National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) General Meeting - 2009

The U.S. National Arboretum
Washington, DC
March 25-26, 2009
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- ARS – National Arboretum
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  - Travel support to NCPN Tier 1 National Body

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  - Sponsoring the ‘Social / Mixer’ March 25 (4:30 pm – 6:30 pm)

March 2009
NCPN General Meeting
Washington, DC
March 25-26, 2009
NCPN General Meeting – March 25-26, 2009

• Purpose
  – Update on General NCPN Issues
  – Introduce CWG and Tier 1
  – Update on Tier 2 / 3 Activities
  – Discuss / Ratify Business Plan

• Location
  – U.S. Nat’l Arboretum, Washington, DC

• Highlights
  – MOU Signing Ceremony
  – Discuss NCPN Funding Program

• Participants
  – About 50-70 Anticipated
  – Registration Opened Feb. 20, 2009

• Special Topic
  – Citrus Clean Plant Concept

• Considerations
  – Other Specialty Crops

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NCPN General Meeting Agenda
NCPN General Meeting - Agenda

March 25 (Wednesday) – DAY 1

8:00 am – 8:30 am  Registration and Settle-In
                    Lobby and Auditorium – U.S. National Arboretum

8:30 am – 8:35 am  Come-to-Order and Housekeeping
                    Mr. Erich Rudyj, USDA/APHIS – Facilitating

8:35 am – 8:45 am  Welcome to the National Arboretum
                    Dr. Thomas Elias, USDA/ARS
                    Director – U.S. National Arboretum

8:45 am – 9:00 am  Meeting Purpose, Expectations, Outcomes
                    Mr. Erich Rudyj, USDA/APHIS - Lead

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March 25 (Wednesday) – DAY 1  Continued

9:00 am – 10:00 am  NCPN General Overview and Updates
> NCPN May 2007 Meeting Refresher and Subsequent Events
> Farm Bill 2008 – General Overview
> NCPN Business Plan – General Introduction
> NCPN Federal Memorandum of Understanding and Charter
Panel – Forum Discussion >>> ‘Core Working Group’
Dr. Murali Bandla, USDA/APHIS
Dr. Tom Bewick, USDA/CSREES
Dr. Gail Wisler, USDA/ARS

10:00 am – 10:30 am  BREAK

10:30 am – 11:30 am  NCPN Governance Structure
> General Overview of the NCPN Governance Bodies
> Tier 1 – National; Tier 2 – Commodities; Tier 3 – Regional
> Presentation on NCPN Tier 1 Purpose, Operation, Resp.
> Introduction of the NCPN Tier 1 Governing Body
Panel – Forum Discussion: ‘Core Working Group’

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March 25 (Wednesday) – DAY 1 continued

11:30 am – 1:00 pm LUNCH on Site – Guest Speaker
"Research in Ornamental Horticulture
A Broad-based Approach by the U.S. National Arboretum"
Dr. Margaret Pooler, USDA/ARS

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm NCPN Fruit Tree (Tier 2) – Report and Update
Dr. Ken Eastwell (Chair – Tier 2 Fruit Tree CPN) WSU – Prosser

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm Western Grapes CPN (Tier 3) – Report and Update
Dr. Robert Martin (Co-Chair – Tier 3 Grape CPN 'West') USDA/ARS

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm Eastern Grapes CPN (Tier 3) – Report and Update
Dr. Keith Striegler (Chair – Tier 3 Grape CPN 'East’) U. of MO- Columbia

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm NCPN Grapes (Tier 2) – Report and Update
Dr. Deborah Golino (Chair – Tier 2 Grape CPN) UC-Davis

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm BREAK

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NCPN General Meeting - Agenda

