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## **News from the Secretary-General**

In August we have been busy in assisting the organisation of the Apimondia online symposium that is being organised in September with the Russian member association as a preview of next year's Apimondia congress in Ufa.

The programme of the symposium includes Russian and international speakers covering several subjects that you can consult on the event website that you can find in the next article below.

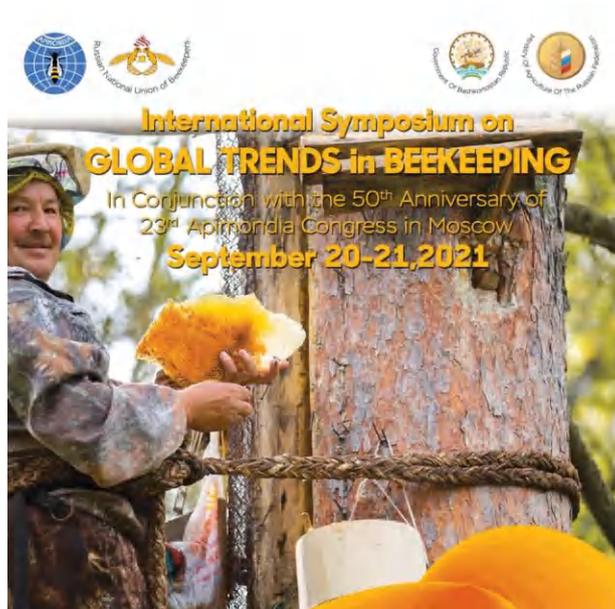
The symposium has double objective: on one hand it is meant to bridge for the Apimondia congress that due to COVID had to be postponed to next year and provide an event for the international beekeeping community and on the other hand it has a promotional purpose as it is supposed to provide a flavour of what the congress will address and be like since it is foreseen to be held in hybrid format to enable both in-person attendance as well as the possibility to join the sessions via Internet for those who cannot make it to Ufa.

The PCO (Professional Congress Organiser) that is working for Apimondia in the preparation of both events has elaborated a very attractive virtual event venue that allows participants to move and choose across the different working sessions to attend and it is also possible to engage in a virtual tour of the ApiExpo. It is a very interesting configuration that we are confident the participants will appreciate it and find it user-friendly.

We hope this test event will prove successful and also provide us with useful hints on how to improve and arrange a good quality, state-of-the-art and content-filled congress next year.

Last but not least, attendance in the virtual Apimondia symposium of 20 - 21 September 2021 is free of charge so anyone can join it and benefit from the different presentations that will take place online. For more information on this, again please refer to the next article herebelow.

Apimondia is also working on a number of collaborations aimed at collecting data on pollinators for monitoring of genetic resources and also on a number of workshops addressing biodiversity issues in various regions to support also the beekeeping sector. More details on these initiatives will be available later this year.



### Online International Symposium “Global Trends in Beekeeping”

The online/virtual international symposium “Global Trends in Beekeeping” and an online exhibition will take place on **20-21 September 2021**.

Participants who wish to follow this event are kindly requested to register via: <https://apimondia.seminar.live>

Please note that registration is **free of charge**.

For more information: [https://apimondia2021.com/?p=international\\_symposium](https://apimondia2021.com/?p=international_symposium)

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### **New dates**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress will take place in Ufa, Russia, on **5-10 September 2022**.

[Find all relevant information here.](#)

Apimondia co-signed an **Open Letter** concerning the ongoing discussions to establish the Specific Protection Goals (SPGs) in relation to **risk assessment of pesticides on bees**.

