



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

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Minutes

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New Members on the NCC

The NCC begins 2011 with new representatives. The following begin 3-year terms: **Joel Bard** (AR) replaced Bruce Shambaugh as the Western Region (WR) State Plant Health Director (SPHD) representative; **Julie Van Meter** (NE), who replaced Bob Dahl last year, was re-nominated as the Central Plant Board (CPB) State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO) representative; **Avraham Eitham** (OH), who replaced Adam Silagyi late last year, begins his term as the Eastern Region (ER) Pest Survey Specialist (PSS) representative; and **Helmuth Rogg** (OR) begins his term as the Western Plant Board (WPB) states State Survey Coordinator (SSC) representative. Two retirements also resulted in new representatives: **Joe Collins** (KY) will serve out the 2 years remaining on Benny Graves' term as the SPRO representative from the Southern Plant Board (SPB); and **Christopher Pierce** (MO) will serve out the 2 years remaining on Marge Rayda's term as the WR PSS representative. We thank all of those that have served on the NCC for their engagement and participation, and look forward to working with all the new representatives. The NCC will definitely have a new look this year.

CAPS Conference

Presentations from the CAPS portion of the meeting are now posted on the CAPS Resource and Collaboration website (<http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/node/144>). Many of the notes from the Conference have been collected and will soon be posted. Also, a list of those registered for the meeting with contact information has been posted on this page. Information from the CAPS Conference can be found using the link above or navigated to using the menu: News and Announcements / Presentations & Notes in the green menu box.

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.



Informal Feedback on the CAPS Conference as Relayed by the NCC

Overall, the CAPS Conference turned out well with a lot of high level conversations taking place. Results of the meeting evaluations will be posted as soon as they have been compiled. John will try to get notes and evaluations out before the NCC meeting in Raleigh.

Many individuals liked the CAPS Fair and thought that it was the best one ever. The participation was excellent and the presenters were able to talk to a lot of interested people. There was some disappointment that the SPHD meeting occurred at the same time as the CAPS Fair, as some people may have missed out on activities and presentations that were of interest. The CAPS Fair also gave states a good opportunity to look outside of state lines, exchange information, and find out what other states are doing.

Having PPQ Domestic Identifiers and state identifiers at the CAPS Fair was especially appreciated. They were able to get a lot of information out there and made people aware of who they are and what they do. Kira Metz, the Domestic Identifier stationed in Texas, will now be participating on WR PSS calls.

Some NCC members were surprised to hear that an impression from the CAPS Fair was that how many SPHDS and SPROS were not familiar with the CAPS Resource and Collaborative website. Kristian will lead the charge in the WR to increase awareness of the site. Live webinars targeting specific regional groups (SPHDs, PSSs, etc.) will be helpful in spreading the message of the CAPS Resource and Collaborative website, its function, resources, capabilities, and purpose. Any other ideas on how to spread the word are appreciated.

In the future, what direction do we go with the CAPS Fair? How can we improve it? What went well and what didn't? How can we best use this special venue? Perhaps this is the session that we should structure the rest of the meeting around. This will be a main focus when it is time to hold the next CAPS Conference.

During the CAPS Conference it was discovered that a lot of SPROs and some SSCs were tentative and unsure about the upcoming implementation of the Integrated Plant Health Information System (IPHIS). Many thought that the presentation was not very helpful, although there was about equal positive feedback from other individuals.

The States need to identify who will go to the training. There will be five initial train-the-trainer sessions by the contractors (dates have not been decided yet) in each Region. Once training is complete, the job of these individuals will be to go back and train individuals, both PPQ and state personnel, locally. Information on training dates should come out in the next week or two. The goal is to complete the trainings between January and March.

The 2011 data for CAPS/Pest Detection will still go into NAPIS as there is still a lot of work needed to prepare for IPHIS implementation. State Cooperators need to know that implementation of IPHIS is not occurring for CAPS in 2011, although other programs are switching over. The language in the FY11 agreements will need to be revised and is under review in the Regions. More on this will be discussed at the NCC meeting in Raleigh.



Validation of Negative Data

The folks at CERIS have been busy implementing the negative data validation for data entry into NAPIS for 2011. For CAPS Priority Pests, Susan has been working with Kathy, Lisa, and Melinda to identify NAPIS survey methods that match up with the CAPS Approved Methods. In order to report negative data for surveys in 2011, the state must use the CAPS Approved Methods. There is information for each pest in the CAPS Approved Survey Method (<http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu>) regarding survey methodology and survey number/numbers for negative validation. Only these survey methods will be approved for valid negative data entry. Validation rules are being entered into NAPIS for the combination of pest and approved survey method. If these guidelines are not followed (survey methods are not CAPS approved), an error message will occur. This change should be in place by the end of the month and a communication will go out with more explanation once the rules have been put in place on the production server.

For pests that do not have an approved method (such as pests on the Additional Pests of Concern List or of State concern), there are no validation rules in place. Negative data will still be able to be entered for these pests. All CAPS Priority Pests (AHP and Commodity) have an approved survey method. If anyone has a question on negative data entry, please contact John or Kathy.

Survey Supply Procurement Program

Field trials are being conducted by the CPHST Otis lab on “no mess” adhesives on trap liners. Also, John Crowe posted a survey out to the field to gather information on whether people use the wet or dry collection cups with multi-funnel (Lindgren) traps. The wet method has been shown to be more effective at catching target insects and also preserves the insects better for the identifiers. We would like to make the switch to only using the wet cups. John is investigating if this change would be possible for the 2011 season and what assistance states would need to make the switch. If you haven’t responded to the survey, please do so.

Agenda Topics for NCC Meeting in Raleigh

The remainder of the call was spent discussing agenda topics for the NCC meeting in Raleigh. Potential topics are listed below. If you have any input into any topic, or would like to suggest an additional topic that the NCC should discuss, contact your NCC representative with your thoughts. Everyone’s input is essential to the success of the CAPS Program.



Draft Agenda Items for the NCC Meeting in Raleigh

Review of the CAPS Conference

- White papers and reports from breakout sessions
- Action items

2012 Survey Guidelines

Format and Presentation

Pest Lists

- AHP Prioritized List – 2012 and future process
- Potato, cotton, stone fruit commodity surveys
- How to reconcile AHP and commodity pests lists
- Citrus-specific pests; continue or not?
- Caribbean and Pacific Rim Pest Lists
- Other pest issues

J-2 Workplan vs. Cooperative Agreement Language

“APHIS will...”

Data sharing

Data management

J-3 Appendix and Capturing the Approved Methods

Standardized Reporting Template

IT Inventory on Equipment Purchases

States track purchases (<\$5000 disposable equipment?)

Guidelines for equipment purchases

Cerceris wasp as a Survey Method

Pros and Cons

Negative data

Outreach

Performance measures

Strategic plan

Data collection

IPHIS

Complexes and Templates

Training for 2012

Cooperative Agreement Language

CPHST

CAPS Support Discussion

Otis Meeting Issues and Items

Commodity Documents vs. Individual Pest Data Sheets

Pros and cons



Alternative presentations

ISPM Standards and Language

How to incorporate international standards and language into our survey program?

ISPM 5, 6, 8, etc.

<https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=ispms>

Tribal Relations

Overview of PPQ Efforts

Impact on CAPS Surveys