



16th Workshop of the IOBC – MRQA Working Group

Innovations in rearing high-quality invertebrates

Joint meeting of the

IOBC Global Working Group on Mass Rearing & Quality Assurance

Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers (ANBP)



Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the 16th Workshop of the IOBC Global Working Group on Mass Rearing & Quality Assurance (MRQA) that will be held in **Tucson, AZ, USA, October 27-31, 2025**.

The workshop objective is to explore opportunities for advancing the rearing of high quality entomophagous and phytophagous insects and mites, entomopathogenic nematodes, and other invertebrates for plant and animal pest management, human and animal food, and a variety of other uses. The program will consist of symposia on current “Hot topics,” invited and submitted presentations and posters on mass rearing and quality assurance. Presentations will serve as a basis for discussion and exchange, with the final aim of improving collaboration among scientists and practitioners.

General topics for the sessions include:

1. Mass rearing and evaluating biological control agents for crop pests
2. Mass rearing for SIT and other autocidal pest control
3. Methods for assessing the quality of biological control products
4. Mass rearing insects for food and feed
5. Open session on rearing invertebrates

Additional suggestions are welcome

A technical visit will be organized in cooperation with ARBICO and the University of Arizona.

The next announcement will provide more information on how to submit an abstract, student and early career travel awards, registration etc.

Looking forward to meeting you in Tucson!

Rose Buitenhuis (convenor) and the organizing committee

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