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**ANBP's Mission is to
address key
issues of the
biological control
industry
through advocacy,
education, and quality
assurance.**



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ANBP Goes to Washington, D.C.

This past year ANBP has been very active in addressing regulatory issues that have been impacting the shipping of our beneficials. We have been working with a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C., who helped arrange meetings with critical agency personnel with the goal of adding language to the 2018 Farm Bill that will ensure our beneficial insects, mites, and nematodes are only regulated by the USDA-APHIS-PPQ, as they have been for many years. Our biocontrol species are not wildlife and have been reared in insectaries and laboratories for years and have been very thoroughly vetted through permitting protocols. We have experienced difficulties with other US agencies and have tried to clarify this officially with little success until we hired a firm to represent our industry. Read more about this project and other regulatory news on our [website here](#)...

And, to follow-up on our regulatory items, we are holding our **Fall Board of Directors** meeting and Annual General Meeting near Washington, D.C. later in October. We will have an afternoon, semi-formal, session with representatives from USDA-APHIS-PPQ and potentially other agencies in the area (still pending) where we will catch up with talking about the status of our industry and our concerns. Because the pending (new) APHIS regulations have not yet debuted, we may not be able to talk about those, but we will at least exchange as much information as possible. Because the venue is *very limited in size*, if ANBP members would like to attend, they need to contact us soon to see if we have room. We'll be meeting in Greenbelt, MD on **October 23, 2018**. Please contact [Lynn LeBeck](#) before **October 15** or as soon as possible for availability.

In other news...

Board Member changes for 2017/2018

A few of our Board Members stepped down in the past year and offered substitutes to maintain continuity on the Board of Directors. And more changes may be on the way, but in the meantime, we managed a group photo at the Spring Board meeting in Carlsbad, California, where we located so we could participate in the BIOCONTROLS WEST Conference and Trade Show. [See our complete list here.](#)



Quality Assurance Committee Met in Mérida, Mexico

Time to Revisit Quality Guidelines!



Angela Hale
Quality Assurance Committee Chair
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If you are a researcher, wanting to compare predatory mites from three different suppliers, or a grower wanting to ensure that your weekly supply of *Encarsia* arrives in good condition and ready to emerge, what testing method do you use? Wouldn't it be desirable to have solidarity from our members as to what tests are appropriate and accurate? That was the consensus of a group of ten ANBP and IBMA (International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association) members that met informally during the recent 14th IOBC-MRQA Workshop in Mérida, Mexico. [Read more...](#)

Miss our meeting in Mérida, Mexico?



[Check out the summary and group photo.](#)

Dan Cahn receives the 2017 ANBP Award of Excellence

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