

First Announcement

Blueprint for the future of arthropod rearing and quality assurance

Joint Meeting in Vienna, Austria of:

IOBC Global Working Group on Arthropod Mass Rearing and Quality Control (AMRQC)
Association of Natural Bio-control Producers (ANBP)
ASTM subcommittee E35.30 on Natural Multi-Cellular Biological Control Organisms
International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA), Invertebrate Biocontrols Group
In cooperation with the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture

October 19-22, 2010

Hosted by:

International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria

Venue:

The conference will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), which is easy to reach from the centre of Vienna

Organizing Committee:

Tom Coudron, IOBC AMRQC Co-convenor, USDA-ARS, USA
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Registration:

Accommodation options, registration fees, etc. will be announced in a subsequent circular, as details become available.

Program:

The objective of the workshop is to address the audacious goal of moving from "bug farms" to industrial production of high-quality insects, mites and nematodes for biological control, SIT, research and other current and future applications.

The workshop will focus on all issues related to the rearing of entomophagous and phytophagous insects and mites, and entomopathogenic nematodes, and to principles and practices of quality assurance. The program will consist of invited papers presenting

an overview of selected topics (to be announced later) and contributed presentations on the different aspects of arthropod rearing as it relates to quality control. Papers will serve as a basis for discussion and exchange, with the final aim of improving collaboration among scientists and practitioners.

Exhibitors and Sponsorships:

Institutes or companies that wish to sponsor events or reserve display space should contact Lynn LeBeck, executive director of ANBP: lebeckanbp@comcast.net

Financial Assistance for Young IOBC Members:

IOBC AMRQC has limited funds to award assistance to young scientists who are IOBC members and are presenting a paper at the meeting. Applications will be included in a circular to be sent in spring 2010.

All upcoming information on the program, registration and accommodation will be available on the AMRQC (www.AMRQC.org), ANBP (www.ANBP.org) and IAEA (to be announced later) websites. A circular for registration and call for papers will be sent in spring 2010.