



Dear ANBP Members:

Where did the summer go? As ANBP waded through website renovations (almost there), working on the 2022 program for our joint meeting with the IOBC-Mass Rearing and Quality Assurance Workshop in Bologna, Italy, and starting *another* round of regulatory work (see below), our days flew by. We know many of you struggled with Covid-related work challenges, and some have endured smoke, fire, and hurricane threats. Let's hope our coming year is productive, uneventful and stress-free. Check out the items below.

ANBP Board meeting and dinner at the MJBizCon, Las Vegas, Oct. 21, 2021

MJBizCon [Marijuana Business Conference and Cannabis Expo]

<https://mjbizconference.com/>



ANBP looked, in vain, for a meeting this fall with which we could co-locate our fall Board and Annual General Meeting. Covid appears to have canceled our first choices, however, a number of our producer and distributor members do have the **MJBizCon** meeting on their travel lists, so we have decided to get together on the morning of **Oct. 21** for a 2-3 hour meeting before the exhibits open. To be clear: we are not officially connected to the MJBizCon Conference. That night we will reconvene for dinner at a restaurant and continue over good food. Our morning meeting will concentrate on regulatory issues that, once again, need our undivided attention (see below). Other ANBP topics may need to be postponed to a Zoom meeting in November.

If you are attending the MJBizCon and would like to attend our Oct. 21 8:00 AM meeting and dinner, please let us know as soon as possible. Email Lynn LeBeck at: exdir@anbp.org. We are preparing head counts for the meeting room and dinner. The meeting room will be in the Hampton Inn Las Vegas Convention Center hotel (Vista Room).

Regulatory challenges with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Most unfortunately, this summer saw the reoccurrence of shipment problems for beneficials entering the U.S. The USFWS has been delaying these shipments at several customs locations. You may recall we spent a considerable amount of time and funds attempting to collaborate with the USFWS several years ago (via a lobbyist). These issues have returned and we are anticipating they will claim all of our species as "wildlife" and subject to their oversight, even though we are fully regulated by the USDA-APHIS. Our ANBP Regulatory Committee is actively working on this now and this topic will be the subject of our Oct. 21 meeting. If any companies have experienced shipment issues with the USFWS in the past few months that you would like us to know about, please drop us a line (or call if you prefer).

**Planning update for the IOBC-Mass Rearing and Quality Assurance Workshop,
Bologna, Italy, September 2022**



<https://www.mrqa.eu/workshop2022/>

Watch the website to see the program take shape!

The IOBC-MRQA organizing committee for the Bologna workshop next year reports we are “on track” for yet another great event. Covid derailed our plans for meeting last month, but we are hopeful that a year from now we will all be in Italy for another great conference. Sessions being planned include:

- Mass rearing and evaluating biological control agents for crop pest (arthropods and entomopathogenic nematodes)
- Special session on the book “Mass Production of Beneficial Organisms”
- Mass rearing for SIT and other autocidal pest control
- Methods for assessing the quality of biological control products
- Mass rearing insects for food and feed
- Mass rearing and evaluating pollinators
- And more

In Memoriam



John Maurer

Dec.15, 1955 – July 11, 2021

We were incredibly saddened to hear of the passing of our longtime ANBP member and friend, **John Maurer**. John passed away in August at home in Oregon. He was the founder and President of Evergreen Growers and was active and well-known in the industry for 25 years. John grew up in Orange County, California. He received his degree in agriculture at Cal Poly – Pomona, and then, according to his dear friend, Brian Spencer (Applied Bio-nomics), *he got in his old car and drove up to Oregon. And, just like Lewis and Clark, he stopped in Oregon City.* John became a huge advocate for biological control and was very active in the Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN) for over 20 years. He was also a dedicated member of ANBP, attending many Board of Directors and Annual meetings before officially joining the Board in 2013. He stepped down after 2018, but continued to participate regularly. He was a thoughtful, detailed, and very forward-thinking ANBP Board member and we all enjoyed his company. He is very much missed.

Long overdue website coming soon!



And finally, we should soon be revealing the newly designed ANBP website. Slowed down during the summer, the address will remain the same, but new features will make the site easier to navigate and update. It will be more secure, and mobile-friendly! We will be able to send news items on a timely basis and members will be able to add customized information to their Directory listing. As soon as it's "up" we'll let you know!

Have an item for our ANBP News Flash? Do you have comments or suggestions for ANBP? Please drop us a line at exdir@anbp.org.