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## ANBP Stays on Top of New Regulatory Changes: October 2009 Fall Meeting in Maryland

For the past two years, ANBP has been anticipating changes to USDA, APHIS-PPQ regulatory rules and policies that will possibly affect the movement of beneficial organisms in North America. We have also been interested in fostering a more productive dialogue with other agencies that have impacted movements of some beneficials (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service), or may be able to streamline foreign shipments (USDA, APHIS-Veterinary Service). To encourage the continuation of communication between ANBP and these agencies that oversee movement permits, and to get to know some of the new administrators in these units, the ANBP Board felt



Left to right: Thomas Letonja (USDA, APHIS-Vet. Service), David Sykes (USFWS) (standing), and Bob Tichenor (USDA, APHIS-PPQ).

it was time for a focused group of members to visit the D.C. area. To this end, our Fall Meeting this past October 27<sup>th</sup> was held in Greenbelt, Maryland, close to offices for the USDA, APHIS-PPQ (United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Plant Protection and Quarantine). ANBP members were encouraged to join us on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a

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## Niagara Falls, Canada and Vienna, Austria: Meetings for 2010



Two great meetings are in store for 2010 with ANBP contributing significantly to both. The International Organization for Biological Control, Nearctic Regional Section (IOBC-NRS), has teamed up with the

IOBC-Neotropical Regional Section for a joint meeting May 11-13, 2010, in Niagara Falls, Canada. *Biocontrol in the Americas, Past, Present and Future*, will help promote awareness and networking of biocontrol issues of com-

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**ANBP's Mission is to address key issues of the biological control industry through advocacy, education, and quality assurance.**

"Bio-control Matters" is published by the Association of Natural Bio-control Producers four times per year to provide members with information, thought and opinion on biological control topics. **Bio-control Matters** advocates the interests of commercial biological control and the public interest of quality agricultural production and environmental protection. **Bio-control Matters** welcomes contributions of comment and opinion, as well as articles of general interest. All contributions must be signed by the contributor. Send contributions for consideration to Lynn LeBeck, ANBP Executive Director, P. O. Box 1609, Clovis, CA 93613-1609. Phone (559) 360-7111; FAX (800) 553-4817. Contributions may also be sent to [exdir@anbp.org](mailto:exdir@anbp.org). Published contributions may not necessarily reflect the views or policy of ANBP.

**ANBP** was formed in 1990 by commercial insectaries to provide a united voice in regulatory issues facing the industry. ANBP is also dedicated to quality standards and educating the agricultural and academic communities about the importance of biological pest controls for pest management. Through its efforts, ANBP is recognized as THE spokesman for the commercial biological control industry.

## President's Corner

By Kim Gallagher Horton, President, ANBP

**As we start 2010**, let us look back on 2009 at a few key meetings that brought ANBP members together to work on a number of critical issues. Numerous ANBP members attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual IPM Symposium in Portland, Oregon, last spring. The symposium participants spanned a wide array of pest management disciplines including representatives from the public and private sectors. ANBP hosted an evening Brainstorming Session entitled "Forging Stronger Partnerships Between Biocontrol Producers, Researchers, and Agricultural Clientele". Topics discussed included partnering with the USDA and the NRCS; industry issues such as training people ("Bridge People") to assist growers in using augmentative biological control; the issue of quality control in the production of Beneficials; and the use of videos and workshops to explain and to demonstrate the use of natural enemies. The topics set forth by the attendees will be used to focus current and future ANBP projects with the needs of the industry.



Kim leads the discussion on developing the mite standard for *Galendromus occidentalis* on leaves. René Ruiter, Koppert Biological Systems, and all meeting attendees participated in the demonstration.

Another issue that continues to surface in our industry is the movement of Beneficials across the international borders. In October 2009, a small delegation of ANBP board members and interested ANBP members traveled to the Washington, D.C. area to meet with regulatory officials from the USDA APHIS-PPQ, US Fish and Wildlife service, and a USDA APHIS-Veterinary Service scientist, to discuss this issue. We look forward to continuing to work with these agencies to streamline the permitting process and the movement of our industry's products. We also held our Fall Board Meeting, ASTM meeting, and Annual General Meeting with plenty of discussion about how we will address the regulatory changes taking place, and how to provide timely input.