March 25 (Wednesday) – DAY 1 continued

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm    Citrus – NCPN Ideas and Discussions
                      Panel – Forum Discussion:
                      Dr. Georgios Vidalakis (Univ. of California – Riverside)
                      Dr. Wayne Dixon (FL Dept. of Agric. and Consumer Svcs.)
                      Dr. Richard Lee (USDA/ARS – Citrus Clonal Repository)
                      Ms. MaryLou Polek (Citrus Research Board)

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm    Synopsis of Day 1 and Open Forum Discussion
                      Panel – Forum Discussion:
                      ‘Core Working Group’

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm    Informal Social Gathering
                      Lobby U.S. Nat’l Arboretum

Courtesy of the
“National Grape and Wine Initiative” (NGWI)

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March 26 (Thursday) – DAY 2

8:00 am – 8:30 am  Arrival and Settle-In
8:30 am – 9:15 am  Other Specialty Crops – Horizons, Ideas, Discussion
                  Panel – Forum Discussion:
                  ‘Core Working Group’
9:15 am – 10:00 am NCPN Business Plan – Review and Discussion
                  Panel – Forum Discussion:
                  ‘Core Working Group’
10:00 am – 10:30 am BREAK
10:30 am – 11:30 am Continue - NCPN Business Plan – Review / Discussion
                  Panel – Forum Discussion:
                  ‘Core Working Group’

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NCPN General Meeting - Agenda

March 26 (Thursday) – DAY 2  continued

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  LUNCH on Site
Special Presentation - National Pest Diagnostic Network (NPDN) - An Update and Discussion on its relationship to the National Clean Plant Network
Dr. Kitty Cardwell, USDA/CSREES

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm  NCPN Core Working Group (CWG)
Memorandum of Understanding - Review of Purpose, Content, and Discussion
Dr. Tom Bewick, USDA/CSREES – Lead

1:15 pm – 1:45 pm  NCPN Core Working Group (CWG)
Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony – USDA – APHIS, ARS,
Mr. Kevin Shea, Acting Administrator – APHIS
Dr. Edward Knipling, Administrator – ARS
Dr. Colien Hefferan, Administrator - CSREES

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NCPN General Meeting - Agenda

March 26 (Thursday) – DAY 2 continued

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm  The NCPN – An Industry Perspective
Panel – Forum Discussion:
Mr. Craig Regelbrugge (Amer. Nursery & Landscape Assn)
Mr. Robert Wooley (Dave Wilson Nursery)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm  BREAK

3:00 pm – 3:45pm  NCPN Program Funding – Update and Discussion
> Request for Proposals
> Funding Mechanisms
> Next Steps
Mr. Erich Rudyj, USDA/APHIS – Lead

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm  Synopsis of Day 2 and Open Forum Discussion
Panel – Forum Discussion:
‘Core Working Group’
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March 26 (Thursday) – DAY 2 continued

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  As Desired; Tours of the U.S. National Arboretum
(Please indicate interest during Registration)
U.S. National Arboretum Grounds – Tour

March 2009
NCPN General Meeting
Purpose, Expectations, Outcomes

March 2009
NCPN General Meeting

Purpose, Expectations, Outcomes

• **NCPN Basic Update** - Update on NCPN activities since the NCPN General Meeting of May, 2007

• **National Governance (Tier 1)** - Introduction of NCPN National Governing Body

• **Specialty Crop Updates (Tier 2-3)** - Update on the activities of existing or newly forming NCPN specialty crop groups and introduction to other possibilities

• **NCPN Business Plan** – Discussion and Finalization

• **Memorandum of Understanding** – Signing Ceremony

• **NCPN Program Funding** – Status Update

• **Stakeholder Feedback** – How are we doing? What can we improve?

