

Words from Apimondia President



The European Union is the largest honey market in the world.

As honey-producers the beekeepers of the European Union has comply with the legislation of the union. This complex and the same regulations are implemented in many different ways in the 27 member countries.

To be allowed to export honey into the European Union the exporting country need to implement legislation and control methods that are equivalent to the European Union standards. The same legislation that is enforced in the European Union applies to beekeepers and companies outside the Union who wish to export their products to the great market.

The Romanian Beekeepers Association and APIMONDIA/FIITEA will organise this symposium to bring together beekeepers, Associations, Companies as well as representatives from the Authorities of new member countries of the European Union as well as non member countries to inform about the regulations and to discuss these and their implementation.

The Beekeepers Associations play a major role in the legislative process in Europe. From the national level to the European level through the influence they can have on the regulations and their implementation. Representatives from the COPA/COGECAs working group of honey in Brussels as well as representatives of national beekeepers associations in Europe and neighbouring countries will discuss these issues during the symposium. "How can we as beekeepers be heard in Brussels?"

Good Management Practice and Best Beekeeping Practice are important. Specialists will discuss what these terms mean and describe the implementation in their homelands.

Residues of antibiotics and pesticides are undesirable and cause great problems when they occur in honey. How to avoid these is an important aspect to discuss.

In connection with the symposium, there will be organised a "honey-fair" and exhibition of beekeeping equipment at the venue. This will be a great event, interesting for the beekeeper, for the public to see the many nice products, and for the Authorities to learn about the beekeeping sector.

Looking forward to meeting beekeepers, their representatives as well as scientist and representatives of the Authorities to the symposium in Bucharest 11 – 14. September 2008.

Asger Sogaard Jorgensen
Apimondia President

Brief Introduction by President of Scientific Committee

The legislation related to the beekeeping practice brings about new challenges to which the beekeeper, either a hobbyist or a professional and the processor – the main link in the food safety chain - are confronted with a series of enough difficult problems, especially for the new EU countries and also for the countries that contribute with their honey production to assuring the consumption of bee products and the export needs on the European market or other markets with the same level of demands.

The symposium in Bucharest will be the starting point in a series of such events meant to meet the needs of the beekeepers for the correct understanding and application of the beekeeping legislation, thus contributing to facilitate the task of the beekeeper : to produce and sell the honey much easier.

Important personalities of the beekeeping world will join us all and generously share with us their experience. The symposium will be in fact a living dialogue meant to clarify the problems of the producers and honey and other bee products processors.

To come even closer to their needs, during the symposium, a specialized exhibition - APIEXPO BBP (Best Beekeeping Practice) will be organized. Bee products, nutritional supplements and medicines based on bee products, medicines for honeybees, tools and beekeeping equipments, all meant to facilitate the work of the beekeepers and processors will be exhibited in the stands.

APIEXPO BBP welcomes all of you, those who thing that can contribute by their own example to the clarification of the beekeeping problems related to the new legislation.

So, BEEKEEPING: Simply and clear!

Dr. Biochim. Cristina Mateescu
President of Scientific Committee

Scientific Committee

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We would like to invite you to Bucharest for the First Apimondia Symposium on Beekeeping Practice. The symposium will take place in the Conference Hall of the Institute of Beekeeping Research (ICDA) which belongs to Beekeeping Association of Romania. The number of participants is limited. Therefore, please register soon.

We have done our best to keep the participation fee as low as possible. For as much efficiency as possible in the order of the events, the lunch (2) during these three days will be offered at the venue. The costs (except of beverages) are included in the registration fee. Saturday September 13 in the afternoon is reserved for a visit to ICDA and Beekeeping plant.

Registration fee:

It includes conference documents, coffee breaks, buffet lunches (2 days), and visit to Institute of Beekeeping research and Beekeeping plant.

Before July 1st, 2008:

100 € for all participants

After July 1st, 2008:

120 € for all participants

Please transfer your registration fees to:

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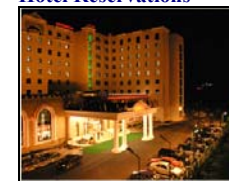
If, for technical reasons, you are unable to effect a transfer please let us know. Your registration will only be valid after receipt of the fee. Cancellations are possible at any time. However, we have to claim 10% before and 50% of the registration fee after July 1st, 2008.

Symposium Venue:

The ICDA Conference Hall is situated in the North of Bucharest, 12 km from the International Airport Henry Coanda and only 2 km from Baneasa Airport.



Hotel Reservations



Phoenicia Hotel situated right "next door" to ICDA Conference Hall. Three minutes walk.
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Apiexpo info

An area of 800 sq. meters will be devoted to beekeeping exhibition stands in tents outside in front of the ICDA Conference Hall. Details concerning stands/facilities and charges to follow shortly. Visits to beekeeping exhibition are free of charge.

Traveling information:

By car: North of Bucharest, Baneasa area, DN1 road.

By rail: North Railway Station and then by taxi to Baneasa area.

By plane: Otopeni airport and budget airlines airport Baneasa.

Symposium presentations' language and simultaneous translation

All presentations, debates, Q & A and papers will be in English language. Simultaneous translation will be provided in Russian and Romanian languages only for the audience provided that there will be earlier enough requests to cover the costs. There might be an extra charge of 10-20 € per person.

There will be digital video/audio recording of all power point presentations. After the symposium the material will be edited to provide a DVD master copy with all scientific presentations and speeches.

Visa info:

Participants that need visas may request letters until not later than July 1st 2008.

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Registration form

First name: _____

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I like to present a poster:

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Abstracts

1. Deadline for abstract submission: 1st of May 2008

2. Abstracts are required for all papers and posters.

3. Abstracts must be submitted in English.

4. Responsibility for accuracy rests with the author.

5. Notification of Programming -If the abstract is accepted for presentation, the first author will be notified by June 15 th, 2008. The accepted full paper should be sent by July 15-th in order to be in time with their presentation on the CD-rom

6. Accepted contributed oral presentations will be of 20 minute duration including questions and introduction. Oral presenters are expected to submit their PowerPoint presentations prior to the conference at the registration desk.

7. Accepted poster presentations must be a maximum size of 1.2 metres high x 1 metre wide.

8. Timely registration and payment for the conference are a pre-requisite for presenters.

Withdrawing an abstract

If you want to withdraw an abstract please contact the conference scientific committee by Emailing

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convenience.



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