



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Stephen Ware – Executive Director

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2012-2013 GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

ABS Honey	Dewar Apiaries	Langan, Marg	Sinclair, Dr Nigel
Ashby, KP & MA	Droutsas, Bill	Lees IP & LD	Smith, RD & WW
Ashelfor Pure Aussie Honey	Edmonds, John	Lockley, Beverley	Spencer Family
Auckett, John	Ellis, Declan	McAlister, Ross	Sutherland, Karen
Barson, Jillian	Enslin, Darren	McDonald, M A	Tasmanian Beekeepers Association
Baumholzer, RK	Ewington, P & M	McDonald, RG	Thompson, G
Beechworth Honey P/L	Federal Council of Aust Apiarists	McDonald, R & M	Triantafillopoulos, Stavros
Beswick Bees	Fountain, Peter	McGlew, GC	Trigg, Margaret
Billington, Steven	Geelong Honey Pty Ltd	McLaren, Jane	Ulek Honey
Blake, Barry	Geelong Beekeepers Club	Merrett, Anthony J	Vu, Long & Kim
Bole, Peter	Gillies, Hugh	Milne, HL & PA	Vaile, Graham
Brennan, John	Glasby, Garry	Nairn, Mal	Van derWoode, Lowie
Brooks, Graham	Grosso, Joe	Niacol Pty Ltd	Van Essen, K
Buntine, Robert	Hartje, MM	Norcic, John	Watson, James
Bush Honey, (Midgley Family)	Hobday, David	Ophion Pty Ltd	Weatherhead, T & M
Buzzies Bee Juice	Hoskinson, HL& HM	Pluschke, Doug	Weerona Apiaries
Camelite Monastery	Howard, LP & PJ	Pobke, Barry	Wescobee Limited
Capilano Honey Ltd	Ipswich/West	Pritchett, Bruce	Williams JW & MA
Clarke, Zoe	Moreton Beekeepers Association	Ringin, Bill	Wisken, Ian
Clifford, Ray	Kee, Michael	Roberts, Glenn	Wythe, EC & HS
Constantelos, Stan	Kelly, AV	Roberts, I J & J H	Zadow Apiaries
Cotton, A J &	Kennett, JL & KA	Rose, Doug	Zuchowski, Janusz
D'Amico, John	Kininmonth, Ian	Saxonbee Enterprises-	
Dawes, Chris John	Lagoutatzis, Nikolaos	Rod Pavy	
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The above list recognises contributions received since 1 May 2012

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The following provides a brief outline of AHBIC activities over the past month and matters of interest to industry, naturally if you should seek any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact the AHBIC office.

UPDATE AHBIC ACTIVITIES

The month of November has been one which has been extremely active for your Industry Association, not to mention bee keepers who have been busily collecting 2012-2013 honey crop. Additionally, AHBIC has scheduled a number of meetings during the month of November.

The AHBIC Executive Meeting will be held on Monday 26th November in Brisbane, this is to be followed by a meeting of B-Qual and the following day on Tuesday 27th November Food Safety and Prevention of Residue Committee will be holding a meeting.

In addition to internal meetings the Pollination R & D Group also met for a week to decide on new research topics for the coming 12 months.

In addition to the above meetings the following activities were undertaken by your Association:

1. Green Food Paper Plan

Industry has responded to the Green Food Paper Plan which was released by the Federal Government for comment. Included in the industry submission on the Food Plan was concern expressed over to the size and economic power of the two major supermarkets in terms of their buying power and potential to decrease producer's income. Following the submission of industry's response to the Green Food Paper Plan, AHBIC was separately approached by the Department of Agricultural Fisheries and Forestry requesting permission to use some of the material that had been provided in the review.

2. Asian Honey Bee

As members would be aware the transition to management in respect to the Asian Honey Bee has been continuing. It is proposed by the Commonwealth that all further actions by the State and Federal Governments will cease in June 2013. Considerable discussion has been made by AHBIC representatives in respect to the Literature Survey that was done on Asian Honey Bee and industry is still seeking to make input into this important review.

The response for the proposed Honey Day on the 5th May 2013 has been excellent and the AHBIC Executive Board will be further considering this item at their next Board meeting at the end of November.

AHBIC has also worked with Plant Health Australia to distribute a Biosecurity Manual to all registered Bee Keepers in Australia. This is a valuable document and should assist non commercial Bee Keepers in identifying specific pest both endemic and introduced that may affect their hives.

The NSW Government has acknowledged industry submission in the use of public lands, but has indicated that it will not be necessary for the Industry to personally front the inquiry. The Government established panel has indicated that were sympathetic to the views put forward by Apiary Industry.