March 2009
NCPN
Program History 2006-2009

March 2009
NCPN – A Brief History > 2005 - 2009

- 5 Existing U.S. Clean Plant Programs met at UC-Davis in 2005 to Discuss Early NCPN goals
  - Establish Regional Clean Plant Centers
  - Initially focus on fruit crops
  - Secure sustainable funding

- NCPN Steering Committee formed in 2006
  - Identify and draft initial NCPN goals/objectives
  - Report on history of existing clean plant programs
  - Propose national workshop with a broader audience

- NCPN Workshop – May 2007
  - Discuss/refine goals and objectives
  - Draft Mission and Vision Statements
  - Draft a Strategic Plan

- NCPN Implementation 2008
  - NCPN ‘Federal’ MOU Developed
  - Farm Bill 2008
  - Stop-Gap Agency Funding Sources

- NCPN Governance Formation 2008-2009
  - Core Working Group and Tier 1 National Body
  - Tier 2 Commodity Bodies Chartered
    - Grapes
    - Tree Fruits (Pomes and Stone Fruits)
  - Tier 3 Regional Bodies Chartered
    - Grapes

- NCPN General Meeting – March 2009
  - National Governance Body Roll-Out
  - Develop and Ratify a Business Plan
  - NCPN Cooperative Agreement Funding Program

March 2009
NCPN
Governance Structure – General Overview

March 2009
Summary of NCPN Governance – Through March 2009

NCPN Governing Body

Tier 1

CWG

Support Staff

Tier 2

Fruit tree CPN Governing Body

Grape CPN (GCPN) Governing Body

Tier 3

No Regional networks at this time

Eastern GCPN

Western GCPN

March 2009
NCPN – National Governance
Core Working Group and National (Tier 1)

March 2009
National Clean Plant Network Governance
National [Core Working Group (CWG) and Tier-I] - UPDATE

Nat’l Governance CWG and Tier 1

- Tier 1 Governing Body – Selected
- Nat’l / General Meeting – March 25-26, 2009
- MOU between APHIS, ARS, CSREES – Signature March 26, 2009
- NCPN Business Plan – Discussed at NCPN General Meeting

March 2009
National Clean Plant Network Governance – National (Primary or Tier-I) - UPDATE

NCPN Governing Body

- Invited members (5-7) must be state or federal employees and have voting rights
- SME can be non federal or state employees with no voting rights
- Invites proposals for funding
- Makes the funding distribution decisions among the commodity clean plant networks
- CWG has no voting rights but can veto the governing body recommendations

March 2009
# NCPN CWG and Tier 1 Governance

## Core Working Group
- Murali Bandla – APHIS
- Robert Johnson - APHIS
- Tom Bewick – CSREES
- Gail Wisler - ARS

## National Governing Body Tier 1
- Ken Rauscher – MI
- Tom Wessels – WA
- Wayne Dixon – FL
- Joseph Postman – ARS
- Bill Dickerson - APHIS

## NCPN Coordinator
- Erich Rudyj - APHIS

## NCPN CWG Admin Support
- Tammy Kolt - APHIS

March 2009
APHIS/PPQ
Program Realignments – Update Impact on NCPN

March 2009
Internal APHIS NCPN Program - Realignment

Quarantine Pest Analysis and Support (QPAS)

Accreditation and Certification

National Clean Plant Network (NCPN)

Nursery Accreditation and Certification

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WARD

Special Update

March 2009
NCPN Business Plan - Update

March 2009
NCPN Business Plan – An Update

Covers 5 Critical Areas of NCPN Activity

1. NCPN Governance and Infrastructure
2. Program Operations
3. Research and Methods Development
4. Extension and Outreach
5. Quality Control

Status - Update

- Status
  - Formal Draft Stakeholder Review
  - Discussion on March 25-26, 2009

- Current Necessity
  - Needed for ‘Release’ of Farm Bill
  NCPN Funding

- Action
  - Internal Use Draft Prepared for USDA
  use w/OBPA and OMB

March 2009
NCPN
Memorandum of Understanding

March 2009
The USDA ‘NCPN’ MOU

USDA Partners:
- APHIS – Quarantine Programs
- ARS – Research Activities
- CSREES – Outreach Initiatives

