

EUROPEAN WEEK FOR BEES AND POLLINATORS 2018 !

EUROPEAN WEEK OF BEES AND POLLINATION - 7TH EDITION

How is the Agricultural Community Mobilised to Protect Bees?



Tuesday 26 - Thursday 28 June 2018

European Parliament, Brussels

Hosted by

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working group of the EP Intergroup
“Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”

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with the participation of **The Biodiversity network for bees, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech -
Université de Liège, BeeLife, Copa-Cogeca, BeeOdiversity, European Crop Protection
Association (ECPA), International Confederation of European Beet Growers (CIBE),
European Professional Beekeepers Association (EPBA)**

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EU BEEWEEK 2018 - AGENDA

Tuesday 26 June

Scientific symposium - session I & II (10:00-17:30) - Interpretation EN-FR

Wednesday 27 June

Workshop 1 (10:00-12:30): Beekeepers and Farmers, Experience sharing and best practices for Bees in the agricultural sector - Interpretation EN-FR-HR

Workshop 2 (15:00-17:00): Young Beekeepers & Young Farmers, new generations for new cooperation - Interpretation EN-FR

Discovery Night (17:30)

Thursday 28 June

High-level Conference (9:00-16:45) - Interpretation EN-FR-DE-ES-IT-RO-HR



SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

(Session I)

Tuesday 26 June 2018

10:00-13:00

Room PHS 4B001

European Parliament, Brussels

Interpretation EN-FR

SESSION I - Replicable best practices and tools for farmers to protect bees

*Chaired by **Dr Bach Kim Nguyen**, University of Liège, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech*

10:00-10:30 - Opening

Welcome remarks by **Michel Dantin**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the EU BeeWeek

Opening address by **Mairead McGuinness**, Vice-President of the European Parliament

10:30-10:45 - Challenges of the Agricultural sector

Dr Bach Kim Nguyen, University of Liège, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech - Farmers' concern towards bees, practical and scientific challenges

10:45-11:10 - Evaluating the impact of plant protection products on bees

Julie Fourier, Technical and Scientific Institute for Apiculture and Pollination (Itsap - France) - The homing flight ring test: method for the assessment of sublethal doses of plant protection products on the honey bee in field conditions

Questions and answers

11:10-11:50 - Methodologies for sustainable farming: scientific approach

Prof. Eric Haubruge, 1st Vice-Rector, University of Liège

Alain Peteers, Secretary of the European Association for Agro-ecology - The integration of agro-ecology in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

Questions and answers

11:50-12:30 - Replicable best practices - Practical cases

Philippe Lecompte, Vice President of Symbiose - Symbiose: Cooperation between beekeepers and farmers in the Marne (France)





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Frédéric Gond, Farmer and representatives from the FDSEA Loiret (France) - Agrapi:
Monitoring of bees

Questions and answers

12:30-12:50 - Agricultural Awards for the protection of bees

Gilles Dryancour, ELO Bee Award, European Land Owners (ELO), John Deer/CEMA -
Presentation the Award, outcomes and outlook

Robert de Graeff, Senior Policy Advisor European Landowners' Organization (ELO) -
Launch of the Bee award 2018

Cathy Blervacq, Global Lead Centre of Excellence Sustainability Sibelco, Winner of
the 2017 ELO Bee Award

12:50-13:00 - Conclusion of session I



SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

(Session II)

Tuesday 26 June 2018

14:00-17:30

Room PHS 6B001

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SESSION II - Chaired by EFSA

Chaired by **Tobin Robinson**, Head of Unit, Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

14:00-14:10 - Welcome to participants and outline of agenda - few words on creation of EU Bee Partnership

Tobin Robinson, Head of Unit, Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks, EFSA

14:10-14:30 - Outline of the Terms of Reference of the EU Bee Partnership - vision, objectives, aspirations, deliverables, and success factors

Simon More, Chair of the Panel on Animal Health and Welfare, EFSA

14:30-14:45 - Beekeepers view of benefits of collecting and sharing data on bee health in EU

Noa Simon Delso, BeeLife, European Beekeeping Coordination

14:45-15:00 - Perspective on how the Partnership can guide industry on data to assist risk assessors and strengthen stewardship

Anne Alix, European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)

15:00-15:30 - Q&A session

***** Coffee break (30min) *****

16:00-16:15 - ApisRAM, Designing a new honey bee model for risk assessment

Chris Topping, Aarhus University, Denmark

16:15-16:30 - PoshBee: evidence, tools, practice, and policy for European bees

Marie-Pierre Chauzat, EU Reference Laboratory for Bee Health/ANSES





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16:30-16:45 - EU Pollinators Initiative

Vujadin Kovacevic, DG ENV Unit D.2, European Commission

16:30-17:15 - Q&A session

17:15-17:30 - Summary of session II

Tobin Robinson, Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks, Head of Unit, EFSA



WORKSHOP 1 - BEEKEEPERS AND FARMERS, EXPERIENCE SHARING AND BEST PRACTICES FOR BEES IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Wednesday 27 June 2018

10:00-12:30

Room ASP 3G2

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10:00-10:10 - Introduction by MEP Marijana Petir

Chaired by Michael Hambly, Vice-Chair of Working Party on Oilseeds, Copa-Cogeca

10:10-10:35 - New techniques to limit the risks of plant protection products in crops

Eeva-Liisa Korpela, Research Coordinator/PR Officer (Finland) - The use of bees as a precision organism to spread a biological fungicide on certain berry and fruit blossom to combat fungal disease in them

