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<b>English only</b>

1. The International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG), formed in 2003, is an independent science group that carries out analysis and scientific research in response to international forest phytosanitary issues identified by quarantine bodies. The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), the Standards Committee (SC) as well as the Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) have all utilized IFQRG in obtaining answers to key science questions. IFQRG has over 100 members from 29 countries providing scientific input from academic, government, industry and regulatory perspectives.

## Scientific Research and Analysis

2. In response to specific questions from the Standards Committee, IFQRG continues to address the challenges in developing the draft appendix Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade (2006-010) to ISPM 15 (Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade). A scientific journal paper is being written by international experts that will outline the scientific basis for test sample sizes and efficacy targets for species groups in the treatment criteria for ISPM 15.

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3. Other ongoing IFQRG work includes:

- quantify components of systems approaches for pest risk reduction in wood products
- further evaluate efficacy requirements for test organisms used in treatment development
- synthesize knowledge on the efficacy of heat treatment and methyl bromide on key taxa (e.g. *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (pinewood nematode), *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Asian longhorned beetle), etc)
- develop guidance documents for new and existing treatments

4. Scientific activities are carried out throughout the year in research institutions around the world support the work of IFQRG. National and Regional Plant Protection Organizations are invited to utilize the technical expertise offered by IFQRG and by providing support to their scientists to participate meetings and research activities. IFQRG strongly encourages the participation of developing countries to ensure that all perspectives on phytosanitary issues are considered. Funding mechanisms are being explored to facilitate participation of the widest scientific community. IFQRG will continue to respond to the needs of the IPPC community to provide a sound scientific basis for the development of new standards.

5. The coordinating body of IFQRG, the science steering committee, is scheduled to meet in Victoria Canada in June 2016 immediately following the meeting of the TPFQ. The next formal group meeting is planned for 2017.

6. For more information on IFQRG or to find out how to become a member of IFQRG please check the IFQRG web page on the IPP<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> IFQRG page on the IPP:  
<https://www.ippc.int/en/liason/organizations/internationalforestryquarantineresearchgroup/>