

National Plant Biosecurity RD&E Strategy Implementation Committee Meeting 15

FACE TO FACE

7 June 2016

12:00pm- 5:00pm AEDT, ParkRoyal, Melbourne Airport

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Dr Clive Noble (Chair)	Independent Chair
Mr Greg Fraser	PHA
Mr Tim Lester	CRRDC
Dr Michael Robinson	PBCRC
Dr Simone Warner	DEDJTR Vic
Dr Victoria Ludowici (Executive Officer)	PHA

Via teleconference

Name	Organisation
Dr Gary Fitt	CSIRO
Dr Satendra Kumar	NSW DPI
Mr David Moore	HIA
Dr Matthew Parker (on behalf of Kim Ritman)	DAWR
Dr Shashi Sharma	DAFWA

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Dr Mike Ashton	QDAF
Dr Sharon Harvey	Wine Australia
Dr Suzy Perry	QDAF
Dr Rosalie McCauley	DAFWA
Dr Rob Loughman	DAFWA
Dr Kim Ritman	DAWR
Mr Rod Turner (Strategy Leader)	PHA
Dr Ken Young	GRDC

Key dates

14-15th July- NPBRDES IC Forum, AgriBio Melbourne.

Meeting Summary

The submissions to the Smart Biosecurity Science discussion paper have been uploaded to the PBCRC website and Currie Communications has written a summary of the submissions.

The NPBRDES Implementation Committee (IC) will be holding a series of one day workshops on specific cross sectoral plant biosecurity issues such as whitefly transmitted viruses over the next 8 months.

This was Clive Noble's last meeting as chair and as of July 2016 Greg Fraser will be the new chair.

Shashi Sharma was welcomed as the new representative for the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia.

Agenda Items 1 and 2: Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Dr Mike Ashton, Dr Sharon Harvey, Dr Suzy Perry, Dr Rosalie McCauley, Dr Rob Loughman, Dr Kim Ritman and Mr Rod Turner. Dr Shashi Sharma was welcomed as the new representative for the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia.

Agenda Item 3: Review of Action Items

Progress on the individual Action Items arising from the previous meetings were discussed. Individual Action Items to be covered through the agenda were deferred to the appropriate Agenda Item. A number of Action Items were noted as complete.

The Executive Officer was advised by the Deputy Chair of the Subcommittee for Plant Health Diagnostics (SPHD) that the diagnostics audit would commence soon between June and August and should be finished in early 2017.

CSIRO reported that Matthew Koval (DAWR) has been approached regarding the Environmental Biosecurity RD&E Strategy. The Strategy has not been signed off by the National Biosecurity Committee so it will be difficult to run a workshop on environmental biosecurity until the strategy has been finalised.

Agenda Item 4: A Sustainable RD&E System to Support National Plant Health- Update

The PBCRC provided an overview of the submissions received as part of the public consultation on the "Sustainable RD&E system to support National Plant Health" report. A summary report from Currie Communications is available on the PBCRC website. National coordination, matching

funding from governments and the need to “do something in this space” were all considered important. An existing structure was considered more favourably than a new structure, but there was no clear consensus of the preferred model going forward.

The Australian Farm Institute will be reviewing the submissions and writing a final report due in July 2016 with the PBCRC recommendation to the Australian Government due in August 2016. The role of the IC could be influenced by the outcomes from the project. The IC agreed on the importance of remaining engaged with this project but not on the level of engagement going forward. The IC noted the importance of the PBCRC leading this project.

Action: Greg Fraser and Tim Lester (CRRDC) to discuss with the PBCRC the role of the National Plant Biosecurity RD&E Strategy Implementation Committee in the “Sustainable RD&E System to Support National Plant Health”.

Agenda Item 5: Program Logic Prioritisation

The IC reviewed the items in the revised program logic and discussed which ones should be prioritised. It was agreed that items the IC were currently planning should be given top priority i.e. the biosecurity forum, the one day workshops, the Northern Australia audit and the Diagnostics audit. Consulting and discussing the importance of plant biosecurity with the RDCs and the other strategies under the National Primary Industries R,D&E Framework and the major support link audit should also be prioritised.

Agenda Item 6: Capability Audits- including Major, Support, Link Review

The IC has completed a fruit fly inventory in partnership with the Fruit Fly Council and finalised a gap analysis of cross sectoral plant biosecurity RD&E. The IC is carrying out audits on northern Australia, led by CSIRO, and a diagnostics audit in partnership with SPHD. The IC felt that a further two audits, rather than three should be carried out in the next twelve months and the cross sectoral plant biosecurity RD&E gap analysis will be updated. The IC agreed that two new focus areas with potential were bees and viticulture. CSIRO expressed an interest in assisting with a bee RD&E audit. The possibility of completing an audit of RD&E on new and existing platform technologies however this may be difficult due to the potential broad scope. There was a discussion paper on platform technologies at the last AGSOC R&I Committee meeting. CSIRO stated that this paper may be useful in deciding whether to do an audit in this area.