This year has brought the word "recession" into my life for the first time as an adult. The mood of most Americans is to conserve, to watch, and to wait and see what will happen next. Yet consumer indices show a continuing increase in the demand for sustainable produced (or no pesticides applied) and organic food production. In addition, farmers and growers are looking for ways to conserve money, and using a balanced biological control program can be the means to that end. In order to put these types of programs together, consultants need a "toolbox" full of commercially produced Beneficials including a plethora of nematode, mite, and insect species. The more products we can develop as an industry,

*President's Corner (continued)*

the more competitive we can become with chemically based pest control programs. I look forward to the joint conference in Vienna 2010 with IOBC, AMRQC, and ANBP, which will highlight this as a global issue that needs to be addressed.

*Regulatory Meeting (continued)*

limit of 25 people to the meeting, which kept it focused and informal.

Our meeting began with a welcome by ANBP President Kim Gallagher Horton and was followed by an overview of the current status of the commercial insectary industry in North America. This discussion was led by ANBP Board Member René Ruiters, who emphasized the breadth of the markets served, logistical issues, the importance of

**For a summary of the NAPPO Biological Control meetings and conference calls, go to [www.nappo.org](http://www.nappo.org) and follow links to the biological control panels and their meeting dates.**

timely permit processing, and the concern for potential changes to the process in the coming year. Brian Spencer, our ANBP Board representative to the NAPPO Biological Control Committee, followed with ANBP concerns over how NAPPO guidelines (North American Plant Protection Organization) might affect the augmentation industry, and how they could help facilitate some of our movement issues. A main topic of discussion at the 2009 panel meeting concerned non-*Apis* pollinators.

Dr. Shirley Wager-Pagé, Chief of the Pest Permitting Branch at USDA, APHIS-



Dr. Wager-Pagé's full Powerpoint presentation is available as a PDF document on the ANBP website (see the Members Area).

PPQ, continued our meeting with an informative presentation that outlined the current APHIS policies concerning the movement of organisms, and more importantly, how we will be able to provide input to proposed changes in 2010. Three areas that will be addressed in the proposed changes are: the exemption of certain organisms from interstate movement permit requirements; a tiered approach to formulating permit conditions for the movement and release of biocontrol organisms; and changes to the biocontainment facilities (inspection, approval and maintenance processes). Most importantly, she alerted us to watch for the comment period when these proposed changes are published. Two public meetings will be held prior to that event, and we will alert ANBP members via email when the dates for those meetings are set. Public comment

To watch for the time and place of USDA, APHIS-PPQ public meetings concerned with the proposed regulatory changes, bookmark this page

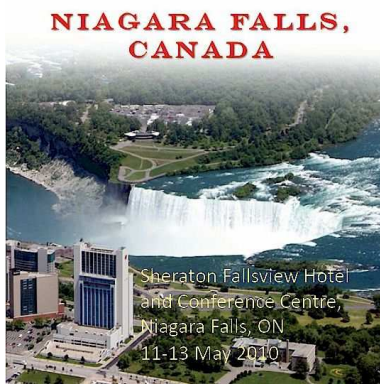
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ANBP will also alert members to these dates via email.

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### Meetings 2010 (continued)



mon interest among the Americas. ANBP has organized a symposium session for Wednesday morning on the *Challenges and Successes of Augmentation Biological Control in North America*. Our talks will cover biocontrol implementation in greenhouses (a Canadian perspective), ASTM standards for the commercial insectary indus-

try, an overview of the current regulatory challenges facing movement of beneficials in North America, successful application methodology and future directions for entomopathogenic nematodes, and the benefits and limitations of facultitious prey and artificial diets on life parameters of predatory beetles, bugs and lacewings. Vanda Bueno, President of IOBC-NTRS, and located at the Dept. of Entomology, Universidad Federal de Lavras, Brazil, will have a similar session that morning concentrating on augmentation biocontrol topics in South America, but will also start with a talk by Norman Leppla (University of Florida) and Karel Bolckmans (Koppert B.V.) on commercial biocontrol advances in North America. Other symposia at the meeting will include the use of generalist predators in bio-

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### Regulatory Meeting (continued)

will be critical and ANBP, along with many other biological control groups, will be watching for these announced changes. Dr. Wager-Pagé was joined by Dr. Robert (Bob) Tichenor. Dr. Tichenor handles the permits for entomophagous biological control and is also on the NAPPO Biological Control committee. He discussed the current permitting issues and encouraged us to call him with any permit-related questions. To round out our meeting, we were joined by representatives from two agencies that also impact the movement of beneficials. Dr. Thomas Letonja, USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, was eager to learn about our industry and how the Veterinary Service might help. This unit could be helpful in developing some form of “certificate of purity” or similar document to help exports. We will stay in touch with his office and pursue this promising area.

