

## International Forestry Quarantine Research Group 2021 Virtual Symposium

September 30, October 7, 14 and 21

11-13:30 New York/ 17:00-19:30 Rome/ 19:00 - 21:30 Sydney/ 12:00 - 2:30 Tokyo

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## Dear Colleagues,

The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) will be held as a virtual symposium on four consecutive Thursdays starting September 30, 2021. Each day there will be four to six ~15 minute presentations. A five minute question period will follow each presentation. Each day will close with a discussion session on the day's topics for approximately one hour.

The symposium days will be organized by topics, tentatively:

- Pest detection and management
- Molecular tools used for biosecurity
- ISPM 15
- Standards and guidelines development

The Symposium will be hosted on the Zoom platform by meeting coordinator Kelli Hoover, Penn State University, USA.

To register, please email IFQRG secretary Meghan Noseworthy: <a href="mailto:meghan.noseworthy@canada.ca">meghan.noseworthy@canada.ca</a>. A Zoom meeting link will be sent to participants before the meeting.

To give a presentation, please submit your proposal no later than Friday July 30, 2021. Please include the following in your proposal:

- 1. Title
- 2. Purpose
- 3. Brief abstract (3-4 sentences)
- 4. Your agreement that we can post your presentation (pdf version) in the IFQRG-18 meeting restricted work area after the conference

Once all the ideas for presentations are submitted, the IFQRG Science Steering Committee will review, group presentations by topic, develop an agenda and post it on the <a href="IFQRG">IFQRG</a> webpage by Friday September 9, 2021.

Dr Michael Ormsby

Chair, International Forest Quarantine Research Group