

Apimondia Photo Book

These photos were taken during the active days of the Congress in Melbourne.

They are the joint work of R.B. (Bob) Gulliford and Anne-Marie Ware.

The photos tell the story of the Congress as seen by the photographers. Not every scene at the Congress is depicted nor is every photo recorded in this book. The photos on disc are all the photos taken.

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Sunday 09/09/07

This was the day on which all exhibitions were being set up by the exhibitors and the opening ceremony held at 1800hrs.

The exhibition hall opened in the early hours of the morning and throughout the day was alive with people coming and going, packages coming in, empty boxes and crates going out and the people busying themselves arranging their goods and displays.

Exhibitions came from all states in Australia and overseas. Almost every echelon of the beekeeping industry was depicted in one or more exhibitions

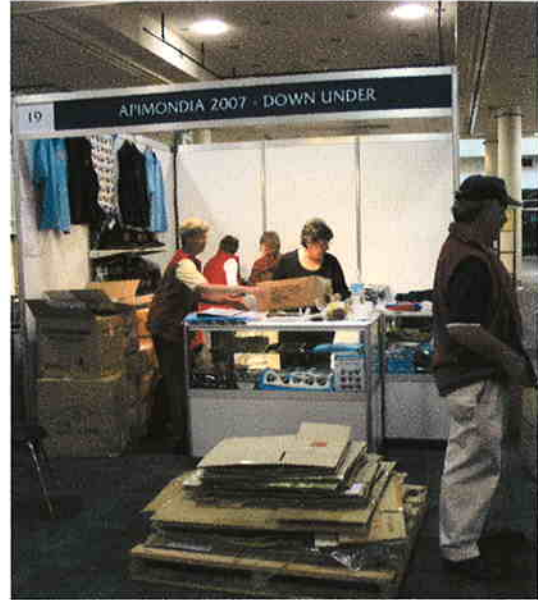
Most stalls were completely assembled by about 4.00pm.



Robbie Charles, "Blue Hills Honey", Tasmania was an early starter.



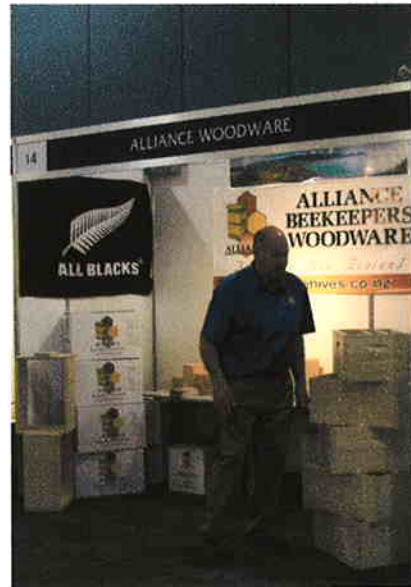
The ABK was another early starter. The enlarged photos in the background attracted a lot of attention.



Margaret Blunden and helpers were busy throughout the day with loads of Congress Memorabilia.



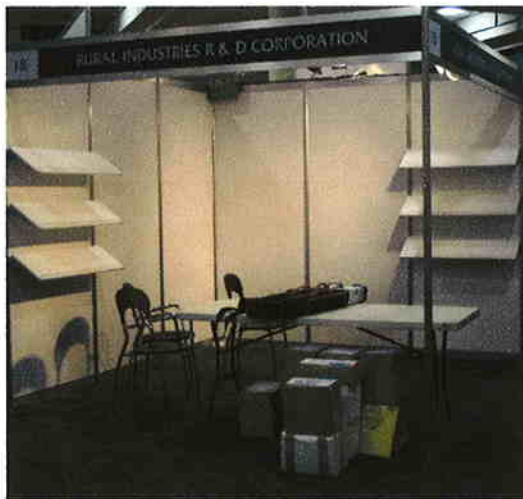
Lindsay Bourke, Tasmania was another early starter with a lot of equipment



Alliance Woodware, New Zealand, has been popular in Australia for some years.



Most big stall holders opted for a lot of open space.



RIRDC had their goods delivered but were a bit on the late side setting up.



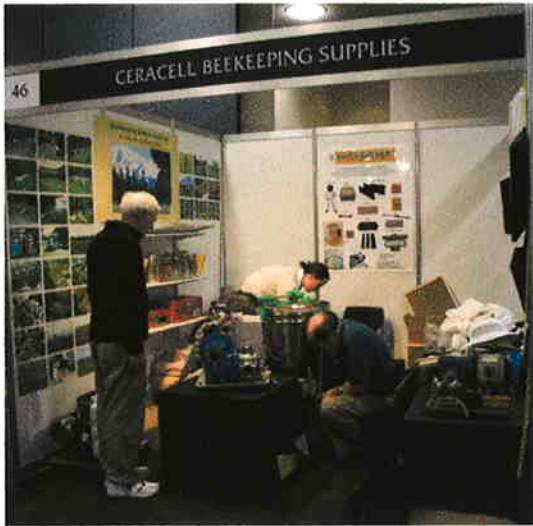
China, represented here by the Shanghai Baining Apiculture Co. was another large and early exhibit to set up.



