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September 8 to 12 - Palais des congrès de Montréal

46th APIMONDIA
MONTREAL, HOST OF THE GREATEST APICULTURE ROUNDUP IN THE WORLD!

6,000 participants/80 countries/4 world luminaries
48 technical symposiums - 8 round tables and 9 general public workshops
WBA Awards / API EXPO

(Montréal, July 15, 2019) Montreal will host the largest international beekeeping gathering, which will bring together more than 6,000 speakers from 80 countries, representing the four corners of the planet, from September 8 to 12, at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montreal.

Working Together in Agriculture: Canada's Response to Sustainable Apiculture

The program of this edition has been specifically developed to highlight the latest technological advances, the main biological, scientific, environmental and socio-economic issues facing the entire global industry today. As mentioned, the theme of this 46th edition focuses on the importance of combining expertise and skills to contribute to the development of apiculture. Their program covers a wide range of topics of interest to researchers, beekeepers and consumers.

Among the many topics on the agenda for this 46th edition, we highlight: **the progress of genomics in beekeeping science, the impact of pesticides on bees, the selection for resistance to house dust mites and diseases, the detection and prevention of honey fraud, conservation of pollinators, beekeeping without treatment, citizen science and bees.** The Montreal Congress will also host two symposia sponsored by the OIE, the World Organization for Animal Health, on topics related to bee diseases, pests and the global movement of bee stocks.

In addition, round tables will allow the exchange of ideas between members of the public and selected panellists on the social impact of bees, among others, and **educational workshops** will focus on **honey tasting, urban beekeeping and new products and practices in apitherapy.**

The Highlights of the Program

September 9, 2019

- 08:30-09:30 Keynote Dr Gene Robinson: Evolution and Mechanisms of Social Behavior
- 10-12 pm Symposium "Detection and Prevention of Honey Fraud" (Economy)
- 10-12 pm Symposium "Impact of Pesticides on Bees I" (Bee Health)
- 10-12 pm Symposium "Apitherapy - from science to practice I" (Apitherapy)
- 01-03 pm Symposium "Impact of Pesticides on Bees II" (Bee Health)
- 01-03 pm Symposium "Apitherapy - from science to practice II" (Apitherapy)
- 01-03 pm Roundtable "The Social Impact of Bees" (Development)
- 03:30-05:30 Roundtable "Pesticides & Bees" (Bee Health)
- 03:30-05:30 Cross-Cutting "Citizen Science and Bees" (Biology & Health)
- 06-07 pm Workshop "Preparations & Practical Uses of" Soft "Beehive Products" (Apitherapy)
- 6:30-7:30 WBA Awards Ceremony

September 10, 2019

- 08:30-09:30 Keynote Dr. Rufus Isaacs: "Integrated Crop Pollination"
- 10-12 pm Symposium "Honey Bee Nutrition" (Biology & Health)
- 01-03 pm Symposium "Treatment Free Beekeeping" (Biology, Health, Technology, Development)
- 03:30-05:30 Symposium "Pollination & Flora with Environmental Change" (Pollination)
- 03:30-05:30 Symposium "Honey Marketing for Small-Scale Producers" (Development & Economy)
- 03:30-05:30 Roundtable "Valuation of Economic Contributions of Bees" (Economy)
- 06-09 pm Workshop "Opportunities and Challenges for Youth in Beekeeping" (Economy)
- 06-09 pm Workshop "Bees in the City: Biology, Regulations and Big Thinking" (Development)
- 06-09 pm Workshop "Prevention of Allergies & Practical Uses of Bee Venom" (Apitherapy)