We were also pleased to have Mr. David Sykes, a representative from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) Service, speak to us and learn about what we do and how the USFWS has been impacting some shipments. For the past few years, the USFWS has been stopping/delaying shipments of dead *Ephestia kueniella* eggs, which are used to produce several beneficial insects. The eggs of this very common meal moth have been used for decades and are frozen and shipped express to U.S. insectaries and universities. While the USFWS does not regulate “farm-raised” insects like mealworms and crickets, they are not recognizing *E. kueniella* as such, and are charging additional fees for moving these products. Why the relatively recent scrutiny of a product that is clearly not “wildlife” is our big question, and one ANBP is actively pursuing. Mr. Sykes shared our concern and, most importantly, alerted us to the fact that the USFWS is also reworking their regulations and policies this year. ANBP is watching this process and will be anxious to provide input when we can. We would like to make sure that our products are on their list of “exempt” organisms, and clearly defined as farm-raised. ANBP will keep you posted on all regulatory developments via email and our website ([www.anbp.org](http://www.anbp.org)).

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## Student Award Spotlight



## Chandra Moffat, University of British Columbia

Every year, ANBP participates in student paper competitions at prominent entomology meetings, by offering awards to the best student poster/presentation in the area of biological control. Both basic and applied research with importance to augmentation biocontrol is considered, and the competition is always keen. This past October, Chandra Moffat was awarded the 2009 Association of Natural Bio-control Producers Paper Award at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Canada and the Entomological Society of Manitoba, October 18-21, 2009. Chandra Moffat is with the Unit of Biology and Physical Geography, University of British Columbia - Okanagan, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Her co-author was Dr. David Gillespie, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre, Agassiz, BC, Canada. Her title was *Impacts of plant nutrition on host-parasitoid population dynamics*, and she investigated the bottom-up effects of nutrient availability on host-parasitoid population dynamics, using three rates of nitrogen in fertilizer on a simple community consisting of bell pepper, *Capsicum annuum*, the green peach aphid, *Myzus persicae*, and the parasitoid, *Aphidius matricariae*. Her results showed that aphids and parasitoids showed increased population growth rates and fitness as nitrogen availability increased. She discussed the impacts of habitat fertility on tri-trophic interactions and the potential for applications in parasitoid rearing and biological control.

Chandra conducted this work as part of her final undergraduate co-op work term under the supervi-



Chandra Moffat (left) receives her ANBP Award from Richard Westwood, President of the Entomological Society of Manitoba, and Entomological Society of Canada President, Maya Evenden

sion of Dr. Gillespie. Since then, Chandra has received a Bachelor of Science with Distinction in Biology from the University of Victoria in Victoria, BC. She has recently entered a Master's program at the University of British Columbia Okanagan, in Kelowna, BC. Her (working) thesis title is *The community ecology of the Hieracium gall wasp: Implications for weed biological control*. Chandra will examine the environmental factors that regulate the population dynamics of this candidate biocontrol agent of invasive hawkweeds in the native European range in order to improve management strategies in the invasive range. Chandra is an active member of the Invasive Plant Council of BC and the Entomological Societies of BC and Canada. She intends to pursue doctoral studies in the field of biological control.

## Glenister Receives Award From Cornell University Program



Our Member Highlight for this issue focuses on Carol Glenister, President of IPM Laboratories in Locke, New York, who received the Excellence in IPM Award from the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program at Cornell University last summer. Carol was chosen for her "tireless work in promoting IPM across New York and North America."

Carol receives award from Curtis Petzoldt at the Cornell University Horticulture Field Day in July 2009. Photo courtesy Cornell University. *Continued page 6*

### *Meetings for 2010 (continued)*

control, ecosystem landscapes, and habitat management to improve biocontrol, invasive species management (is biocontrol a viable option?), biocontrol with egg parasitoids, microbial control successes and lessons learned, risks and benefits of exploration for new biocontrol agents, and more. The Call for Posters closes on April 15, so there is still time to submit a poster about any biological control topic. The **Early Registration deadline is March 20, 2010**. The conference also includes a tour of the greenhouses and orchards in the Niagara region, and a wine tasting and banquet at a local winery. Please check out the conference website at: [www.iobcnrs.com](http://www.iobcnrs.com) for all the latest information and details on registration, poster submission, and lodging.

**Vienna, Austria**, is the site for a joint meeting of ANBP with the IOBC Global Working Group on Arthropod Mass Rearing and Quality Control (IOBC-AMRQC), the ASTM subcommittee E35.30



Palace of Justice, Vienna, Austria.

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on Natural Multi-Cellular Biological Control Organisms, and the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA), in cooperation with the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture. Hosted by the Atomic Energy Agency, the conference will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), October 19-22, 2010.