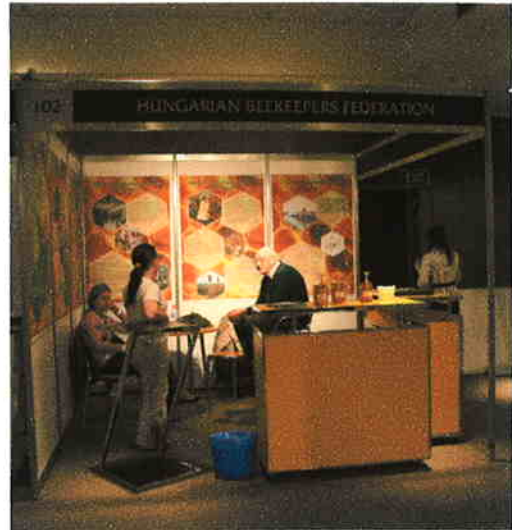
Bayvarol was a stall you couldn't miss, not only for the red background but also the generous giveaways.



The French scored a choice position right at the entry point to the exhibition hall. They dispensed copious samples and an invitation to selected guests for the "French Night-Out".



Trevor Cullen's Ceracell Company filled their stall with stock early in the day.



Hungary has been a regular exhibitor at most Congresses.



Argentina took a standard stall in contrast to their huge stall at Ljubljana when they lost the bid to Australia.

This time they scored well and won the Congress for 2011



Photographers were present at almost every venue.

None that I know of were ever knocked back for a candid or posed shot.

The Opening Ceremony commenced at 1800hrs in the large John Batman theatre.

The stage was set up with a long table for 12 people. They included the President, IFBA, General Secretary, IFBA, President of the 2005 Dublin Congress, President of the 2007 Melbourne Congress, Chairman of the 2007 Organising Committee and the Presidents of the seven IFBA Standing Commissions. The Executive Director of Australia's AHBIC acted as MC.



Prior to the official opening assembling guests were entertained to an extensive slide show of Australian scenes and animals accompanied by background Australian music.



The John Batman Theatre was almost filled to capacity for the Opening Ceremony.



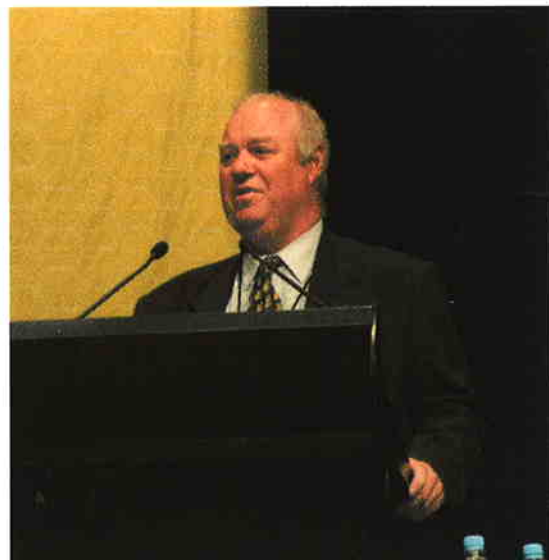
Stephen Fewster, Asger Jorgensen, Terry Ryan and Stephen Ware examine the stage layout



Stephen Ware introduced the “top table” and acted as MC for the Opening Ceremony.



Terry Ryan, Philip McCabe, Asger Jorgensen and Stephen Fewster prepare to take their seats at the stage table.



Terry Ryan, Chairman of the Organising Committee outlined the work of preparing the Congress.



Seated and ready for the Opening Ceremony; Ricardo Janoni-Sebastianani, Asger Jorgensen, Stephen Fewster, Terry Ryan, & Philip McCabe.



Newly installed as Congress President, Stephen Fewster delivers the initial Presidential Address



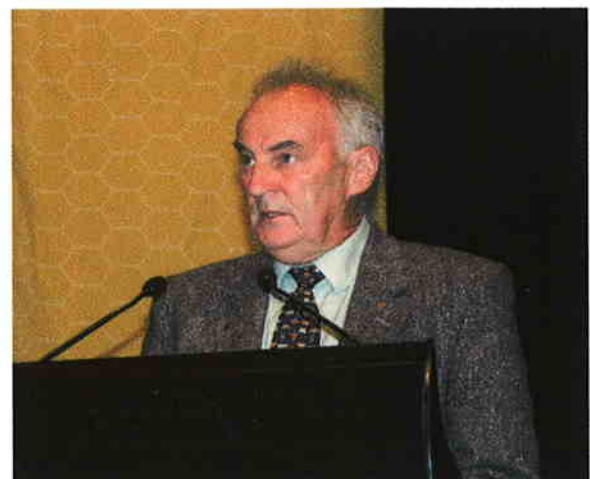
Ricardo Janoni-Sebastianani, General Secretary, gave a report on the recent activities of the AFBA and mentioned the recent demise of Drs Cannamella and Eva Crane.



Asger Jorgensen gave a Presidential Report on the IFBA.



The Official Opening Address and Welcome to Australia was delivered by Hon Joe Helper, Minister for Agriculture, Victoria.



Dr Max Whitten's Address on the recent publication of RIRDC's bee research book concluded the Opening Ceremony.

At the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony, Api Expo was declared open and most of the delegates adjourned to the Exhibition Hall for light refreshments.



Although conditions were a bit crowded in places the delegates' renewed old acquaintances, met new friends with whom they would share the Congress, decided which sessions and which papers most interested them and arranged to meet throughout the term of the Congress.



A wandering music group entertained the crowd with a selection of Australian folk songs.

About 10.00pm the Exhibition hall was closed and delegates retired to their accommodation.