



## APIMONDIA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Daejeon Convention Centre  
Daejeon, South Korea  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - 11:00 hrs.

### Agenda of the meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Final up-date on the organisation of the 44<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress
3. Review of Apimondia workplan for the 2016-2017 biennium
4. Review of Apimondia budget for the 2016-2017 biennium
5. Review of amendments to the Apimondia Statutes
6. Renewal of Apimondia Executive Council positions
7. Proposals of new Honorary Members
8. Final verifications on other items of the General Assembly agenda

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Present:

Mr. G. Ratia, President  
Mr. L.D. Martínez, Vice-President  
Mr. R. Jannoni-Sebastianini, Secretary-General  
Prof. K. Crailsheim, President of the Scientific Commission on Bee Biology  
Dr. N. Bradbear, President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping for Rural Development  
Prof. K.S. Woo, President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping Economy  
Dr. J. Pettis, Vice-President of the Scientific Commission on Bee Health  
Mr. E. Bruneau, President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping Technology and Quality  
Mr. M. Ashagrie, President of the Regional Commission for Africa  
Mr. J.G. Corrêa da Cunha, President of the Regional Commission for Americas  
Prof. C. Cervancia, President of the Regional Commission for Asia  
Mr. P. McCabe, President of the Regional Commission for Europe

Apologies:

Dr. T. Cherbuliez, Dr. W. Ritter and Dr. J. Bijsmeijer unable to attend for medical reasons or professional engagements; Ms. M. Conquer and Dr. C. Mateescu unable to attend due to flight schedule.

## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The President opens the meeting and proceeds to obtain the adoption of the agenda by the members present.

## 2. Final up-date on the organisation of the 44<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress

The President addresses the issue of the definition of the scientific programme and the line-up of speakers for each session. The high number of accepted abstracts without the complete verification of their registration and presence at the congress is seen as a risk for the smooth running of the sessions as some absences are expected.

Problems in the communication between the Local Scientific Committee and the Apimondia Scientific Commissions led to some problems in co-ordinating the definition and works of the various scientific sessions.

## 3. Review of Apimondia workplan for the 2016-2017 biennium

The list of international symposia to be staged in 2016 comprises some events already cleared for implementation in the Philippines and Argentina and some others still pending the definition of some details and for which the Apimondia Scientific and Regional Commissions are to provide some inputs to proceed with the organisational arrangements.

The appointment of the core professional congress organiser (PCO) has been finalised and following the creation of the Apimondia Limited company to be in charge of handling the congresses on behalf of the Federation, the Apimondia legal adviser is proceeding with the inception of the members of the Executive Council who will act also as the governing body of the Apimondia Limited company. This particular option has been adopted to ensure alignment and transparency in the management position and also to optimise the juridical status of the Federation in handling the organisation of future congresses, reduce its liabilities and also benefit from a more favourable taxation profile.

Apimondia is also engaged in a letter of agreement with FAO in connection with the activities of Teca (Technologies in Agriculture) until the end of October 2015 and it is likely to be proposed for a new agreement to be enacted in 2016.

In parallel, negotiations are underway with FAO to define the stipulation of a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Apimondia as the technical counterpart for FAO on beekeeping matters. At present, the main challenge is to identify the specific institutional activities of FAO that could fit in this kind of partnership and the relevant technical division that will act as the corresponding unit for the implementation of specific initiatives. Contacts are being made with the representatives of some FAO member nations to identify sponsors of proposals for the institution and approval of key beekeeping-related initiatives to be included in FAO technical agenda.

In order to boost Apimondia's fundraising capacity, an international campaign "Bee the campaign" has been launched by Apimondia in 2015 and is expected to pick up in 2016 and years to follow to bring additional financial resources to the Federation to enable the implementation of new initiatives and projects.

## 4. Review of Apimondia budget for the 2016-2017 biennium

The budget is presented and is the same as the one discussed at the Apimondia Executive Council meeting held in May in Gwangju (South Korea). It is essentially drawn on the basis of some conservative forecasts especially for the income components in order to have a safe margin in case of variance from the estimated figures.

#### 5. Review of amendments to the Apimondia Statutes

The amendments proposed are related to art. 26 of the Statutes in relation to the new pattern of the flag of Apimondia with the logo being shifted more centrally across the flag and also affect Bylaws two whereby the terms of reference for the Apimondia Scientific Commissions are introduced to align them to the ones already foreseen for the Regional Commissions. They are conceived to provide a concrete benchmark for the Presidents of such Commissions to be aware of the specific tasks to be carried out.

#### 6. Renewal of Apimondia Executive Council positions

The positions and candidates proposed for each expiring mandate are duly revised and Mr. J.G. Corrêa da Cunha expresses his intention to withdraw his candidature for the position of President of the Regional Commission for the Americas.

#### 7. Proposals of new Honorary Members

The names proposed by the Apimondia Executive Council for nomination are those of Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez, outgoing President of the Scientific Commission on Apitherapy and Dr. Dinh Quyet Tam, former President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping Economy on account of their contribution to the activities of Apimondia. Ms. Tetyana Vasykivska, President of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia Congress, is also proposed for this recognition.

#### 8. Final verifications on other items of the General Assembly agenda

A new item is added to the agenda of the General Assembly to foresee a presentation on apitourism.

Daejeon, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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President

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Vice-President

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