AHBIC American Foul Brood (AFP) Control Committee is proposing to hold a meeting in the early New Year and a national approach to the management of American Foul Brood will be discussed. Invitees include all State Departments including representatives of Industry and Plant Health.

A letter has been received from the New Zealand Industry in respect to paradichlorobenzene honey and this subject again will be addressed at the AHBIC Executive Meeting.

Pyrrolizidine Alkaloids still remain a matter of concern to the Industry and a number of research projects are currently being worked on in respect of this. The Food Safety and Residue Committee will further discuss these matters at its meeting at the end of the month.

AHBIC has also been working with RIRDC to further address the issue of funding of the Industry Biosecurity needs. This project is well underway and hopefully a draft paper will be available for consideration early in the New Year.

Keeping Australia's beekeepers 'posterred' on Varroa mite

Beekeepers are the front line for biosecurity, when it comes to protecting the honey industry and all the food crops that depend on bees for pollination.

To help them identify one of the greatest threats, the Varroa mite, a poster has been sent to all registered beekeepers across the country in a mailout which also contains a manual on how best to look after the health of their hives.

Chairman of the Pollination Program R&D Advisory Committee, Gerald Martin, says it's vital to identify and report Varroa mite immediately, as it has the potential to devastate the industry.



“Approximately 65 per cent of horticultural and agricultural crops produced in Australia require pollination services from honey bees.

“While we’re lucky to have a huge population of escaped European honey bees which currently provide these services free, that could end abruptly if Varroa arrives.

“When the first mites were reported in New Zealand, it was estimated they’d been there for up to three years, so there was little chance of eradicating them. We don’t want that to happen here, and every beekeeper needs to play their part.

“If Varroa reaches Australian shores and become entrenched it’s expected to cost \$72.3 million per year over 30 years,” Mr Martin said.

Any sightings of Varroa or other pests and diseases should be immediately reported to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline - 1800 084 881. This is a free call from anywhere in Australia.

“Regular inspections are a key part of maintain hive health, and with early detection and good management, Australia’s honey and pollination industries can continue to prosper,” Mr Martin said.

“Even if mites are not visible there are signs to be aware of, and the poster outlines these in detail.”

You can download a copy of the Varroa poster from the publication section at www.rirdc.gov.au/pollination

Protecting Australia's honey bees – biosecurity toolkit for every beekeeper

The latest biosecurity manual released by Plant Health Australia (PHA) is being sent to every registered beekeeper in Australia in a concerted effort to protect our honey bees and the crop industries that rely on pollination services.

The Biosecurity Manual for the Honey Bee Industry is a 60-page biosecurity toolkit that explains how to keep honey bees healthy and how to spot pests and diseases that have devastated honey bee hives overseas.

According to Greg Fraser, Executive Director and CEO of PHA, the national coordinator of plant biosecurity in Australia, all beekeepers have a role to play in looking after Australia's honey bees.



"There are a number of pests that exist in Australia that beekeepers need to keep an eye out for in their hives. Worse though, there are pests overseas like Varroa mite that could decimate the industry in Australia. Australia is the last major honey producing country in the world that is free from Varroa mite."

"The manual shows what these pests look like in a hive and how to check for them, so that if these exotic pests do make it through border controls we can pick it up quickly, giving us the best chance of stopping it from spreading. But we need all beekeepers to be on the lookout."

"PHA represents 32 plant industries many of which rely on European honey bees for pollination, as well as Australian governments, so honey bees biosecurity is important to us," he said.

The manual and its distribution is an initiative of government and industry partners. PHA brought together experts from the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBC), relevant state/territory departments, the Australian Government, beekeepers and honey bee scientists to devise the set of biosecurity and best management practices that beekeepers should incorporate into their day-to-day operations.

The manual contains fact sheets on 13 exotic and established pests and detailed information on how to check for these pests in an apiary. It gives simple guidelines on honey bee hygiene and product management principles.

Beekeepers who miss out on a copy of the manual or others wanting to understand best practice beekeeping can download a copy from the honey section of the PHA website <http://www.phau.com.au>. The page also links to a free online training module that takes 10-20 minutes and covers the same information.

The development of the manual was funded by the Pollination Program, through Horticulture Australia, the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) and the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBC). The Federal Council of Australian Apiarists' Association and the Wheen Bee Foundation funded printing and postage. State and territory government departments of agriculture are posting copies to individual beekeepers.



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CALL FOR PAPERS

43rd Apimondia Congress Scientific Program

BEYOND THE HIVE: BEEKEEPING AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES

We are honoured to announce the opening of the paper registration for the Scientific Conference that is going to take place during Apimondia Congress 2013.

