



**APIMONDIA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS  
8 and 12 September 2019**

Palais des Congrès  
Montréal, Canada  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 14:00 hrs.

**Agenda of the meeting**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Final up-date on the organisation of the 46<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress
3. Workplans of Commissions
4. Proposals of the Dean of Honorary Members and of new Honorary Members
5. Social media development
6. Statement on Honey Fraud

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Present:

Dr. P. Kozmus, Acting President  
Mr. R. Jannoni-Sebastianini, Secretary-General  
Dr. C. Mateescu, President of the Scientific Commission on Apitherapy  
Prof. K. Crailsheim, President of the Scientific Commission on Bee Biology  
Dr. N. Bradbear, President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping for Rural Development  
Dr. N. García, President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping Economy  
Dr. L. Garibaldi, President of the Scientific Commission on Pollination and Bee Flora  
Dr. J. Pettis, President of the Scientific Commission on Bee Health  
Mr. E. Bruneau, President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping Technology and Quality  
Mr. D. Mukomana, President of the Regional Commission for Africa  
Mr. M. Cuevas Bravo, President of the Regional Commission for the Americas  
Prof. C. Cervancia, President of the Regional Commission for Asia  
Ms. J. Goldsworthy, President of the Regional Commission for Oceania  
Dr. F. Hatjina, newly elected President of the Scientific Commission on Bee Health (on 12.09.2019)  
Mr. L. Martínez, newly elected President of the Regional Commission for the Americas (on 12.09.2019)  
Dr. R. Chlebo, newly elected President of the Regional Commission for Europe (on 12.09.2019)

Invited:

Mr. A.S. Jørgensen, Honorary Member of Apimondia  
Mr. G. Ratia, Honorary Member of Apimondia  
Mr. R. Phipps, Vice-President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping Economy (on 08.09.2019)  
Ms. M. Conquer, Vice-President of the Regional Commission for Oceania  
Ms. E. Brown, Director of World Beekeeping Awards 2019

Apologies:

Mr. D. Pagani, President of the Regional Commission for Europe

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- 1. Adoption of the agenda

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

- 2. Final up-date on the organisation of the 46<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress

The Executive Council discusses the issue of the feasibility of reimbursing the fees paid by some prospective congress participants and exhibitors that subsequently were denied the visa to Canada and as a result could not actually attend the congress. It is resolved that the issue needs to be assessed in further detail together with the local organisers also to establish more accurately the level of financial commitment involved and the modalities of the operation.

Concerning the World Beekeeping Awards 2019, Dr. García and Ms. Brown report on the relatively high percentage of honey samples that did not pass the test for being accepted in the contest. After a brief discussion, the Acting President proposes to address this important issue at the forthcoming General Assembly and eventually to issue a report on the Federation's website.

- 3. Workplans of Commissions

The Acting President thanks the colleagues for having forwarded the workplans of the Commissions for the next biennium and asks them to sign the relevant Terms of Reference.

Dr. Mateescu mentions that she is working for a symposium on apitherapy to be held in Morocco in 2020 whereas Mr. Mukomana reports that he is working on staging the World Bee Day celebrations of 2020 in South Africa.

- 4. Proposals of the Dean of Honorary Members and of new Honorary Members of Apimondia

Upon proposal by the Executive Council, Mr. Gilles Ratia accepts the nomination of being elected Dean of the Honorary Members of Apimondia.

The Executive Council members also agree to propose to the General Assembly the following individuals as nominees for being elected Honorary Members of Apimondia on account of their contribution provided to the activities of the Federation: Prof. Karl Crailsheim, resigning President of the Scientific Commission on Bee Biology, Mr. Misael Cuevas Bravo, resigning President of the Regional Commission for the Americas and Mr. Diego Pagani, resigning President of the Regional Commission for Europe.

- 5. Social media development

The Executive Council agrees that Apimondia should improve and rationalise the information collected by the various Commissions in order to give more visibility to the Federation's activities through the social media. All members concur on the need to identify the most appealing topics for this exercise as well as on the fact that Apimondia should act as a reference entity in order to counteract some inaccurate news that is currently spread in the media.

- 6. Statement on Honey Fraud

The Acting President and Dr. García mention that the number of replies/comments received after posting the statement on the website is encouraging and shows the relevance of this topic amongst beekeepers and traders.

Dr. García reports that this statement will be reviewed and updated by the Apimondia Working Group on Adulteration that comprises members from all five continents, mentioning that one of the most stringent issues that emerged is the content of moisture in the honey.

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Montréal, Canada  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 19:40 hrs.

### **Agenda of the meeting**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Final up-date on the organisation of the 46<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress
3. Proposal of Apimondia's new members of the FIITEA Managing Committee

- 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Acting 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 46<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress

Following the closure of the congress on the issue of would-be participants who had paid their registration fee and did not obtain the visa to attend the congress in Montreal, it is decided to review the matter with the Canadian Local Organising Committee once the congress final data are available to investigate if there are conditions and ways to reimburse even partially or compensate in other ways the people who had already paid their registration fees but were refused the visa to Canada. One of the most viable options proposed appears to be that of issuing a credit note for use in future congress by the same would-be participant or someone else indicated to attend in his/her place.

- 3. Proposal of Apimondia's new members of the FIITEA Managing Committee

The Executive Council agrees to propose Mr. Etienne Bruneau for the last vacant position in the FIITEA Managing Committee. Dr. Jeff Pettis, according to the FIITEA Statutes, is by default appointed as new President of the FIITEA Managing Committee as a result of his recent election as President of Apimondia. As previously announced, Dr. Peter Kozmus is also confirmed as the other appointed member to fill the residual vacant position on the Committee in representation of Apimondia.

Montréal, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Peter Kozmus  
Acting President

Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini  
Secretary-General