**Blueprint for the Future of Arthropod Rearing and Quality Assurance**, will address the goal of “moving from *bug farms* to industrial production of high-quality insects, mites, and nematodes for biological control, SIT (sterile insect technique) 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 providing 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. All upcoming information on the program, registration and accommodation will be available on the AMRQC ([www.AMRQC.org](http://www.AMRQC.org)), ANBP ([www.ANBP.org](http://www.ANBP.org)), and IAEA (to be announced later) websites. A circular for registration and call for papers will be sent in spring 2010.

### *Glenister award (continued)*

Numerous people weighed in on Carol's contributions to helping growers (and researchers) use biological control more effectively in IPM programs. A good example of that is Carol's "Guardian Plant" system for greenhouses. "Guardian plants not only support colonies of natural enemies, but they pull pests from surrounding plants", and it's ideas like these that have put Carol's work in the spotlight. Betsy Lamb (NYS IPM) summed up Carol's efforts well. "Biocontrol isn't always an easy sell. These are living organisms, subject to the ups and downs of being alive. Biocontrol has to work consistently and well to work at all, and Carol is at the forefront of being sure it does."

## The Center for Regulatory Research Offers Help with Permits and More

Center for Regulatory Research, LLC, is a small consulting firm established in 2005 by Dr. Susan Cohen to provide regulatory services and training to academia, government, and industry. The company is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota nearby the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus. Center for Regulatory Research, LLC, collaborates on training programs and research projects with professors on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, and employs part-time student interns to assist with projects. Experienced consultants are also available for more complex projects.

Previously, Dr. Cohen was employed as a plant pathologist for almost 16 years with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and worked on regulatory issues such as invasive species, insect and disease management, and



Center for Regulatory Research, LLC, is located in the University Technology Enterprise Center near the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus.

risk assessment standards and methods. Dr. Cohen has published a number of academic articles on fungal plant pathogens, biological control of plant pathogens, risk information systems, geospatial applications for pest risk assessment, the non-indigenous organism assessment process, and the prediction of pathogen establishment in the USA based on climate modeling.



Dr. Sue Cohen, President of the Center for Regulatory Research, LLC

The Center for Regulatory Research, LLC offers the following regulatory services to members of the Association of Natural Biological Control Producers:

- 1) assistance with importation of biological control insect permit applications;
- 2) environmental assessment of biocontrol introduction and consequences;
- 3) assistance with shipping logistics and packaging;
- 4) export of biological control insects to overseas destinations and

5) insect habitat suitability and climate modeling. The company also offers customized regulatory training on site to ANBP members and employees.

Dr. Cohen closely follows the work of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO). NAPPO has proposed regulatory amendments to RSPM # 26 Guidelines for certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries that will skip individual shipment inspections for pre-approved organisms. Instead, control facilities will be inspected every three years to ensure quality control. The exporting member country will issue individually numbered certificates (in lieu of phytosanitary or zoosanitary certificates) for each export, facilitating a trace back in the event of contamination. These amendments represent a dramatic increase in import/export efficiency of biological control. These proposed amendments were under public review in 2009 and are set for implementation in 2011. Likewise, USDA-APHIS intends to prepare an environmental impact statement regarding current and proposed rules for this process.

Biocontrol in the foreseeable future is expected to expand as the interest in sustainable food produc-

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## Upcoming Meetings, Workshops, and Events

Visit our website for direct links to the meetings and events!

