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Liaison with Research and Educational Institutions

Agenda Item 8.6 of the Provisional Agenda

1. The Fourth Session of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM 4) considered the need for links between the ICPM and research and educational institutions. ICPM 4 asked that the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (SPTA) develop a plan of action for linkages with research and educational institutions for consideration at the Fifth Session of the ICPM (Report of the Fourth Session of the ICPM, Paragraph 72/5).

2. At its meeting in October, the SPTA discussed a paper on liaison with research institutes and teaching organizations provided by Mr Hedley (ICPM Vice Chairperson, New Zealand).

3. The SPTA noted that there would be clear benefits from associations with research and educational institutions. Although good cooperation with research and educational institutions already occurred in some areas, it was noted that a systematic approach could enhance the possibilities for the ICPM and NPPOs to benefit more fully from contributions that may be made by research and educational institutions. The SPTA considered that there could be particular benefits in the following areas:

- planning of phytosanitary programmes;
- pest identification;
- pest biology;
- pest detection;
- treatments; and
- training.

4. It was noted that bodies such as the OIE and CBD had strong links with research institutes. Also highlighted was the positive results from the liaison between the CBD and the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP).

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5. The SPTA considered that there would be merit in convening an Informal Working Group on Research and Educational Liaison to develop an information package defining ICPM interests with respect to areas of phytosanitary concern. It was noted that once the information package was developed it could be distributed to contact points and could be made available on the IPP as a means to promote new linkages.

6. The SPTA recommended that an Informal Working Group on Research and Educational Liaison should be proposed to the ICPM. In the interim, interested members of the SPTA would examine this issue in greater detail and start to develop terms of reference for an Informal Working Group on Research and Educational Liaison.

7. The ICPM is invited to:

1. *Note* the potential benefits arising from liaison with research and educational institutes.
2. *Agree* to the creation of an Informal Working Group on Research and Educational Liaison to develop an information package and to identify other ways to develop and increase liaisons.