



Cooperative Program in Agricultural Research and Technology for the Northern Region  
 Programa Cooperativo en Investigación y Tecnología Agrícola para la Región Norte

## PROCINORTE ACTIVITY REPORT

### 1. Identification:

<b>Task Force</b>	Plant Health
<b>Name and Position</b>	
<b>Participants in the activity</b>	J. ISABEL LOPEZ-ARROYO
<b>Name of the Activity</b>	<b>2007 NAPPO Annual Meeting</b>
<b>Location</b>	Mérida, Yucatán, México
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 16 October 2017
	<b>End Date:</b> 18 October 2017
<b>Date of Report</b>	<b>October 23 2017</b>

### 2. Objective:

Attend recommendation of the Procinorte Board of Directors to favor interactions between the PHTF and NAPPO and build collaborative relationships.

Participate in the NAPPO annual meeting, with a poster intended to share knowledge generated by the different areas of research of the collaborators in the PHTF.

### 3. Summary of Activities Undertaken:

There was a participation in the poster section of the 2017 NAPPO Annual Meeting where the PHTF presented the work "Beyond boundaries: The Procinortes approach to pest management in North America". Also, a meeting to discuss particular issues per country was attended, specifically the one for Mexico. There was participation also in a subsequent meeting where diverse regulation issues were analyzed for different crops including potato and citrus.

As usual, there was the opportunity to network with technicians, regulators, and growers addressing potential problem-solving activities.



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#### **4. Key Take away points:**

- PHTF should be the scientific arm (ally) of NAPPO. Diverse analysis used by NAPPO need to be based scientifically, PHTF should be articulated (the arm) to their activities and help to perform them.
- As most NAPPO members works in regulating agencies, their meetings revise regulations, norms and laws. Diverse public were bored and requesting scientific themes to be presented. Coordination with them could yield in the inclusion of diverse topics or different kind of events from the PHTF (e.g. workshops, symposium, etc.)

#### **5. Recommendations and Follow-up:**

In 2020, there is going to be the meeting of the International Year of Plant Health. The event will be in New York, USA. NAPPO requested to be involved in planning and implementation, for example giving presentations in scientific meetings. I believe PHTF should participate with more than a poster.

Next NAPPO meeting will be in Tucson, Arizona, USA (2018).

## 6. Photographs of the Activity



Jl Lopez-Arroyo and Mexican apple growers



NAPPO meeting attendees reading the PHTF poster



Empty room, PHTF poster receiving attention



Chairs of NAPPO addressing the meeting