In today's dynamic and globalised world, beekeeping science must reach beyond the narrow scope of our field and take as active part as possible in searching for ways to solve the key problems facing humanity today. During this Conference we will have a chance to think together how we can use the miraculous power of the bee family and its products to make our world better. Through our joint scientific work, we will draft official proposals of cooperation between the world beekeeping community and the United Nations. The content of the open letter will be discussed at the roundtable, which will end the Scientific Conference.

Subjects and areas of study of each Commission

Beekeeping Economy

Beekeeping market in globalization

- Institutional foundations of formation of competitive relations in beekeeping
- Beekeeping production global market conjuncture
- Competitive position of the leading countries in beekeeping production
- International experience of hosting in the beekeeping sector
- Environmental aspects of production as a competitive advantage of manufacturer countries

Potentials of beekeeping

- Naturally biological and organisationally economical resource bases for beekeeping, rationality of their appliance and planning
- Systematic and comprehensive approach to the development of beekeeping and intersectoral coordination: political, economical, social and environmental.
- The place, role and competitiveness of agricultural farms at the beekeeping market
- The socioeconomic component of activation in participation of private farms - manufacturers
- of beekeeping production in agribusiness

- Problems of increasing economic effectiveness of the farming subjects in the beekeeping sector
- Synergetic principles of integration processes in the beekeeping sector

Roles of state and community in beekeeping

- The strategic development of goals for the beekeeping sector
- Mechanism of developing and implementing state regulatory policy in the beekeeping industry
- Economic means of beekeeping in agricultural industry Beekeeping and the fight against poverty (jointly with the **Beekeeping for Rural Development**)
- Opportunities provided by beekeeping for sustainable development acceleration in developing countries (jointly with the **Beekeeping for Rural Development**)
- Directions of beekeeping sector capitalisation
- Innovative-informational platform of beekeeping development

Consumptions and motivations in beekeeping market

- Assessing the needs of consumers in beekeeping production and the consumption structure
- Features of the formation of demand and of industrial farming subjects' behaviour
- The marketing concept of agribusiness management in beekeeping

Bee Biology

- Finding parameters of the bee organism which may help in diagnosing environmental conditions and identifying potential hazards
- Preserving local and native bee populations
- Beekeeping to preserve biological diversity
- Use of ecologically safe biotechnologies in beekeeping

Bee Health

- Environmental impact on bee health
- Radiation and bee health
- Ecologically safe bee treatment methods
- CCD and other phenomena of bee family pathologies in light of today's ecological hazards
- Effect of pesticides and other toxic substances on bee health

Pollination and Bee Flora

- Bee pollination as a method of preserving fragile ecosystems
- Using beekeeping practices in combating deforestation and spread of deserts
- Impact of contemporary ecological problems on melliferous flora of different regions of the Earth

Beekeeping Technology and Quality

- Conventional and organic beekeeping: issues and prospects
- Impact of main factors of environmental pollution on quality of beekeeping products
- Beekeeping as a source of ideas for ecologically clean technologies
- Breeding bees, the challenges for the future
- Impact of environmental contaminants on quality of bee products

- Techniques and parameters of characterization and valorisation of beekeeping product (jointly with the **Beekeeping Economy**)
- Harmonisation of beekeeping product quality standards in market globalization conditions

Apitherapy

- Beekeeping products as an element of healthy lifestyle
- Beekeeping and human healthcare and health improvement: comprehensive health-improvement programs
- Using apitherapy to treat cancer, infections and AIDS
- Apitherapy and social diseases of civilization: tuberculosis, alcoholism, drug addiction, sexually transmitted diseases, etc.

Beekeeping for Rural Development

- Beekeeping as an integrating element for stable development of agrarian sector
- Beekeeping as a method of supporting stable agricultural economy and rural development
- Integrated approach to beekeeping resource planning
- Opportunities offered by beekeeping to accelerate stable development of developing countries (jointly with the **Beekeeping Economy**)
- Beekeeping: combating poverty (jointly with the **Beekeeping Economy**)

Abstract submissions deadline: February 13, 2013

Abstracts consideration

After registration on the website and submission of abstracts for the Scientific Conference, these abstracts are to be reviewed by the Heads of the Scientific Commissions of Ukraine. Then the abstracts are considered by the Heads of the Scientific Commissions of Apimondia.

After the consideration process, the applicant is notified whether his/her abstract has been included in the Scientific Program of the Congress and in which format (February-March 2013). Then the applicant chooses an acceptable option for her/him from the proposed. Only if his/her abstract is accepted for the Scientific Program, the applicant passes the registration on the website and pays the registration fee.

