

International Organization for Biological Control – Mass Rearing and Quality Assurance Work Group

## *Innovations in Rearing High-Quality Invertebrates*

**16th Workshop IOBC-MRQA Work Group**

Joint meeting of the MRQA and the  
Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers (ANBP)

**Tucson, Arizona USA**  
**Save the “Date”**  
**March 1-5, 2027**

## WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce tentative dates for the **16<sup>th</sup> Workshop of the IOBC Global Working Group on Mass Rearing & Quality Assurance (MRQA)**. It will be in Tucson, Arizona USA during the first week of March 2027.

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 selected aspects of invertebrate rearing and quality assurance as they relate to production and quality control. Presentations will serve as a basis for discussion and exchange, with the final aim of improving collaboration among scientists and practitioners. Accommodation for remote presentations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The program will include sessions on:

1. Mass rearing and evaluating biological control agents for 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. Mass rearing and evaluating pollinators
6. 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 early career travel awards, registration, and more.

Looking forward to meeting you in Tucson! See what [Tucson, Arizona](#) has to offer!

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