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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) and the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), we cordially invite you to participate in the 33rd. NAPPO Annual Meeting to be held October 19-23, 2009, at the Swissôtel in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

NAPPO is a Regional Plant Protection Organization created in 1976, under the authority of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. It is comprised of the National Plant Protection Organizations of Canada, Mexico and the United States. It provides a forum for public and private sectors to develop science-based regional standards intended to protect agricultural, forest and other plant resources while facilitating trade.

The NAPPO Annual Meeting provides a unique opportunity for individuals throughout the North American region and world wide to keep up to date with regard to current and emerging regional and international pest issues and standards. The agenda will cover diverse NAPPO and IPPC issues. In addition, the 33rd Annual Meeting will feature a one day Symposium on Biotechnology "Living Modified Organisms and Plant Health". Our keynote speaker is Roger Beachy from the Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, MO.

A preliminary agenda is enclosed. Additional detailed information will be posted soon on the NAPPO website: www.nappo.org, and the USDA website: www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/nappo2009/.

Please visit the NAPPO web site to obtain information on registration and make sure that you take advantage of the early registration discount.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Sincerely,

Paul Eggert
Chair of the NAPPO Executive Committee



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