



Apimondia

International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations

Minutes of the General Assembly of Apimondia, Durban 2001

First Meeting - Monday 29 October 2001, 18.00 hrs
International Congress Centre

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the minutes and report on the resolutions of the General Assembly held in Vancouver, Canada on the occasion of the 36th International Apicultural congress in 1999
3. Report of the Executive Council for the period 1999-2001
4. Report of the Auditing Commission and approval of the financial report for 1999 and 2000
5. Approval of the budget for the period 2002-2003
6. Apimondia working plan for the period 2002-2003
7. Plan of the symposia and other international meetings for the period 2002-2003
8. Admission of new members
9. Proposal for the loss of membership for non-paying associations
10. Discussion and voting of the proposed amendments of the Apimondia statutes
11. Election of three members of the Executive Council:
Vice-President (incumbent: Dr. E. