

# North American Plant Protection Organization Annual Meeting; Huatulco, Mexico

Followed by Symposium: Electronic Phytosanitary Certificates, from  
Concept to Implementation

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- Three day meeting to discuss current pest issues within North America on various commodities.
- Breakout sessions with Industry and Government from Canada, United States, and Mexico.
- Joint session with each country.
- Main accomplishments from the Seed Sector was:
  - 1) Prioritizing the seed proposals for NAPPO.
    - > Harmonizing of Seed Testing methods in the NAPPO region
    - > Accreditation of Seed Company Quality Management Practices
  - 2) Recommendation to reinstate the Seed Expert Panel

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3) Seed is recognized as a role model for an industry working together in all the NAPPO countries

- Day after NAPPO was a **Symposium on Electronic Phytosanitary Certificates** ( Sending and receiving E-Phyto's between NPPO's)
- Some Benefits:
  - > Reduce possibilities for fraudulent documents
  - > Improve security in transmission
  - > Improve planning for the arrival and clearance
  - > Reduce delays in receiving and replacement certificates
  - > Harmonize codes and processes