions that adhere to the National Pest Surveillance Guidelines, with funding commensurate with the survey effort, have high assurances of being funded (just do not ask Farm Bill to fund more than necessary to carry out the survey). Follow the guidance, and there will be a high likelihood that those surveys will be funded. We hope this takes some of the guesswork out of where to request funding.

ezFedGrants

A webinar for external cooperators will be held July 21 and 28, at 10 am and 2pm each day. Login information will be sent out week of July 18. The email sent previously is attached to the end of these minutes. Please distribute this information to your constituency ASAP.

The next NCC call will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 1:00 pm eastern time.

The National Plant Board Meeting July 31-August 4 necessitates postponing the call 1 week.

Please forward to your NCC representative any agenda topics for discussion on the next NCC call.



From: APHIS Stakeholder Registry [<mailto:aphis@subscribers.usda.gov>]

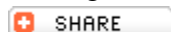
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Subject: APHIS Seeks Input on Draft International Phytosanitary Standards



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The International Plant Protection Convention has posted for comment draft international phytosanitary standards on the following topics:

- [International Movement of Seeds](#)
- [National Surveillance Systems](#)
- [Arrangements for Verification of Compliance of Consignments \(Formerly "Pre-Clearance"\)](#)
- [International Movement of Growing Media in Association with Plants for Planting](#)
- [International Movement of Wood](#)
- [International Movement of Vehicles, Machinery, and Equipment](#)
- [Temperature Treatments as Phytosanitary Measures](#)
- [Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms](#)
- Diagnostic protocols for [Phytophthora ramorum](#), [Fusarium circinatum](#), and [Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum](#)

APHIS urges U.S. stakeholders to review and submit comments. **Submit comments no later than Friday, August 26.** You can download the draft standards from the [IPPC consultation site](#) or by clicking the links above. Specific instructions for submitting comments are available on the [APHIS Web site](#). For more information contact Marina Zlotina at Marina.A.Zlotina@aphis.usda.gov.

These standards facilitate safe trade in plants and plant products, harmonize plant protection policies and practices among trading partners, and provide a critical framework for addressing phytosanitary trade issues and negotiating market access requests. U.S. input is important to ensure the development of technically sound standards and to advance U.S. harmonization goals.

If you represent a large association, please distribute this message to your membership. We will continue to send announcements about IPPC standards through the APHIS Stakeholder Registry. To subscribe, go to: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/subscriber/new> and



select the topic “international phytosanitary standards.”



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From: Cannon, Christina L - APHIS

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To: APHIS-ADODR Listing <ADODR.Listing@aphis.usda.gov>; **Subject:** ASC EzFedGrants - *EXTERNAL USERS* - Four Available Informational Meetings: Thursday, July 21st and Thursday, July 28th

Greetings APHIS agreements community ☺

The Agreements Services Center will be offering FOUR IDENTICAL **EXTERNAL USERS** EzFedGrants webinar/conference call options in the next two weeks:

Thursday, July 21st: 10:00AM – 11:00AM EST **AND** 2:00PM - 3:00PM

and

Thursday, July 28th: 10:00AM – 11:00AM EST **AND** 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Programs/Agreements Community/ADODRs: Please let your Cooperators (“Recipients” in eFG) know NOW to mark their calendars for the upcoming meeting dates & times. (They do not need to attend all four meetings as the meetings are identical.)

Please inform them that an invitation will be sent out next week which will include dial-in & log-in information for the four available LiveMeetings as well as an attachment of the Presentation.

AGENDA:

EzFedGrants Overview for Recipients/Cooperators:

- eAuthentication Level 2
- User Roles and GAO Assigned Roles
- Logging into ezFedGrants
- Requesting Access to the System
- Navigating ezFedGrants
- Creating Applications from Funding Opportunities

LIVEMEETING:

In order to follow along “live” with us, the Cooperators must have Microsoft LiveMeeting installed on their computer (they can check with their IT team). If unable to attend via LiveMeeting, the PowerPoint presentation will be provided beforehand to follow as they listen.

FIRST-TIME USERS

To save time before the meeting, check your system to make sure it is ready to use Office Live Meeting.

NOTICE

Office Live Meeting can be used to record meetings. By participating in this meeting, you agree that your communications may be monitored or recorded at any time during the meeting



DIAL-IN INFORMATION: (This line will be used for all four meetings between July 21 & 28)

The conference line is available on a first come / first served basis as there is a 150 line max per time slot. If the first attempt to dial-in is busy, please try the next available meeting time slot.

Call-in Information

Number: 1-888-844-9904

Access code: 1739214

Questions may be posed in advance by sending them to the ASC email group box: APHIS-Agreements Meeting aphisagreementsmeeting@aphis.usda.gov

Thank you!

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