Action: CSIRO to ask Daryl Quinlivan if the discussion paper on platform technologies from the last AGSOC R&I meeting can be distributed to the NPBRDES Implementation Committee.

Action: CSIRO and PBCRC to define the scope and how best to obtain information if an audit on platform technologies is to be carried out.

Action: Executive Officer to follow up with Wine Australia and HIA about the possibility of undertaking an audit of viticulture biosecurity RD&E.

The IC also discussed the Major, Support, Link table from the NPBRDE Strategy. The AGSOC R&I Committee is proposing to review the definitions of major, support and link, however, this was not sufficient reason to delay a review of the table as the definitions were unlikely to change

significantly. The table accurately reflected what RD&E was underway for DAFWA and NSW DPI, while CSIRO noted some changes.

Action: IC to review the Major, Support, Link table from the Strategy.

Agenda Item 7a: National Plant Biosecurity RD&E Forum

The Executive Officer provided an update on the planning of the forum. The Strategy Leader and the Executive Officer met with the Facilitator of the forum and discussed how the forum would be run. The forum workshopping sessions will include the use of PollEverywhere. The Executive Officer was asked to circulate the forum agenda more widely including the members of the IC and the members could circulate the agenda within their organisations.

Action: Executive Officer to circulate the current version of the forum agenda to the IC and potential participants.

Action: IC members to circulate the current version of the forum agenda within their organisations.

Action: IC members to register for the forum at <http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/about-us/events/plant-biosecurity-priorities/>.

Agenda Item 7b: One Day Workshops

At meeting 14 the IC agreed to three, one-day workshops on different cross sectoral plant biosecurity RD&E opportunities. The aim would be for the IC to help broker new projects between different RDCs for the *R&D for Profit programme* or to allow for the development of existing sectoral projects to be inclusive of other sectors.

The first workshop will be on whiteflies and whitefly transmitted Begomoviruses and potentially Fusarium diseases and is planned for August. In addition to the affected industries' RDCs, researchers and government departments should be included.

The next workshop will be on the development of in-field diagnostic tests and multi-target novel detection systems that can identify groups/genera of pathogens in a single plant or insect vector sample. This workshop will involve state and Commonwealth governments, plant based RDCs, SPHD, Subcommittee on National Plant Health Surveillance (SNPHS), CSIRO, PBCRC and plant industries. The IC agreed that it is important to have a session on policy considerations related to new multi-target diagnostic tests and that SPHD may wish to be involved in running this workshop rather than as a participant.

Action: Executive Officer to contact SPHD regarding one day diagnostics workshop about interest in assisting with the diagnostics workshop.

The final workshop will be on pasture pests and will involve the animal RDCs, GRDC, state and Commonwealth agriculture departments, Department of Environment, Animal Biosecurity RD&E Strategy, AHA and animal peak industry bodies. The proposed theme was too narrow and should include all pasture pests rather than just weeds and that the participants from the SNPHS surveillance workshop may be interested in attending. The timeline was also considered to be too tight and this workshop should be held early next year.

Action: Executive Officer to write draft agendas and invitee lists for the three planned one-day workshops.

Agenda Item 8: Update on Strategy Leaders Forum

Since meeting 14 the Strategy Leader and the Executive Officer attended the AGSOC R&I Committee's Strategy Leaders Forum. The AGSOC R&I Committee reconfirmed its commitment to the strategies under the National Primary Industries R,D&E Framework and discussed its interest in engaging with primary industries, possibly through the peak industry bodies. Overall the strategies felt that greater feedback from the AGSOC R&I Committee would be beneficial. There is interest from the AGSOC R&I Committee in holding a forum for the cross sectoral strategies, however, there are no firm plans at this stage.

The next report from the IC to the AGSOC R&I Committee is due in June.

Action: Strategy Leader and Executive Officer to edit AGSOC R&I report and circulate it amongst the IC for submission in June.

Agenda Item 9: Budget

A brief update of the financial update was presented to the IC. A updated forecast including expenditure up until the end of June 2016 was requested. The costs of the forum and workshops had not been added in. With the current forecast there will be an underspend and the IC will need to discuss what to do with the projected surplus.

Action: Strategy Leader and Executive Officer to add in costs until the end of the financial year, including the forum costs, for the financial forecast.

Agenda Item 10: Key Messages for Communication

Key messages for communication have been a standing item on the agenda for some time. The Chair questioned the need for this item to be a standing item on the agenda. This could be an item every second meeting so that any messages for communication to the NPBRDES Implementation Committee's stakeholders could be discussed at the end of each agenda item. The IC reiterated the importance of the minutes and discussed the possibility of a short summary of the meeting to be distributed after every meeting.

The IC's stakeholders should be made aware of the upcoming forum in July and the one day workshops being held over the next eight months.

Agenda Item 11: Other Business

Clive Noble will be standing down as Chair at the end of the financial year. The Chair thanked the IC members for their support, stated the importance of the strategy and its role going forward. Mr Greg Fraser, the incoming Chair was welcomed.

Agenda Items 12 & 13: Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting will be held either directly after the forum on the 15th July or in early September.

Meeting close: 4:30pm