



Apimondia

International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations

**Minutes of the informal Executive Council Meeting
Le Corum Congress Centre, Montpellier, France
15th September 2009 - 14:00 hrs.**

Present:

Mr. Asger Søgaard Jørgensen, President
Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez, Vice-President
Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini, Secretary-General
Dr. Theodore Cherbuliez, President of Standing Commission
Prof. Karl Crailsheim, President of Standing Commission
Dr. Nicola Joan Bradbear, President of Standing Commission
Mr. Dinh Quyet Tam, President of Standing Commission
Prof. Marinus Jan Sommeijer, President of Standing Commission
Dr. Wolfgang Ritter, President of Standing Commission
Mr. Gilles Ratia, President of Standing Commission

Invited:

Mr. Philip McCabe, Special Advisor
Prof. Octaaf Van Laere, Honorary Member
Prof. Roch Domerego, Vice-President of Standing Commission

Agenda of the meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-General
3. Reports of the Presidents of the Standing Commissions
4. Presentation and review of the draft budget for the 2010-2011 biennium
5. Apimondia working plan for the 2010-2011 biennium
6. Review of the amendments to the Statutes and other issues to be discussed and approved at the General Assembly
7. Discussion on any outstanding issues pertaining to the 41st Apimondia congress
8. Proposals of new Honorary Members of Apimondia
9. Renewal of the management positions
10. Admission of new members
11. Proposal for the exclusion of non-paying members
12. Plan of the symposia and other international meetings for the period 2010-2011

13. Follow-up on the organisation of the Apimondia events scheduled in 2010
14. Follow-up on arrangements for the 42nd Apimondia congress
15. Follow-up on the bid submissions for the 43rd Apimondia congress
16. Report on the activities of FIITEA
17. Any other business

- Adoption of the agenda (point 1)

The agenda is adopted with some slight changes in the order of the items discussed.

- Discussion on any outstanding issues pertaining to the 41st Apimondia congress (point 7)

Mr. Jørgensen, having welcomed all the participants, addresses the issues pertaining to the running of the opening ceremony and other events, praising the large number of participants at the congress.

- Reports of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-General (point 2)

The members of the Management Board report in brief on the activities carried out to date since May 2009.

- Reports of the Presidents of the Standing Commissions (point 3)

The Presidents illustrate in brief the activities carried out to date since May 2009.

- Renewal of the management positions (point 9)

The Apimondia President addresses the issue on the candidatures for the President's position, underlining that only candidates who submitted their *curriculum vitae* before the deadline set for 17 August 2009 would be considered for the position. Both candidates, Mr. McCabe and Mr. Ratia, will have 5 minutes to explain to the General Assembly the reasons they decided to candidate for. It is also agreed that Prof. Sommeijer will be the moderator for this election.

- Presentation and review of the draft budget for the 2010-2011 biennium (point 4)

The Secretary-General brings to the attention of the members that, in view of the forthcoming election of the new President, the specific entries and relevant figures of the budget may be changed in accordance with the proposed programme of the newly-elected President.

- Apimondia working plan for the 2010-2011 biennium (point 5)

The proposed plan is reviewed and approved for presentation to the General Assembly.

- Review of the amendments to the Statutes and other issues to be discussed and approved at the General Assembly (point 6)

The Statutes have been reviewed and the amendments have been finalised for presentation to and approval by the General Assembly.

- Admission of new members (point 10) and
Proposal for the exclusion of non-paying members (point 11)

The Secretary-General provides the list of the new associations and institutions that have applied for membership to Apimondia and explains the voting system. He also adds that the new members would be admitted to active participation in the voting deliberations upon acceptance by the current members. He also mentions the associations whose membership is due to expire.

- Proposals of new Honorary Members of Apimondia (point 8)

The Executive Council members acknowledge the nomination of Mr. Ratia and propose Prof. Sommeijer.

- Follow-up on the bid submissions for the 43rd Apimondia congress (point 15)

Mr. Jannoni-Sebastianini and Mr. McCabe, having carried out all the required inspection visits, confirm that all the candidates have been found to be in good standing for bidding for the organisation of the 43rd Apimondia congress.

- Plan of the symposia and other international meetings for the period 2010-2011 (point 12) and
Follow-up on the organisation of the Apimondia events scheduled in 2010 (point 13)

The various members inform on the scheduled symposia and other international meetings that are to take place under the *aegis* of Apimondia for the period 2010-2011 according to the following breakdown:

2010

1st Apimondia International Conference on Organic Beekeeping, Sunny Beach, Bulgaria;
3rd Apimedica & 2nd Apiquality International Forum, Ljubljana, Slovenia;
10th Ibero-Latin-American Congress, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil;
Symposium on Selection, Queen Rearing, Instrumental Insemination and Royal Jelly Production, Busan, South Korea;
Symposium on Honeyhouse Equipment (proposed), Turkey;
6th Caribbean Beekeeping Congress, Grenada;
Symposium on Beekeeping for Rural Development and International Honey Trade (proposed), Hanoi, Vietnam;
Symposium on Manuka Honey (proposed), New Zealand.

2011

42nd Apimondia International Apiculture Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- Any other business (point 17)

Prof. Crailsheim reports on the Apimondia questionnaire to be distributed to all participants in order to obtain information especially from Africa and Asia.

- Follow-up on arrangements for the 42nd Apimondia congress (point 14)

The representatives of the Argentinean Organising Committee make the presentation of the 42nd Apimondia Congress illustrating the latest developments on its organisation.

- Report on the activities of FIITEA (point 16)

A meeting to discuss the matters relating to the activities of FIITEA is scheduled after the arrival in Montpellier of the FIITEA Director foreseen after the opening of the congress.

Having covered all the agenda, the President calls the meeting to a close.