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BBIG News

- **Boxwood Blight Insight Group (BBIG)** won the 2022 USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Partnership Award – Category V: Program Improvement through Global Engagement. Congratulations to everyone on this international consortium!
- Congratulations to Dr. Olanike Omolehin, Project Manager, on her new job as a business analyst at IBM in Baton Rouge, LA.

Extension & Outreach Highlight

- 2022 BBIG Annual Report released and posted under [Research Updates](#) tab at the BBIG outreach website.
- The BBIG International Boxwood Seminar featured in the [NEWGEN BOXWOOD blog](#).

Upcoming Event

- **5th International Boxwood Blight Epidemiology (IBBE) Working Group meeting** will be held virtually at <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/81717261207> on Monday, October 17 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm US Eastern Time with Dr. Len Coop and Dr. Brittany Barker as invited speakers. This meeting is open to the public, so everyone is welcome to join.
- **Oregon Boxwood Health Workshop** organized by BBIG Directors to take place at the Oregon State University's Willamette Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Aurora on October 20 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Pre-registration required at <https://ofa.wufoo.com/forms/m1gsqbwq1gm44ed/> to attend.

New Resource

- **Boxwood blight infection risk model** ([MyPest Page \(uspest.org\)](#)) to help time fungicide treatment.

BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu.

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to chhong2@vt.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

