



Benefits of Membership

Why support ANBP?

ANBP is the recognized voice and advocate for the commercial biological control industry in North America.

Government regulators turn to ANBP for input on decisions that are affecting, or will affect, the packaging and movement of beneficial natural enemies.

An Association, ready to respond to regulatory changes affecting your business, is indispensable.

Researchers consult ANBP for high priority industry needs and submit our concerns as critical stakeholder input to granting agencies.

In addition to these benefits, membership includes:

- Your **Name and Business listed on the website** with contact information. Membership categories allow for finding the needed professional (Producer, Distributor, Vendor, Consultant, and Associate Member)
- **Bio-control Matters Newsletter** and, as-needed, email communication of news items for the membership
- **Promotion** of environmentally friendly and responsible pest control products
- **Participation** opportunities on committees
- **Annual Meetings** and interactions with other biological control and IPM groups to provide the latest information on biology and use of natural enemies. Provide feedback to researchers developing current or improving new products
- **Networking** and collaboration within the biological control industry
- **Access** to associations' collective knowledgebase
- Involvement in constant effort to develop standardized **Quality Assurance** concepts and techniques. These efforts instill confidence in insectary produced products.

What has ANBP done for you lately?

- **Regulation.** ANBP serves on the Biological Control Committee for the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO). They were instrumental in helping construct and pass **RSPM 26** in **August 2012**, which provided for a using a letter of certification for

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Producer and Distributor Members
Can have additional Product Lists added to the website Directory; can serve on the Board of Directors; and have voting rights.
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Programmed meetings bring the industry and researchers together for exchange of information and ideas. Reduced fees for members.



Quality Assurance

Quality assurance (QA) is a high priority. The ANBP Q. A. Committee includes industry and research members to help assess and develop species standards to insure product quality.

natural enemies moving between NAPPO countries (Canada, United States, Mexico).

During **March 2012**, ANBP Regulatory Committee members travelled to Winnipeg for a CFIA meeting about the implementation of a government-wide initiative regarding 'Biosecurity and its implementation in Canadian Agriculture'. For the implementation of 'best management practices' ensuring biosecurity in (bumble) bees the expertise of the North American bumble bee productions was solicited. Biosecurity guidelines for producers and users of bumblebees published by CFIA should be available soon.

And, ANBP continues to correspond with the USDA-APHIS Permitting Branch while waiting for the latest re-write of their regulations governing the movement of organisms in the U.S. and other countries. This policy revision has been under review in-house for over 2 years. ANBP will participate in any public meetings when these regulations are debuted for comment and keep the membership included for input at each step.

- **Research Support.** ANBP has been identifying the most promising student research supporting the needs of the commercial beneficial industry. Our [Student Awards](#) program selects from the best of student submitted posters or presentations at national entomology and biological control meetings. Encouraging applied biocontrol research is an investment in the future of our industry.

While we continue to grow our research funding base, we are able to support university scientists with small grants, but most importantly, we can provide in-kind material and collaboration in research to improve natural enemy use. Letters of support have been written for grant proposals in 2012 covering overall improvement of beneficials available for greenhouses and for screening pesticide effects on some of the top species marketed today. Research Fund dollars have been awarded in 2012 to augment the pesticide work with natural enemies at the University of Florida. For a 2012 update of this work, check out this issue of [Bio-control Matters](#)

- **Educational Activities.** In the past year, ANBP participated in at least two major trade shows with an informational booth and two educational sessions (3-4 speakers) covering the essentials of using commercially-produced beneficial. Our ANBP scientist members were indispensable in helping us run a hands-on session for these courses, using microscopes and plenty of live material for the attendees. Check out summaries of these wonderful [events](#). ANBP is now re-working much of our material for access via our website. Watch for progress on our educational goals in 2013.

The Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers (ANBP)...is a professional, non-profit association representing the biological pest management industry. Augmentative biological control utilizes beneficial insects, mites and nematodes to manage agricultural, horticultural and plant pests. ANBP membership includes producers, distributors, and in addition, users of natural enemies as well as allied industry supporters, university researchers, extension agents and regulatory representatives. For more information, visit us at www.anbp.org