Possible formats of abstracts acceptance

1. Speech at the plenary meeting and abstract publication in the Academic Proceedings. The author's registration and payment of the registration fee is mandatory.
2. Speech at the sectional meeting and abstract publication in the Academic Proceedings. The author's registration and payment of the registration fee is mandatory.
3. Poster presentation during the poster session and abstract publication in the Academic Proceedings. The author's registration and payment of the registration fee is mandatory.
4. Correspondence participation: abstract publication in the Academic Proceedings. The author's registration and payment of the registration fee is mandatory.
5. Correspondence participation in the poster session. The author sends the poster to the Organizing Committee. Correspondence participation in the poster session is free.

Requirements for the abstracts

- ⇒ The title of the abstract should be written in the Abstract Title field of the registration form. Requirements for the title: UPPERCASE LETTERS ONLY, in English, maximum 200 characters, no full stop at the end of the title
- ⇒ To be considered, abstracts must be submitted in English only. The length of the text should be a maximum of 300 words (without title and information about the authors). The content of the abstract should include an introduction, research methods, results and discussion points. All abbreviations and acronyms in the text should be fully deciphered. Please do not include tables and graphics.

Registration form for the abstract submission

Contact person: Nadia Lushchak, Scientific Conference Manager
Tel.: +38 044 355 04 39
E-mail: abstracts@apimondia2013.org.ua

WORK WANTED

My name is Relja Andrejic (Relya Andreyich), and I come from Belgrade, Serbia. I have been professionally involved in beekeeping since 1985, and I have experience in queen rearing, packages production, honey production, honey processing and related jobs as well. I visited and I worked for beekeeping companies in Serbia, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

I started my career as a beekeeper with a scientific orientated research apiary in Serbia (joint venture American – Serbian project in selection of strains of bees resistant to varroa mite and with high productivity), but later I moved to commercial apiaries abroad.

I am fluent in English and can use Spanish. I have a driving license for cars and small trucks. I also have a New Zealand driving license.

I am currently looking for a position in the season 2012 /2013 with a beekeeping operation – company.

If you believe you might know an Australian or New Zealand company where experienced beekeepers are needed for this season, could you, please, send me their contact details?

Should you need some more information, please do not hesitate to ask me immediately.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely Yours,

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RIRDC - RURAL LEADERS

The aim of the RIRDC Rural Leaders program is to help Australia's new, developing and maturing rural industries grow and prosper by building the leadership skills of the people involved in them.

Through developing the skills of future industry leaders the program will help foster cohesion, collaboration, focus and vision for rural and regional Australia's new, developing and maturing primary industries.

The program will allow these industries to better plan for the future through implementation succession plans that are built around skilled and confident future leaders.

The program is focusing on three main areas:

1. Leadership
2. Networking
3. Industry cohesion

To be eligible for the Rural Leaders program applicants must work or participate within one of Australia's new, developing or maturing industries. Generally, this includes those industries currently within the Rural Industries R & D Corporation's portfolio, or from an industry that is not included in the portfolio of another research and development corporation (RDC).

If you are unsure if your industry is classified as a new, developing or maturing industry please contact the Rural Industries R & D Corporation on (02) 6271 4136 or at rural.leaders@rirdc.gov.au.

How the Program is run

The Rural Leaders program includes an eight day residential component that is held in and round Canberra. Biannually the program can accommodate up to 15 participants.

The Rural Leaders program is facilitated by the Australian Rural leadership Foundation, an organisation with over 20 years' experience in delivering high level leadership programs for the rural, regional and remote sectors.

How to apply

To be considered for the RIRDC Rural Leaders program an application form must first be completed and returned by the closing date.

Applications forms can be downloaded from the Rural Industries R & D Corporation's website at www.rirdc.gov.au/rural-leaders or sent to you after contacting RIRDC by telephone on (02) 6271 4136 or email at rural.leaders@rirdc.gov.au.

Applications close **14 December 2012**

Successful applicants will be notified in **mid – January 2013**.

Application Form on line at:

LODGING YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Please email this completed registration form to:
rural.leaders@rirdc.gov.au

OR

Print out, sign a hard copy of this completed registration form by post to:
Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation
PO Box 4776
Barton ACT 2600



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DATES FOR 2013 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCES

New South Wales Apiarists' Association	22/23/24 May 2013
Tasmanian Beekeepers' Association	31 May/1 June 2013
Victorian Apiarists' Association	5/6 June 2013
Queensland Beekeepers' Association	13/14 June 2013
South Australian Apiarists' Association	20/21 June 2013
WA Farmers Federation – Beekeeping Section	4 July 2013
AHBIC Annual General Meeting	5 July 2013

The Western Australian Farmers Federation will host the 2013 AHBIC Annual General Meeting in Perth on 4 July 2013.

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AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

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