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An important thing has happened this year - lots of perfumers, cosmeticians, soap-makers, herbalists, essential oil users etc. got together to say 'no' to IFRA's 40th amendment and to demand that the regulatory process is opened up. They did this by voting overwhelmingly in support of Cropwatch in a *Perfumer & Flavorist* Cropwatch vs. IFRA poll, and signed a petition against the 40th Amendment at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ifra40/index.html> in great numbers. Cropwatch has been openly supported in these efforts by the Artisan Natural Perfumers Guild and it is hoped that other cosmetic/fragrance associations will also follow.

Secondly many of the same people rose up in disbelief over a tenuous hypothesis in the form of a published paper, allegedly linking lavender & tea tree oils present in cosmetics with gynecomastia in 3 young boys. A brief summary of both of these issues is presented in the Newsletter attached, together with a summary on Cropwatch's involvement to find safer Peru balsam qualities - since IFRA/EU restrictions have disadvantaged Peru balsam manufacturers, the local dependent community and the Peru balsam forest in El Salvador.

Cheers

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