Questions and answers

10:35-11:25 - Agronomic management to help protect bees in agricultural areas

Cédric Brice, Policy officer Agronomy - Practical case in organic farming for the production of Alfalfa/Lucerne, promotion of grass strips to foster biodiversity

Hubert Compère, Farmer from l'Aisne (France) - New agronomic balance in large scale field & monitoring of bio-indicators

Questions and answers

11:25-12:20 - New techniques and medicinal products to help beekeepers facing bee health problems

Michael Rubinigg, Scientific Officer, Biene Österreich, Austrian Beekeeping Federation (Austria) - Crowd-sourced data collection platforms on parasite and diseases for beekeepers

Dr Klaus Hellmann, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FEV) - Veterinary medical products for bees, regulation and comparative analysis between Member States

Questions and answers

12:20-12:30 - Conclusion



WORKSHOP 2 - YOUNG BEEKEEPERS AND YOUNG FARMERS, NEW GENERATIONS FOR NEW COOPERATION

Wednesday 27 June 2018

15:00-17:00

Room ASP 5G1

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15:00-16:50 - Best practices and innovative actions

Format: this workshop will aim to trigger debates and interactions between all speakers and the participants. First, all speakers will introduce themselves and their organisation briefly. Then, a discussion will be organised by the Chair of the Workshop addressing questions (see below) each by each. Speakers as well as participants will be able to take the floor when they ask it to raise questions and/or comment on the issue. All contributions should be short and straight to the point in order to allow for a constructive debates.

Panellists:

- **Julien Jeuniaux**, Young beekeeper, Bee&You - Realities and practical issues of young beekeepers (Belgium)
- **Justine Henion**, Young beekeeper - Realities and practical issues of young beekeepers (France)
- **Patrick Pagès, formateur à la MFR de Mazille**, Rural Vocational Training Centers (Réseau des Maisons rurales et familiales - France) - Education and vocational training to beekeeping activities for young people

Questions:

- What issues are currently faced by Young Farmers in developing more bee-friendly farming practices on the field?
- How to support the installation of Young Beekeepers?
- What best practices can be outlined?
- What recommendations to address these issues and build new forms of cooperation?
- What EU policy for the future?
- In particular, what proposals for the CAP 2021-2027?

16:50-17:00 - Debriefing from the Chair and proposal of recommendations





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DISCOVERY NIGHT

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17:30-21:00

**Cafeteria Wilfried Martens (WIM building)
European Parliament, Brussels**

Welcoming words and speakers

Welcoming words by Frédérique Ries MEP

Marijana Petir MEP

Discovery Night - Cocktail

Testing of multiple products from the hives & others: honey, honey sweets, honey beers, cocktails, cheese, bread, honey candyfloss... and more surprises!



BEEWEEK 2018 - HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE

Thursday 28 June 2018

09:00-16:15

Room JAN 2Q2

European Parliament, Brussels

Interpretation EN-FR-DE-ES-IT-RO-HR

09:00-10:00 - OPENING SESSION

Welcome remarks by **Michel Dantin MEP**

Opening address by **Pavel Poc MEP**

Opening address by **Riccardo Jannoni, Expert on Bees and Pollinators, Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN)**

Keynote video message from **Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime affairs and Fisheries**

Keynote video message from **Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society**

Keynote video message from **Phil Hogan, EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development**

Opening address by **Eric Masset, Chair of the Working Party on Dried Fodder, Copa-Cogeca**

10:00-10:30 - RESTITUTION

EFSA - Presentation by EFSA on the state of play of the EU Bee Partnership

Dr Bach Kim Nguyen, University of Gembloux - Summary of the scientific symposium and the recommendations from the workshops of the BeeWeek 2018

10:30-12:00 - PANEL 1: European strategy for bees - What EU policy for bees and pollination?

Chaired by Michel Dantin MEP

Jens Schaps, Director for Common Market Organisations for agricultural products, DG AGRI, European Commission - What actions for the beekeeping sector in the future CAP 2021-2027

Stefan Leiner, Head of Unit for the Biodiversity, DG Environment, European





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Commission - What to expect from the EU Pollinators Initiative

Luc Bas, Director, IUCN European Regional Office, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - The need to act for wild pollinators

Michel Dantin, Member of European Parliament - Presentation of the INI report of the European Parliament on the perspective and challenges in the apiculture sector

Questions and answers

**** Lunch break (1h30) - provided by the EU BeeWeek ****

13:30-15:00 - PANEL 2: Honey production, mobilising all stakeholders from the fields to the spoon

Chaired by MEP

Nataša Lilek, Slovenian Beekeepers Association - Honey consumption and promotion schemes

Alain Maquet, Joint Research Center, European Commission - Consumers' trends of honey consumption and Honey adulteration

Amélie Mandel, Bees Biodiversity Network - The tool box for farmers to help protect bees

Questions and answers

15:00-16:30 - PANEL 3: New technologies, digitalisation and big data to help protect Bees

Chaired by Marijana Petir MEP

Antoni Vicens i Vicens, EU Balearic Islands Office - Good practices for the conservation of bees in the Balearic Islands; case study with a mobile app and a website (Vespapp)

Dr Bach Kim Nguyen, University of Gembloux - Start-up Beemonitoring

Jospeh Cazier, Ph.D, Director of the Center for Analytics Research and Education, Appalachian State University, Chief Analytics Officer - HiveTracks

Questions and answers

16:30-16:45 - CLOSING SESSION

Concluding remarks of the High-level Conference and the EU BeeWeek 2018 by **Michel Dantin MEP**

