

**APEC Planning workshop on Capacity Building in Surveillance and
Diagnosis for Leafminer, Whitefly, Thrip and Mealybug Pests in
Developing APEC Economies for Improved Market Access**

**May 22 - 25, 2006
Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia**



**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**



Government of Malaysia

Workshop Information

Venue

Corus Hotel, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date

May 22 - 25, 2006

Language

English will be the official language of the workshop

Organizers

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Malaysia,
Department of Agriculture Malaysia
CAB International

Background

Leafminers, whiteflies, thrips and mealybugs are a serious and widespread problem in the region, becoming increasingly more important over the last five years. Leafminers attack numerous vegetable crops and are particularly important pests for beans (especially long bean), cucumber (also some other cucurbits), potato, tomato and crucifers (e.g. cabbage). It has been reported that whitefly (*Bemisia tabaci*) damage and virus disease transmission on vegetables has increased significantly in the last five years. Whitefly problems on fruit trees have also been reported. Thrips are now common throughout the tropical areas of SE Asia, and are also found in other parts of the world. Thrips species infesting agricultural crops pose difficult problems to developing economies in terms of market access. Mealybugs can cause severe damage to agricultural crops. For example, the pink hibiscus mealybug can infest, reproduce, and cause severe damage on 200+ genera in 70 different families of plants, including cotton, citrus, many vegetables, grapes, ornamentals, and other species of major importance to agriculture in many APEC economies. It has been estimated that the mealybug's potential cost to U.S. agriculture is US\$750 million per annum.

APEC economies are, to a certain extent, aware of the importance of these pests. For example, many species of leafminer, whitefly, thrips and mealybug appear on the Northern Australian Quarantine Strategy (NAQS) priority list. However, for developing economies in-economy expertise and information is lacking. This deficiency of knowledge has serious implications for both plant protection and plant quarantine precautions. In particular, it is impossible to know which species to exclude at plant quarantine inspection, and there is no in-economy expertise to identify these pests on plant imports.

Project structure

This is a two-year project, beginning with a workshop to develop consensus on common surveillance protocols. Following this workshop, participating economies will undertake focused surveillance and specimen collection for the target pests over a period of 6 to 12 months. The final phase of the project will be separate training courses on leafminer, whitefly, thrip and mealybug identification, essentially drawing heavily on specimens collected from in-economy surveys conducted earlier in the project.

Objectives of the planning workshop are:

- Assess the status of the target pests in each member economy
- Design surveillance protocols, using “The Surveillance Toolkit” developed by DAFF, Australia for the targeted pests
- Develop action plan for pest surveillance and specimen collection for participating member economies to follow in the 6 – 12 months after the planning workshop.

Funds

The APEC Secretariat (APEC Support Fund) will cover workshop costs, such as venue and meeting expenses

- Delegates from developed member economies should be responsible for other expenses associated with participation in the workshops, including airfares, accommodation, visas, travel insurance, taxi fares, etc.
- Delegates from developing member economies are welcome to apply for traveling funds including round trip economy class airfare and accommodation/subsistence for up to **5** days. The traveling funds are limited to two delegates for each developing economy.

Workshop Program

The 4-day planning workshop will consist of:

1. Reports on priority pests within individual participating economies.
2. An overview of the DAFF Surveillance Toolkit, including:
 - Designing surveys: types and definitions
 - Getting started
 - Methods for choosing survey sites
 - Calculating sample size
 - Timing and data to be collected
 - Collecting specimens
 - Data storage, people and permits
3. Formulating harmonized protocols for survey of mutually-agreed priority pests
4. Sign-off of protocols and implementation plan for each participating economy

Lectures

Speakers are required to prepare their presentation(s) prior to departure for Kuala Lumpur. The e-files of the paper should reach the secretariat by e-mail: s.soetikno@cabi.org and copy to loke@cabi.org **no later than 15 April 2006.**

Pest Status Report

Each participating member economy is required to prepare an economy paper prior to their departure for Kuala Lumpur. The paper should cover the status of the target pests in the economy and the current surveillance methods used. In preparing the economy paper, delegates are expected to follow the Guidelines for the Preparation of Economy Papers (to be sent later). The e-file of the paper should reach the secretariat by email: s.soetikno@cabi.org and copy to loke@cabi.org **no later than 15 April 2006.**

Registration

All participants, including delegates, speakers, observers, and others, are required to send their **official registration forms** by e-mail or fax to:

Workshop Secretariat

CAB International, South East Asia Regional Centre
P.O. Box 210
43400 UPM Serdang, Malaysia
Phone: +60-3-8943-2921/3641
Fax : +60-3-8942-6490
E-mail: s.soetikno@cabi.org

(Attention: Dr. Soetikno S. Sastroutomo)

DELEGATES & SPONSORSHIP

Delegates to this workshop will be plant health personnel involved in the implementation of national plant quarantine and biosecurity services, particularly those involved in pest surveys for the generation of national pest data and collections, and nominated by APEC representatives within each member economy. **Delegates are expected to i) participate actively in the deliberation and group discussions in the workshops, and ii) undertake to initiate and implement in-economy pest surveys upon their return.** Sponsorship in the form of airfare (economy class) and per diem (including accommodation and subsistence allowances) is available from APEC for up to two persons from each of the following travel-eligible member economies: Chile, China, Indonesia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

To facilitate APEC sponsorship for speakers and participants from each APEC member economy, the registration form must be sent **no later than April 8th 2006**. Airfares to be funded by APEC must be approved by APEC in advance. Therefore, if your travel is sponsored by APEC, you must submit your detailed travel itinerary and airfare quotation to the APEC Secretariat for approval without delay (before purchasing of air ticket) by Fax : (65) 6775-6013 or Email : dh@appec.org (Attention: Daphne Ho). This is to avoid higher airfares, ensure confirmed seats, allow time for visa application, etc. Your detailed travel itinerary must be from a Travel Agent and must have clear indication of your airfare, taxes, in local/home currency, travel class, duration of each sector, etc. The APEC Secretariat is unable to approve your airfare without these details. Please note that airfares and other eligible travel expenses will be reimbursed after the meeting.

Please have your APEC ATCWG focal point confirm with the APEC Workshop Secretariat (s.soetikno@cabi.org) the names of APEC funded participants.

Hotel Reservations

All participants are expected to stay in the Corus Hotel, which is the venue of the workshop. Participants are expected to make their own reservation using the form provided in this announcement.

Application

Please complete and return the Registration Form to the Secretariat before **8th April 2006**.

Confirmation of Registration

Upon the receipt of completed registration form, the Secretariat will fax or e-mail to confirm the registration.

Cancellation

In case that registration has to be cancelled or changed, please send written notification to the Secretariat in advance.

Transportation

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Arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA)

Please note that if you are arriving via the Satellite Building, you need to take the Aerotrain to the Arrival Terminal for your Immigration clearance and baggage claim. There are clear signs directing you to the arrival hall.

Taxi/Transport to the Corus Hotel

Please purchase a coupon for a taxi to take you to the Corus Hotel. The cost of a one-way ticket for a budget taxi is about RM65 (US\$17). Please enquire at the taxi counter in the main Arrival Hall after clearing customs. At the counter, please tell them that you need a **budget** taxi to go to:

**The Corus Hotel,
Jalan Ampang,
50450 Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia**

At the end of the workshop, the secretariat will assist you in arranging transport to KLIA with the hotel management.

Social Program

A Welcome Reception is tentatively scheduled for 22nd May 2006. There is no formal organized social program for spouses but tours can be arranged directly through the hotel management.

Arrivals and Entry Formalities

Passport and Visa Requirements

Passport

Every person entering Malaysia must possess a valid national Passport or internationally recognized Travel Document valid for travel to Malaysia. Any person not in possession of a Passport or Travel Document that is recognized by the Malaysian Government must obtain a Document in lieu of Passport. Applications for the Document in lieu of Passport can be made at any Malaysian Representative Office abroad. Holders of Travel Documents like a Certificate of Identity, Laisser Passer, Titre de Voyage or a Economy's Certificate of Permanent Residence must ensure that their return to the economy which issued the document or the economy of residence is guaranteed. The documents shall be valid for more than six (6) months from the date of entry into Malaysia.

Visa

Foreign nationals who require a Visa to enter Malaysia must apply and obtain a Visa in advance at any Malaysian Representative Office abroad before entering the host economy. We will issue an official letter of invitation to facilitate visa applications, if so required.

How To Apply For A Visa

Applications for visas should be made at the nearest Malaysian Missions abroad. In economies where Malaysian Missions have not been established, application should be made to the British High Commission or Embassy. The applicant should present him/herself together with the following documents:

- (a) Passport or Travel Document
- (b) Form IM.47 (3 copies)
- (c) Three (3) passport sized photographs
- (d) Return or onward - journey traveling ticket
- (e) Proof of sufficient funds

For more information please visit: www.kln.gov.my or contact the nearest Malaysian Embassy or High Commission in your economy or region.