Purpose:
- Establish ‘Core’ Group for NCPN Structure
- ‘One USDA’ mission support
- Defines role of each Agency
- Communicates concepts to stakeholders
- Synergize, share, and coordinate resources

MOU Focus and Activities:
1. Working Group - Program Implementation
2. Stakeholder Consultation Process
3. Strategic/Operational Planning
4. Program Priority Setting
5. Program Support – Facilities, Staff, Methods
6. Foundation Blocks – Certification Schemes
7. Germplasm Collection Improvement
8. Diagnostic Guidelines and National Standards
9. Research and Methods Development
11. Extension, Education, and Outreach
12. Resources Coordination

Status:
- To be signed on March 26, 2009

March 2009
NCPN MOU Signatory Parties

- **Agricultural Research Service (ARS)**
  - Dr. Edward Knipling; Administrator

- **Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)**
  - Dr. Colien Hefferan; Administrator

- **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)**
  - Mr. Kevin Shea; Acting Administrator

March 2009
National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) Program Funding 2009-2012
The USDA Secretary shall establish “National Clean Plant Network” of clean plant centers for pathogen diagnosis and elimination to (1) produce clean propagative material and (2) maintain blocks of pathogen-tested plant material throughout USA.

Clean plant material made available to: (1) a State for certification programs; and (2) private nurseries and producers.

The Secretary shall consult with State Departments of Agriculture and Universities; to extent practicable and with input from State officials and industry representatives, use existing Federal or State facilities to serve as clean plant centers.

Funding – Commodity Credit Corporation - $ 5,000,000 annually for each of 4 years (2009 - 2012); available until expended.
The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008
National Clean Plant Network - Sec. 10202 - Update

- Apportionment / Availability – To USDA/APHIS on behalf of the NCPN Core Working Group >>> anticipated availability beginning in April 2009.
  - Stimulus Package ‘Fix’ to CCC Funding – Done

- Request for Proposals – Pending; draft finalized in March 2009; Internal Reviews; Departmental and OMB Clearances.
  - Available for Application >>> Anticipated in June 2009

- Program Proposal Decisions – Proposals submitted to NCPN Commodity Groups for initial consideration, planning, and conveyance to NCPN Tier 1 for decision.

- Funding Decisions – Made by the NCPN Tier 1 Governing Body; CWG ‘veto’ right.

- Funding Mechanism – Cooperative Agreements issued directly to recipients by USDA/APHIS – July-September for initiatives arising in FY 2009.

March 2009
The principle activities associated with NCPN

Imports → NCPN Centers → Clean Plant → Mother blocks → Auditor & Quality Control → Maintenance of mother blocks → Nurseries → Extension, Education & Outreach

March 2009
The ancillary activities associated with NCPN

- Imports
- NCPN Centers
  - Clean Plant
  - Establishment & Maintenance of mother blocks
- Domestic varieties
- Nurseries
- Harmonized state Certification Programs
- Audit & Quality Control

BMP's

March 2009
NCPN

G2, G3 Discussions

and

Nursery Stock Certification Programs
NCPN Discussion - G2, G3, and Certification Programs

- Primary NCPN ‘10202’ funds:
  - Strengthen existing programs
  - Build new programs only if to solidify the network
  - Establish and maintain foundation and mother blocks – G1

- Additional funding sources plausible for:
  - G2 / G3 establishment
  - Nursery Certification Programs
The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and Other Funding Opportunities

First time Horticulture and Organic Agriculture title was included (Title X) to address Specialty crops issues and grower needs

- Specialty Crop Research Initiative ($ 230 million)
- Specialty Crop Block grants ($ 224 million) – Sec. 10109
- Pest and Disease Management (NCPN Amount \textit{TBD}) – Sec 10201(d)
- National Clean Plant Network ($ 20 million) – Sec. 10202