September 11, 2019

- 08:30-09:30 Keynote Dr. Peter Rosenkranz: "Worldwide Perspectives on Bee Health"
- 10-12 pm Symposium "Validation of Apitherapy in Modern Medicine I" (Apitherapy)
- 10-12 pm Symposium "International Honey Market Trends" (Economy)
- 01-03 pm Symposium "Validation of Apitherapy in Modern Medicine II" (Apitherapy)
- 01-03 pm Symposium "Future of Global Beekeeping Facing New Challenges" (Economy)
- 01-5:30 pm Symposium "OIE I and II" (Bee Health)
- 03:30-05:30 Symposium "Innovations in Apitherapy" (Apitherapy)
- 03:30-05:30 Roundtable "Worldwide Modes of Honey Production" (Economy)
- 06-09 pm Workshop "Novel Bee Hives Products and New Apitherapy Practices" (Technology)

September 12, 2019

- 08:30-09:30 Keynote Dr. Tom Seeley: "Darwinian Beekeeping"
- 10-12 pm Symposium "Forest and Natural Beekeeping" (Development)
- 10-12 pm Symposium "Identification / Characterization of Floral Sources" (Pollination)
- 01-03 pm Symposium "Conservation of Forage and Habitat for Bees" (Pollination)
- 01-03 pm Symposium "Innovations for Monitoring Colonies" (Health & Technology)

WBA AWARDS (World Beekeeping Awards)

World Bee Awards, held every two years at the Apimondia Conference, aim to highlight international excellence for honey, bee products, bee inventions and materials related to beekeeping, focusing on good beekeeping practices and respect the quality criteria. The ceremony will be held on Monday, September 9, at the end of the day, at the Palais des Congrès in Montreal.

EXPO API

APIMONDIA 2019 will also host more than 200 exhibitors from the four corners of the world, gathered in a space of more than 3,000 square meters, in the heart of the Palais des Congrès, and will be present to exchange and discuss all aspects of beekeeping, from bee growing to the production of by-products.

2nd edition in Quebec since 1924

After welcoming Quebec City in 1924, Montreal became the only Canadian metropolis to host the international event. As such, Quebec can be proud of the scientific contribution of its researchers who are at the heart of many research projects in progress in Canada. We invite you to consult the "Beekeeping in Canada" section on the site www.apimondia2019.com where you will find research projects done in Canada.

Quebec leading beekeeping companies, partners of Apimondia 2019

ANICET HONEY, the passion of bees from generation to generation

Located in the Hautes-Laurentides, at the foot of Devil's Mountain, the family farm MIELS D'ANICET is made up of a passionate team of honey bee lovers, artisans of the earth, curious epicureans who consider the craft of a beekeeper as a perfect mixture between entomology, biology and botany. They mainly specialize in the breeding of queens, cosmetic and the production of gourmet food and mead (Pollens & Nectars on site restaurant).

INTERMIEL, a major producer of mead in Canada

Founded in 1976, the major beekeeping farm Intermiel manages the production of 8,000 hives, and also operates a maple grove of 18,000 taps and an orchard of 600 apple trees. The first recipient of the gold medal of the National Order of Agricultural Merit of Quebec in beekeeping, an honourable mention of agrotourism, and selected as the best beekeeping company in the world according to World's Greatest, the Quebec company is recognized in across North America for the quality and broad diversification of its products, as well as for its unique educational program. As a major mead producer in Canada, Intermiel offers a wide range of meads, maple spirits, ice ciders and brandies exclusively made from its raw materials, many of which have won international awards.

HONEY MONTREAL

For ten years, the popularity of urban beekeeping has exploded and the interest in beekeeping in general is growing impressively. And Montreal stands out with the presence, among others, of MIEL MONTRÉAL, an important actor in urban beekeeping, as well as the presence of 2,000 hives on the island. With this incredible growth, hive management issues, bee resources and the utility of urban beekeeping have become very relevant. During Apimondia, participants are invited to discover a beekeeping apiary designed Warré hives for education and awareness (Campus MIL University of Montreal), hives "standard" with their exploitation for the production of honey, and the visit of Lufa Farms and discussion of the use of other bees and pollinators in urban greenhouses on Montreal's rooftops.

NOTE TO THE MEDIA:

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