DATE	EVENT AND DESCRIPTION	PLACE
March, 23-25, 2010	<b>IOBC/WPRS Working Group on "Insect Pathogens and Entomopathogenic Nematodes, subgroup on Slugs and Snail"</b> Cardiff University, UK. Contact: Professor William O.C. Symondson, Cardiff School of Biosciences, Cardiff University, Museum Avenue, Cardiff CF10 3AX, UK, Email: <a href="mailto:Symondson@Cardiff.ac.uk">Symondson@Cardiff.ac.uk</a> , Tel: +44 (0)29 20	Cardiff University, UK
May 11-13, 2010	<b>Biocontrol in the Americas: Past, Present, and Future.</b> A joint IOBC – Nearctic & Neotropic Regional Sections Conference. Niagara Falls, CANADA. Website: <a href="http://www.iobcnrs.com/event_5-11-">http://www.iobcnrs.com/event_5-11-</a>	Niagara Falls, Ontario CANADA
Oct. 10-15, 2010	<b>Insect Rearing Workshop.</b> For all information, visit their <a href="#">website</a> . This workshop is filled to capacity, but they do maintain a waiting list, so check their website.	Mississippi State University
Oct. 12-15, 2010	<b>Horti Fair 2010.</b> Register before March 1, 2010!	Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS
Oct. 19-22, 2010	<b>Blueprint for the Future of Arthropod Rearing and Quality Assurance.</b> Vienna, Austria. Joint meeting 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. Website: <a href="http://www.AMRQC.org">www.AMRQC.org</a> and <a href="http://www.ANBP.org">www.ANBP.org</a>	Vienna, AUSTRIA  Download: <a href="#">First Announcement</a>
Oct. 25-26, 2010	<b>ABIM-Lucerne 2010, the Annual Meeting of the Biocontrol Industry,</b> Lucerne, Switzerland. Website: <a href="http://www.abim-lucerne.ch">www.abim-lucerne.ch</a>	Lucerne, SWITZERLAND
Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2010	<b>Joint Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of British Columbia and the Entomological Society of Canada.</b> Vancouver, B.C.. Coast Plaza Hotel. Website: <a href="http://www.esc-sec.ca/">http://www.esc-sec.ca/</a>	Vancouver, British Columbia CANADA
Dec. 12-16, 2010	<b>Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America.</b> Contact: <a href="http://www.entsoc.org/index.htm">http://www.entsoc.org/index.htm</a>	San Diego, California USA

## Insect Rearing Center at Mississippi State University Publishes New Book

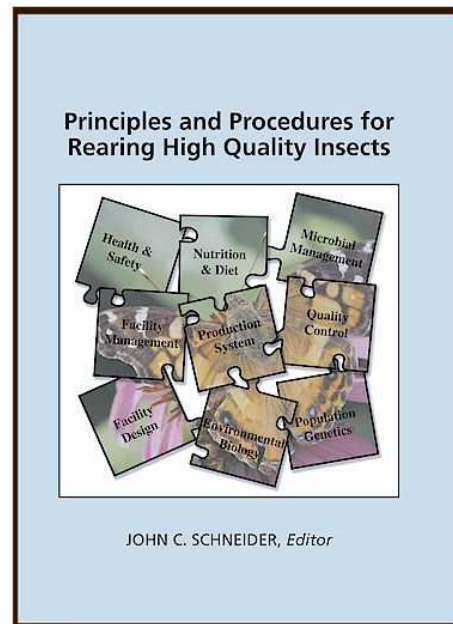
*Annual workshop set for October 10-15, 2010 has waiting list.*

The Insect Rearing Center in the Department of Entomology & Plant Pathology at Mississippi State University is proud to announce the publication of a new book, written by the instructors for the highly successful, annual insect rearing workshop of the same name. The book covers all of the major topics necessary for developing a successful insect rearing program or for improving an existing program:

- Insectary Design and Construction
- Insectary Management
- Insectary Health and Safety
- Genetics
- Environmental Biology
- Nutrition, Feeding, and Artificial Diets
- Microbial Contamination
- Entomopathogens
- Quality Control
- Production Systems

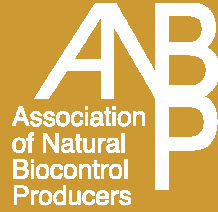
The book contains 370 pages, illustrated by a total of 214 graphs/tables and images (24 in full color), and a 1,300-entry index. A laminated, hard cover; coated paper stock; and a sewn binding make a durable and easy to use volume. For more information and to purchase the book online, please visit the Insect Rearing Center website <http://www.irc.entomology.msstate.edu>.

The Center's annual workshop (their 13th), is scheduled for October 10-15, 2010, and as of March 1, is filled to capacity. However, they are maintaining a waiting list, so contact the organizers for more information.



### *Center for Regulatory Research (continued)*

tion increases. Currently, lepidopteran pests in vegetables, cereals, and cotton are under augmentative biological control programs with *Trichogramma* spp. in Russia (3-10 million hectares). China uses the same approach in 2 million hectares. Mexico (1.5 million hectares), South America (1.2 million hectares) and Southeast Asia (0.3 million hectares) also rely on *Trichogramma* spp. programs. Other biocontrol agents such as *Cotesia* spp., microbial agents, AgMNPV, egg parasitoids, and *Orgilus* sp. are currently used worldwide. Demand for exports of biological control insects from USA is expected to increase as overseas facilities will not be able to meet production volumes and schedules. **Dr. Susan Cohen**, President, Center for Regulatory Research, LLC, 1313 Fifth Street SE, Suite 329, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 USA. Email: [sdcohen@regresearch.com](mailto:sdcohen@regresearch.com); Web: [www.regresearch.com](http://www.regresearch.com)



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