March 2009
Challenges

> Harmonization of standards towards a national program

> Funding
Certification Programs - Challenges

Funding

Specialty crops block grants Sec 10109

- Amendment to Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004
- “Subject to appropriation” to “Using the funds made available”
- Extension to 2012
- Each State a minimum of $100,000 or 1/3 of 1% of total amount of funding whichever is greater
- Reallocation of unobligated funds prorated to the remaining states
- $10,000,000 for 2008; $49,000,000 for 2009 and $55,000,000 for 2010-2012 ($224,000,000)

March 2009
Sec 10201 (e) . Safeguard Nursery Production

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NCPN Request for Applications (RFA) and Cooperative Agreements Program 2009 - 2012

March 2009
NCPN Farm Bill Funding – RFA and Cooperative Agreements Logistics

• When will NCPN funding be available to the program?
  – Likely sometime in April 2009 – available to USDA

• Will there be a competitive call for proposals?
  – Yes.

• When will the RFA be published?
  – Likely sometime in June, 2009 >>> pending OMB approval
  – Open for 6 weeks for proposals

• By what mechanisms will funding be distributed?
  – Generally as one-year (occasionally multiyear) cooperative agreements
  – Funding renewal based on annual review of individual programs

March 2009
NCPN Farm Bill Funding – RFA and Cooperative Agreements Logistics

- How will NCPN Funding Decisions be made?
  - Pre-proposals >>> Submitted by Applicants to their respective NCPN Specialty Crop (Tier 2) Governing Bodies (if established) for Coordination, Harmonization, and Support
  - Proposals >>> Submitted by Applicants to USDA for review by the NCPN National (Tier 1) Governing Body

- Will the RFA have NCPN Focused Criteria?
  - Yes. The NCPN Cooperative Agreements program will provide for reasonable focus based on Congressional intent for program.
    - e.g. Specialty Crops, Existing Facilities, Network Ready

- What will NCPN Program Generally Fund?
  - Program operations; including staffing, materials, diagnostics, therapy, foundation establishment, information/communications, and administration needed to produce and deliver clean plant material to nurseries and growers

March 2009
NCPN Farm Bill Funding – RFA and Cooperative Agreements Logistics

- Will the NCPN fund activities associated with the organization and management of Tier 2 / Tier 3 Governing Bodies?
  - Yes; including support staff, meeting logistics, and requested travel support.

- Will the NCPN Program fund ‘New’ Construction?
  - No. It is the intent of Congress that, to extent practicable, existing facilities (or cooperator developed facilities) shall be primary focus.

- Will facility improvements, rentals, or equipment be ‘allowed’?
  - Generally allowable on a case-by-case basis.

- When might funding begin to flow to NCPN Recipients?
  - Likely beginning in July-September 2009.

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NCPN Farm Bill Funding – RFA and Cooperative Agreements Logistics

- Others

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Farm Bill Sec 10202. NCPN – Business Plan
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## BUSINESS PLAN – Maintenance of Commodity Networks ($3,000,000)

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Special Note of Thanks

- **Ms. Tammy Kolt, APHIS/PPQ**
  - NCPN Admin Support
  - Meeting Logistics
- **Ms. Robin Wilcox, APHIS/PPQ**
  - Registrations and Meeting Support
- **Mr. Brandon, APHIS**
  - Computer Support
- **Ms. Susan Burgess, ARS Nat’l Arboretum**
  - Meeting Logistics
- **Ms. Juli Obudzinski, CSREES**
  - Meeting Information Recording
- **Ms. Barbara Zapp, ARS**
  - Meeting Information Recording

March 2009
TINA, PUT TOGETHER A DOCUMENT SHOWING HOW OUR BUDGET ALIGNS WITH OUR PRIORITIES.

WRITE IT SO IT SEEMS LIKE IT DOES.

IT DOESN'T.

ISN'T THAT LYING?

I CALL IT LEADERSHIP BY WORDS.

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