Beekeeping organisations and civil society concerns on pesticide risk assessment methodology and bees' protection from pesticides. [Read more...](#)



### Apimondia statement on honey anti-dumping case - USA

Apimondia has learned that the US is being petitioned to impose anti-dumping measures against five countries: India, Vietnam, Ukraine, Brazil and Argentina (from the most important exporters to the US). [Read more...](#)

### Scientific facts from the Scientific Commission for Pollination and Bee Flora

You will find more facts in several languages on [www.apimondia.org](http://www.apimondia.org)

SOYBEANS ARE A GLOBALLY IMPORTANT CROP WITH MULTIPLE USES (FOOD, FODDER, OIL, AND INDUSTRIAL)



... BUT THEIR EXPANDED CULTIVATION IS ALSO ONE OF THE MAIN DRIVERS OF GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY LOSS



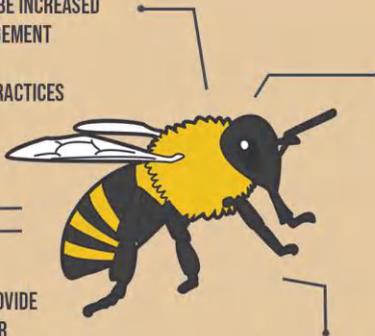
DECADES OF RESEARCH NOW INDICATE THAT SOYBEAN PRODUCTIVITY CAN BE INCREASED THROUGH POLLINATOR MANAGEMENT

BUT SOYBEAN CULTIVATION PRACTICES COMMONLY IGNORE BIOTIC POLLINATION

SINCE NATURAL HABITATS PROVIDE IMPORTANT RESOURCES, THEIR CONSERVATION NEAR SOYBEAN FIELDS IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY AND DIVERSE COMMUNITIES OF POLLINATORS

NATURAL HABITATS CAN ALSO IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL PEST CONTROL, AMONG OTHER BENEFITS. THEREFORE, THEIR CREATION CAN PROMOTE MANY ADVANTAGES FOR AGRICULTURE AND SOCIETY

THESE BENEFITS CAN BE OPTIMIZED IF COUPLED WITH POLICIES THAT RESTRICT AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION INTO NATURAL HABITATS



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## New video

### Apimondia and the importance of bees' pollination services

A video produced by the Apimondia Scientific Commission for Pollination and Bee Flora, under the supervision of Lucas Alejandro Garibaldi.



English version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U060o1XFRCE&t=72s...>

Spanish version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txxyvlGltSc&t=14s...>

## 2021 Golden Bee Award



### The Republic of Slovenia issued an open call for the 2021 Golden Bee Award | GOV.SI

The Golden Bee Award encourages and supports innovation, excellence of individuals or legal entities that have made a particularly important contribution to the protection and raising awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators worldwide, while encouraging the efforts and outstanding achievements of individuals and legal persons.

[www.gov.si](http://www.gov.si)

For more information:

<https://www.gov.si/en/news/2021-07-30-the-republic-of-slovenia-issued-an-open-call-for-the-2021-golden-bee-award/>

The award will be delivered at the end of this year by the President of the Slovenian Republic. The prize for the winner is more than € 20,000.

## Apimondia report

### Regional Commission for Asia

President: Prof. Cleo Cervancia

### OIE Virtual Regional Workshop on Honey Bee Diseases in Asia and the Pacific

The workshop was held on 24 August 2021 with the aim of providing a platform for sharing information about epidemiology and diagnostics of honey bee diseases as well as good beekeeping practices. The workshop also provided information on gaps and challenges faced by members in

Asia and the Pacific Region for further follow up actions that enhance honey bee disease surveillance and control.

The specific objectives were as follows:

- 1) to introduce the OIE's work in the field of honey bee diseases,
- 2) to share current knowledge of honey bee diseases by experts,
- 3) to share experiences and good practices of beekeeping in and outside the region,
- 4) to identify disease control capacity gaps and needs of members in the region.

Prof. Cleo Cervancia of Apimondia gave the talk "*Beekeeping and bee health in Asia and the Pacific region*"

Dr. Panuwan Chantawannacul, representing COLOSS, spoke on the topic "*Introduction of the research network on bee health and regional bee disease situation*".

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