

PROCINORTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS & ACTIONS

12 - 13 NOVEMBER 2019

	Decision	Responsibility	Dateline	Status
1	Representatives of the USDA-ARS on the BoD will encourage US universities to accept short term placements from Mexico and LAC as well as promote current opportunities for US students obtaining placements in Mexico	Board of Directors	November 25, 2018	A memorandum was sent to the representatives of USDA-ARS on this regard on December 6, 2018
2	The Matters Arising #5 (i.e. checking with other PROCINORTEs on the feasibility of establishing a joint website): This should reflect partial completion.	Secretariat	November 30, 2018	Done
3	Any other areas deemed appropriate for collaborating with IICA will be shared with Technical Cooperation Directorate.	BOD members	March 30, 2019	Done
4	A meeting between PROCINORTE Secretariat and the coordinators of the relevant Program Areas of IICA will be scheduled to identify opportunities for engagement with PROCINORTE as an innovation platform.	Viviana Palmieri/ Audia Barnett	March 30, 2019	During BoD meeting, Nov. 2019 Advances: ES has introduced PROCINORTE to IICA's Program Leaders

5	The draft Strategic Plan of FORAGRO is to be shared with the President of PROCINORTE (in his capacity as member of the Steering Committee of FORAGRO) for subsequently sharing with the members of the BoD.	Audia Barnett	November 30, 2018	A proposal for revision was sent to FORAGRO Steering Committee, including President of PROCINORTE on November 11 th , 2018.
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6	Implement the recommendations of the climate change virtual workshop relating to information sharing by IICA	Audia Barnett	March 30, 2019	Done, for BoD to make decision on how to proceed during XXI meeting
7	Coordinate the development of a road map for climate change and soil & water conservation, by organizing a session with representatives from the three countries to identify specific areas with continental implications and opportunities	Audia Barnett	March 30, 2019	Done. June 18, 2019
8	Advise Animal Health and Plant Health Task Forces to highlight results from collaborative work	Audia Barnett	November 30, 2018	A memorandum with the recommendations of the BoD was sent to the Task Forces on December 6, 2018
9	Buyers/importers in Canada & USA should be involved in the tech transfer of the non-destructive testing of avocados, the TF should therefore, prepare a list of such persons and share relevant information.	Priscila Henríquez	December, 2019	As expected in results from consultancy being carried out by CamBioTec

10	Share MTA with legal departments of INIFAP & IICA for decision regarding same.	Audia Barnett/Priscila Henríquez	August, 2019	MTA was approved by IICA A clause was added in October requesting that Felix Instruments acknowledges PROCINORTE's support
11	A no-objection letter to be issued by USDA –ARS & AAFC regarding transfer of technology (MTA) relating to non-destructive testing of avocado	US and Canada Board members	November 30, 2018	Reminder regarding letter of no objection sent on December 5 th , 2018

Recommendations to the Task Forces

Animal Health Task Force

	Recommendations	Responsibility	Dateline	Status
1	Accommodate where possible, virtual participation of other countries in annual workshops, particularly when new knowledge is being shared.	Task Force	November 15, 2019	Done
2	Each country should clearly indicate the rationale for selecting topic identified.	Task Force	November 15, 2019	Done
2	Ensure that information on impact of the Task Force is always included in the annual report.	Task Force	November 15, 2019	Done

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1	Document the initiative being undertaken with indigenous groups in Canada relating to the 3 Sisters (Corn, Squash, and Beans).	Task Force	November 15, 2019	Discussions were held with members of the TF, interest was indicated but no further actions were undertaken. It requires a decision by the TF.
2	Link the study regarding the flow of maize germplasm from Mexico to Canada, to the current 3 Sisters initiative being undertaken in Canada.	Task Force	November 15, 2019	As above
Plant Health				
	Recommendations	Responsibility	Dateline	Status
1	Examine and document progress made on a specific topic or crop, demonstrating the result of the three countries working together on an identified problem.	Task Force	November 15, 2019	Done, potato zebra chip pamphlet produced jointly by scientists from the three countries
2	Document conditions, success factors etc. that allowed collaboration to take place.	Task Force	November 15, 2019	Done, explained in TF report
Tree Fruit				
	Recommendations	Responsibility	Dateline	Status
1	Share information package, documenting the steps, challenges and strides involved in the development and technology transfer of the successful model with exporters, importers and producers in the three countries.	Task Force	November 15, 2019	Done, explained in TF report
2	The draft MTA is to be reviewed by relevant legal personnel prior to signing.	Secretariat	November 30, 2018	The MTA was reviewed and approved by the legal department in INIFAP and IICA. MTA



				modified, signed by Felix Instruments, to be signed by DG of INIFAP and IICA at BoD meeting 2019
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