Host Economy Information

MALAYSIA

Malaysia is divided into two parts, West or Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia, which is on the island of Borneo. West and East Malaysia are about 400 miles apart. The combined land area of both regions is about 330,400 sq km (127,000 sq miles).

Peninsular Malaysia is again divided into the east and west coasts by the mountain range known as Banjaran Titiwangsa. This range runs from the Malaysian-Thai border in the north right down to the southern state of Negeri Sembilan.

In East Malaysia, the Crocker Range in Sabah is where the highest peak in South East Asia, Mount Kinabalu, is located. The highest point of the mountain is 4,095.2 metres above sea level.

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| Capital City | Kuala Lumpur (population approximately 2 million) |
| Time | GMT + 8 hours |
| Currency | RM (Ringgit Malaysia). Currently, Ringgit Malaysia has a fixed exchange rate to the US dollar, i.e. US\$1 = RM3.80 |
| Climate | Tropical, hot and humid. Temperatures average 22°C - 33°C. |
| Language | Bahasa Malaysia is the official language but English is very widely spoken and understood. Cantonese, Mandarin and Tamil are also spoken. |
| Voltage | 220 -- 240V, 50 cycles |
| IDD Access Code | 00-60- |
| Mobile phone system | GSM 900 and 1800. Pre-paid mobile services are easily available from the communication shops at the Mall next to the Hotel. |
| Internet services | High Speed Broadband Internet facility is available in the hotel rooms. Guests can be connected to the Internet at a speed of 2 Mbps. To get this service please contact Hotel staff. |
| General Business Hours | 0800 – 1700 hrs (Mondays to Fridays) Banks are open from 0930 – 1530 hrs on weekdays |

Hotel Accommodation

Location

The Corus Hotel Kuala Lumpur is strategically located along Jalan Ampang, the exclusive "Embassy Row" at the nexus of Kuala Lumpur's "Golden Triangle", encompassing the City's prime business, financial and entertainment districts.

The hotel is only a two-minute walk to the Light Rail Transit system (PUTRA LRT) and a five-minute walk from the magnificent Kuala Lumpur City Centre, home of the world's tallest building, the Petronas Twin Towers and the city's premier shopping centre, Suria KLCC.

Accessibility

The Hotel is a mere 45-minutes drive to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and key public transportation services such as Light Rail Transit system (PUTRA LRT) are at the hotel's doorstep.

Room Rates

Preferential room rates have been arranged with Corus Hotel for participants to the Workshop at RM 256.45 single. These rates include breakfast, morning and afternoon teas and lunch for the duration of the workshop.

Contact Address

The Corus Hotel,
Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia
Tel: (603) 2161 8888
Fax: (603) 2161 2393
Freephone: 1 800 88 0888
E-mail: reservations@corushotelkl.com

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Workshop Registration Form

Yes, I am interested to participate in the workshop, and I wish to be kept informed.

(print or type in block letters)

Title: Mr/Ms/Dr/Prof.

Family name: _____

First name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Postal address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ I will be paying for my own expenses (air ticket, meals and accommodation, etc).

☐ I am requesting sponsorship from the Organizing Committee

(For those developing economy participants seeking sponsorship please register as early as possible)

Please send your registration to the Workshop Secretariat:

CAB International, South East Asia Regional Centre

Glasshouse No.2, Opposite Block G

MARDI Complex, P.O. Box 210

43400 UPM Serdang, Malaysia

Phone: +60-3-8943-2921/3641

Fax : +60-3-8942-6490

E-mail: s.soetikno@cabi.org

(Attention: Dr. Soetikno S. Sastroutomo)

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Personal Information

Title : Mr/Ms/Dr/Prof.
First Name (Given Name) : _____
Last Name (Family Name) : _____
Nationality : _____
Passport No. : _____
Home Address : _____

Contact (Please include your economy's area code):

Telephone : _____
Fax : _____
E-mail : _____

Booking Information

Room Type : ☐ Superior ☐ Deluxe
 ☐ Single ☐ Double/Twin
Check-in Date : _____
Check-out Date : _____
Special Requirements : _____
(e.g. vegetarian)

Credit Card Information

Credit Card No. : _____
Expiry Date : _____
Card Type : VISA/Master/AMEX/JCB

Please fax this completed form before 15 April to:

The Corus Hotel,
Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia
Tel: (603) 2161 8888
Fax: (603) 2161 2393
Freephone: 1 800 88 0888
E-mail: reservations@corushotelkl.com