

CONFERENCE FOR BETTER BEE HEALTH

Solutions for healthy bees, apiculture, agriculture and environment

Collaboration, knowledge and technology transfer between policies, science and practice

7 April 2014, Rue de le Loi 170, 1000 Brussels, Charlemagne Building, De Gasperi room

*"It takes all the running you can do
to keep in the same place."*

Lewis Carroll

8.30-10.00	Registration, welcome coffee
10.00-10.30	Opening speech by Tonio Borg, Commissioner for Health
	Dimitris Melas, Secretary General of the Greek Ministry of Agriculture, Policy and International Relations
	Mariya Gabriel, Member of the European Parliament
	Gilles Ratia, President of APIMONDIA: Factors of bee decline worldwide, synergies, direct solutions and new fields of research
	Markus Imhoof, award winning director of the film <i>More than Honey</i>
10.30-11.45	First session: Honeybee health Chair: Alberto Laddomada, Head of Unit Animal Health, DG Health and Consumers, Chairman of the Commission's inter-Services group on bee issues
10.30-10.50	Results of the EU harmonised surveillance into colony losses and pathogens, Magali Chabert, EU Reference Laboratory for bee health, Sophia Antipolis
10.50-11.00	Use of pesticides and healthy bees – is it possible? Michael Flueh, Head of Unit Chemicals, contaminants, pesticides, DG Health and Consumers
11.00-11.10	Towards environmental risk assessment approach for bees, Agnes Rortais, Bee Task Force, European Food Safety Authority
11.10-11.25	A view from the USA, Jeff Pettis, Research Leader, USDA-ARS Bee Research Lab
11.25-11.40	Discussion, questions and answers
11.40-12.10	Coffee break
12.10-13.15	Second session: Beyond honeybees, Chair: Francois Wakenhut, Head of Unit Biodiversity, DG Environment
12.10-12.25	Status and Trends of European Pollinators: STEP, Simon G. Potts coordinator, University of Reading

12.25-12.35	Lessons from URBANBEES Life+ project, Bernard Vaissière coordinator, INRA
12.35-12.45	PP-ICON Life+ project: An integrated strategy for plant conservation with wild bees, Laura Bortolotti, Agricultural Research Council (CRA-API)
12.45-12.55	SUPER-B COST Action for sustainable pollination in Europe, Koos Biesmeijer coordinator
12.55-13.10	Discussion, questions and answers
13.10-14.40	<i>Working lunch break and networking</i>
14.40-14.45	Opening by Joost Korte, Deputy Director-General of DG Agriculture
14.45-16.00	Third session: European agricultural support mechanisms Chair: Joost Korte, Deputy Director-General of DG Agriculture
14.45-15.00	Apiculture programmes, Laurence Bonafos, Unit Animal Products, DG , DG Agriculture
15.00-15.10	An example of a national apicultural programme for better bee health: Hungary, Antal Gabor Gere, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture
15.10-15.15	Discussion on apiculture programmes
15.15-15.30	Rural development programmes and apiculture, Georgios Mathioudakis, Unit Consistency of Rural Development, DG Agriculture
15.35-15.40	Discussion on rural development programmes
15.40-15.55	Agri-environmental and climate change measures, Krysztof Sulima, Unit Consistency of Rural Development, DG Agriculture
15.55-16.00	Discussion on agri-environmental and climate change measures
	<i>coffee as walk in-out service, no break</i>
16.00-16.50	Roundtable: Beelines to application Chair: Eric Poudelet, Director of Directorate E, Safety of the food chain, DG Health and Consumers European Crop Protection Association: Jean-Charles Bocquet, Director-General World Organisation for Animal Health: Francois Diaz Federation of Veterinarians of Europe: Nicolas Vidal-Naquet IFAH-Europe: Declan O'Brien, Managing Director, COPA-COGECA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gérard Tubery, Chairman of Working Party on Oilseeds and Protein Crops • Etienne Bruneau, Chairman of Working Party on Honey

	Greenpeace: Marco Contiero, EU Policy Director on Agriculture
16.50-17.15	Discussion in roundtable joined by chairmen of previous sessions
17.15	Closing by Paola Testori Coggi Director-General of DG SANCO

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