

Table 1_ Summary of the expertise of the IC regional representatives

Name	Managing Phytosanitary Systems	Capacity Development Activities	Implementing IPPC, ISPMs, CPM Recommendations	Professional Background	Key areas of expertise	Languages
Ezequiel Ferro (Argentina) 2nd IC term	Extensive experience in pest control programs; surveillance; export certification; auditing national programs; pest risk management; phytosanitary negotiations; database management	Speaker in multiple IPPC webinars and workshops; support NPPO strategic plans; advocate and implement e-Phyto; support RPPO strategic planning; develop training materials and guidelines	Regional representative for Latin America & Caribbean; Chair of IPPC Standard Committee; involvement in negotiations including Mercosur-EU; editor of IPP for Argentina	Leader for International Phytosanitary Affairs at SENASA since 2012; prior roles in COSAVE and SENASA	Pest Control Surveillance Export Certification	Spanish (Mother Tongue), English (Excellent)
Nitesh Datt (Fiji) 2nd IC term	Strong experience in biosecurity, PRA, surveillance, diagnostics, export certification; lead national surveillance and emergency response	Designed and delivered training programs for officers and farmers; developed awareness campaigns; involved in regional workshops	Integrated ISPMs into legislation and programs; active in CPM and regional IPPC consultations. He was a member of the POARS Focus Group	Chief Plant Protection Officer since 2023; prior roles in diagnostics and plant pathology	Biosecurity, Pest Risk Analysis Emergency Response	English (Excellent)
Xiaoliang Wang (China) 2nd IC term	Developed national pest prevention strategies; surveillance network; regulation amendments; pest data analysis	Managed international/national pest projects; managed national quarantine online system; authorized quarantine officers; cooperated with industry	Organized IPPC meetings/workshops; team leader for Fusarium TR4 team; participant in IC meetings	Deputy Chief of Plant Quarantine Division since 2013; PhD candidate	Pest Prevention Surveillance Network Regulation	Chinese (Mother Tongue), English (Excellent)
Islam Aboelela (Egypt) New	Managerial roles in PRA, surveillance, certification; APP and IPP contact point; member of the ePhyto and CPM groups	Lead expert trainer; lecturer at Cairo University; set training plans with donors; delivered capacity development via FAO and NGOs	Extensive experience implementing ISPMs nationally and regionally; represented Egypt at CPM 19; involved in negotiations. He is member of the ePhyto SG	Supervisor of Phytosanitary Unit; previous roles in PRA unit and liaison; MBA and DBA degrees	Pest Risk Analysis Surveillance, Certification	Arabic (Mother Tongue), English (Excellent), French (Basic)
Martin Siazemo (Zambia) New	Strong experience in export certification, inspection, pest reporting, PRA, regulations enforcement; project coordination	Coordinated FAO TCP project for strengthening safe trade; involved in World Bank and Zambia Agribusiness projects	Senior officer implementing IPPC, ISPMs, CPM; participated in communication strategy development; CPM workshop attendee	Senior Plant Health Inspector since 2021; prior roles in research and farm supervision	Export Certification Inspection Pest Reporting	English (Excellent)
Ringolds Arnitis (Latvia) 2nd IC term	Developed Latvian phytosanitary system; managed EU compliance; led Phytosanitary Working Group; experience with EPPO and IPPC	Managed multiple FAO and EU projects for capacity building in various countries; conducted training needs assessments; delivered trainings	Long-term involvement with IPPC and EPPO; chaired EPPO Council; contributed to ISPM implementation	Chief adviser since 2019; former Director General of EPPO; Parliamentary Secretary	Phytosanitary systems ISPMs Implementation Capacity development	English (Strong working knowledge) Russian (Excellent)

IC Regional replacements

Note: The regions have also identified potential replacements for the IC regional representatives listed above. These individuals will not serve on the IC unless a regional representative resigns or no longer meets the eligibility criteria for IC membership.

Africa:

1. Rosemary Chioma UCHE (Nigeria)
2. Lucien KOUAME KONAN (Côte d'Ivoire)

Near East and North Africa:

1. Mouna MHAFDHI (Tunisia)

Europe:

1. Matthew EVERATT (United Kingdom)
2. Stavroula IOANNIDOU (Greece)