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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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Photo: Incoming ANBP President for 2019, Casey Decker (left), presents Richard Ward, President for the past three years (and more before!), with a gift and our heartiest *thanks!*

2019 Fall Annual General Meeting held at the IOBC, International Symposium on the Ecology of Aphidophaga, September 2019

ANBP co-located our fall Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Board meetings in Montréal, CANADA, this past September 16-20, 2019, at the IOBC Aphidophaga Symposium. This international workgroup meets every three years and features invited talks and posters on *all things* that eat aphids! The program was outstanding and included a delightful excursion and a banquet complete with dancing! This link provides the [program booklet](#) that features titles and the abstracts, and the organizers also posted many [photos](#). We also took the opportunity to judge and award ANBP Student prizes to the best poster and best oral presentation – and the competition was fierce. See the article below for awardee details. ANBP was graciously provided space for our Board of Directors meetings and AGM. Much of our agenda focused on summarizing our regulatory efforts for the year, discussing how we will be proceeding with our quality assurance protocols, and planning for 2020 events and issues.



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ECOLOGY OF APHIDOPHAGA 14
 MONTRÉAL 2019



Second and third from the left are ANBP members, Julie Graesch (Bioworks, Inc.) and Suzanne Wainwright-Evans (Buglady Consulting). The slide is titled "Ecosystemic service of natural biocontrol and inoculative biological control worldwide - \$400 billions US/year (van Lenteren, 2012).

ANBP selects student award winners at Montréal meeting

Each year, ANBP watches for meetings that might include presentations by students doing applied biocontrol. The meeting in Montréal featured almost 20 student posters or talks on aphid biocontrol. All of these were wonderful, but we did select a top poster and talk to receive ANBP Awards that included certificates and checks for \$250.



Mireia Solà



James Miksanek

Mireia Solà (University of Québec at Montréal)

Her work on tarnished plant bugs was a topic of serious interest for ANBP and augmentation biocontrol in general. Her poster title was: ***Voracity, functional response and prey preference of *Nabis americoferus* feeding on tarnished plant bugs and aphids***

James Miksanek (University of Minnesota) was ANBP's oral presentation award winner. James did an extraordinary amount of work and gave a superb presentation. His talk was: ***A host-density dependent decline in lifespan and estimation of the age of an aphid parasitoid in the field.***

[Check out the award photos](#) and abstracts for more information. *Congratulations to both awardees!*

New President, Casey Decker, takes the ANBP reins

At our 2019 fall meeting in Montréal, we formally welcomed Casey Decker, Sierra Biologicals, as our new ANBP President. Casey joined ANBP as a Distributor member in 2015, and quickly became involved in ANBP issues. During our fall Annual General Meeting in Merida, Mexico (2017), Casey was designated ANBP Vice President under Richard Ward, who had been serving his second term as ANBP President (a three year term) which ended at the September 2019 meeting – with many **Thanks** from all of us! Casey presented Richard with an inscribed clock at a truly wonderful dinner in the old town of Montréal. Richard will remain a Board Member and is Director of Business Development at Beneficial Insectary.

Casey is President of Sierra Biological Inc. Moving from its California roots to Lyndonville NY; Sierra Biological is an insect production company serving the wholesale BCA industry.

Check out our full roster of 2020 ANBP Board of Directors, Scientific Advisers, and Committee Members below.

Visit our ANBP News and Views page

Links to news items from the world of biocontrol, as well as to interesting publications are rotated on and off our [News and Views](#) webpage. Currently, we have a comprehensive chapter about the economics of biocontrol that debuted in 2019. Plus, while it's only a *snapshot* of the survey data we collected this fall about the current state of commercial and research biocontrol in the US, our Entomological Society of America [symposium talk is posted at this link](#) Dr. Norm Leppla gave the talk in St. Louis in November that was also co-authored by Richard Ward and our Executive, Director (LeBeck).

And, we are always updating our [Events](#) for 2020. Check them out.

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2019 ANBP Award of Excellence

The 2019 ANBP Award of Excellence goes to Dr. Clive Stinson, Beneficial Insectary, Inc. Every year, ANBP recognizes an individual who has made, or is making, extraordinary contributions to the field of augmentation biological control and/or its use in integrated pest management. This year we could not have selected a more appropriate recipient for the award. Dr. Stinson has worked on an amazingly wide range of topics critical to the discovery and implementation of natural enemies (for both arthropod and weed biocontrol), all of which are important in IPM systems today. During his career he has explored all aspects that relate to their successful use in controlling pest species including foreign exploration, biology, non-target host testing, rearing techniques, and more. The field of biological control is richer for his many research and development efforts. Please read the more [detailed overview of his career](#) and join us in *congratulating* Dr. Stinson. He will receive his award plaque at our spring meeting in Portland, Oregon (at the BIOCONTROLS WEST event) in early March.

Regulatory update

After many years of waiting for the new USDA-APHIS permitting rules, they finally debuted this September! ANBP has followed this closely and provided informal and formal suggestions toward these rules since they started re-doing the document. Here is the official message below (and following that is a link that is difficult to find, but it points to the list of arthropods with no permitting requirements, under certain conditions).

Washington, D.C., September 14, 2019 – The United States Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public that the record of decision for the environmental impact statement associated with the final rule that updated APHIS’ regulations for the importation, interstate movement, and intrastate movement of plant pests is now available online. The public may view the record of decision at www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2008-0076.

Additional details can be found here: these are changes in permitting requirements and **contain the lists of agents for which no permit will be required (under certain conditions)**.

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/permits/plant-pests/plant-pest-regulations-rule>



It's that time of the year!

Our **DUES RENEWAL** season is open for those who like to renew before the end of the calendar year.

The official deadline is March 1, 2020. As always, if you would like an invoice, just drop us a line at exdir@anbp.org and we will do our best to accommodate your fiscal needs! **You can download our dues renewal form here!** Let us know if you have any questions!