



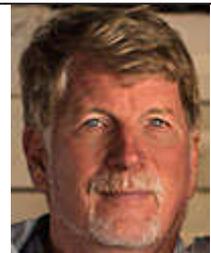
**APIMONDIA**

**International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations**

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# **NEWSLETTER 14**

**March 2021**



## **Message from the President of Apimondia. Dr. Jeff Pettis**

Dear fellow beekeepers and friends,

I hope your family and bees are doing well in these days of change.

If you are in the Southern Hemisphere may you have had a good honey harvest and bees well prepared for winter, if you are in the tropics may the rains have been good to you, and lastly in the Northern Hemisphere spring is very close.

Stay safe and sane and please join us for an "Apimondia Open House" on Saturday 27 March 2021 (see times and ZOOM link below).

Apimondia has hosted two regional Open Houses in Africa and South America and we look forward to having these events on a virtual basis in other regions of the world in the near future. The Executive Council of Apimondia meets virtually every two months and you can find more details on these meetings from our Executive Secretary Riccardo in this newsletter. We continue to carry out the Apimondia mission and events and look forward to seeing you virtually or in person as we move ahead into 2021 and 2022. Please stay in touch and may your bees bring you joy in these difficult times.

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2021: Apimondia Open House** to visit and address your concerns and questions:  
JEFF PETTIS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic **Apimondia Open House**

**Time: March 27, 2021 07:00 AM Eastern US, 11:00AM in London and 12:00 noon in Rome, please check your local time.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83710551352?pwd=ZzJYZzRaWHVKM014R2FTcFE4aTYxZz09>

**Meeting ID: 837 1055 1352**

**Passcode: 350104**

Hope to see you on 27 March or at a Regional Open House in the near future.

Best regards,

Jeff Pettis



**Message from The Secretary-General of Apimondia  
Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini**

Dear Friends,

In this period in which many people in many countries are still affected by the pandemic, we hope that you and your families and friends are safe and that in the near future we will all be able to go back to more normal lives and take care of our bees and the environment as we did before.

Apimondia at present is working with the Russian Local Organising Committee to define the dates of the 47th Apimondia Congress that will be held in Summer 2022 in Ufa, Russia, as well as on other issues pertinent to the organisation of the event. We are also working to hold a virtual event in September 2021 in order to showcase some features of what will be staged during the event in 2022 as well as some places near Ufa where very particular ways of beekeeping are still carried out that foresee bee colonies kept in tree trunks.

In this new social set-up, the Executive Council meets virtually every two months; at present it is discussing on the possibility to promote an initiative on trees as forage sources for bees as well as on setting up a working group with the aim to discuss on the effects of pesticides on bees and the environment; all the Member Associations and other entities are more than welcome to take part in this effort.

Apimondia is also collaborating closely with FAO on the organisation of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Bee Day. Also this year the event will be staged as a virtual meeting due to the restrictions posed by the COVID pandemic. The focus this year is on pollinators and the scope for their survival in an environmental context that tends to offer less forage areas for them. The event programme will be articulated over a 90-minute duration and foresees an initial set of institutional intervention followed by a number of focused presentations from different regions to report how measures are being adopted to protect pollinators worldwide.

In these weeks an Apimondia panel is working on the selection and recruitment of specialists to deal with the Federation's communications needs. In fact, Apimondia is in the process of stepping up its role and performance in delivering quality information and guidelines to the international beekeeping community that will initially focus on the website and the improvement of its presence on social media.

Finally, on 27 March 2021 Apimondia is planning to host an "Open House" meeting: please join us and exchange views and experiences.

On behalf of the Apimondia Executive Council, I wish you a pleasant Spring in the North and Autumn in the South.

Yours sincerely,

Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini

## Future events

**31 March 2021:** Bee Health and Sustainable Beekeeping

<https://www.informamiele.it/save-the-date-webinar-31-marzo-2021-salute-delle-api-e-apicoltura-sostenibile.html>

A webinar organised by the Italian beekeepers in collaboration with DG-AGRI European Commission will take place on 31 March 2021 from 16.30 till 19.00 hrs. Registrations can be made through:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_JsriGYf0RmqcSdLzHw5XyQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JsriGYf0RmqcSdLzHw5XyQ)



**20-21 May 2021:**

Online Seminar  
Cisco Webex

UMT  
ASIA MELIPONINE

# THE 1st SOUTH EAST ASIA MELIPONINE SYMPOSIUM 2021 (SEAMS2021)

"Stingless Bee Sustainability for Global Human Harmony"  
in conjunction with the World Bee Day 2021

## 20-21 MAY 2021

**Keynote Speaker**

**Organizer :**  
Special Interest Group (SIG) for Apis and Meliponine UMT,  
Faculty Of Fishery And Food Science UMT in collaboration  
with Faculty of Agriculture, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

**Registration & Seminar Fee**  
Peserta tempatan/ local participants: RM50.00  
Pelajar tempatan/ local students: RM30.00  
International participants (including students):  
USD15.00

**Topics:**  
Theme 1: Current development in meliponiculture  
Theme 2: Innovation / product development  
Theme 3: Community engagement / knowledge transfer  
Theme 4: Sustainable meliponiculture

**Plenary Speakers**

Prof. Emeritus Dr. Cleo R. Cervancia,  
President of Apimondia Regional Commission for Asia, Philippine

Prof. Dr. Siti Salmah Idtus,  
Universiti Andalas,  
Indonesia

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amelia R. Nicolas,  
Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, Philippine

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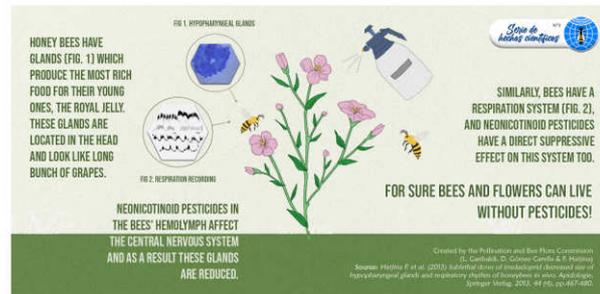
Register online & download full tentative at: <https://umtseminar.wixsite.com/seams2021>

For more information and registration :

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## From the past

**January 2021:** The third of the Scientific Basic Messages, prepared by the Scientific Commission on Pollination and Bee Flora in collaboration with the Scientific Commission on Bee Health was published on the Apimondia website: <https://www.apimondia.com/en/>



**February 2021:** The Austrian Professional Beekeepers' Association holds its Beekeepers' Symposium 2021. Dr. Fani Hatjina, President of the Scientific Commission on Bee Health, was invited to give a talk on world problems on bee health.

