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# Beekeeping in Ireland

- **1881**

Irish Beekeepers' Association (IBA)  
founded

- **1943**

Reconstituted as The Federation of  
Irish Beekeepers' Associations  
(FIBKA)

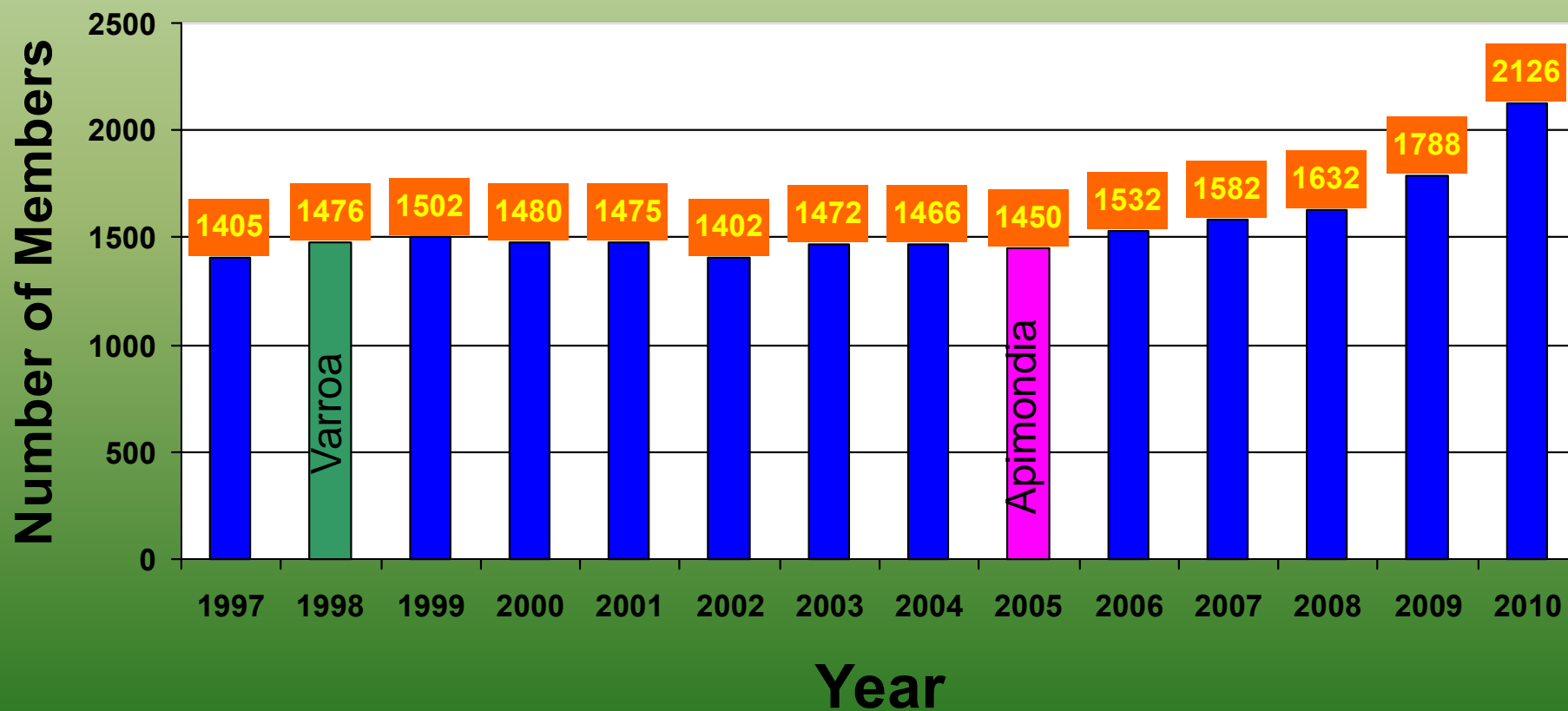


# 52 Local Associations





# Membership





# Executive Council

**President**

Vice-President

3 Life Vice-Presidents

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

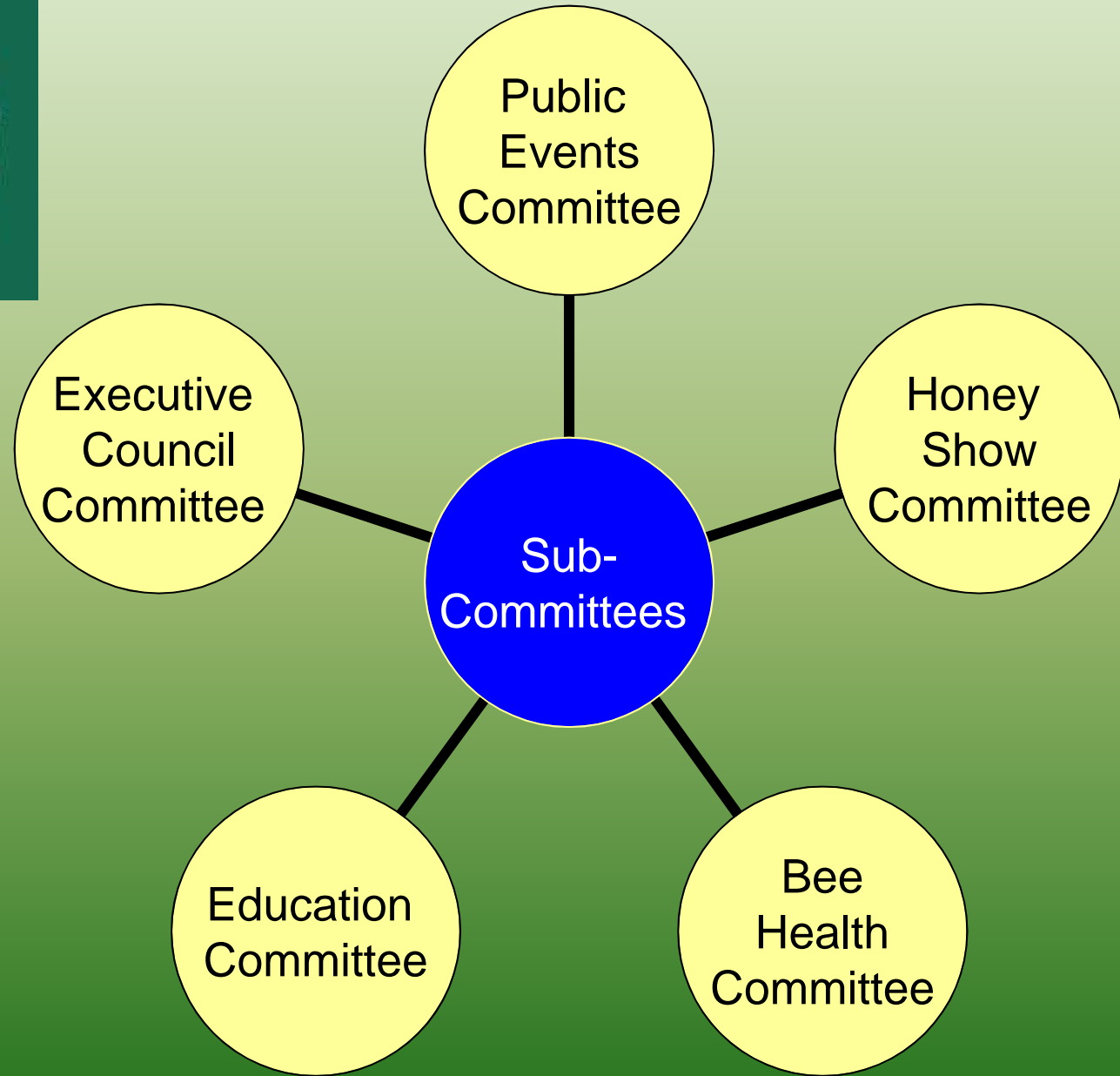
Education Officer

Public Relations Officer

Editor of Beekeeping Journal

Manager of Beekeeping Journal

8 Other Members





# Objectives of F.I.B.K.A.

- Unite Irish Beekeepers
- Lobby government departments
- Arrange third party insurance
- Publish
  - ❖ *monthly journal*
  - ❖ *periodic leaflets and booklets*
- Provide a Labelling Scheme







# Objectives of FIBKA

- Education
  - ❖ Hold examinations
  - ❖ Maintain a panel of lecturers
  - ❖ Provide education surrounding the challenges faced by Beekeepers
  - ❖ Organise information stands at Ploughing Championships and other National events



# Objectives of FIBKA

- ❖ Organise Annual Summer Course



# Gormanston Summer Course





# Objectives of FIBKA

- ❖ Maintain a library of bee books and DVDs
- Work closely with Bord Bia (Irish Food Board) to promote sale of Irish Honey
- Arranges the Irish National Honey Show



# Irish National Honey Show





# Affiliations

- Tree Council
  - ❖ Founder member
  - ❖ Encourages the planting of nectar and pollen bearing trees
- Member of
  - ❖ APIMONDIA
  - ❖ CONBA
    - EPBA
    - COPEA-COGECA



# Challenges

- Conservation of the native dark bee
  - *Apis mellifera mellifera*





# Harvesting the Crop







# Challenges

- Conservation of the native dark bee
  - *Apis mellifera mellifera*
- Varroa
- Nosema Cerana
- Queen Failure



***Thank you for your attention!***

***Hope you visit Ireland soon***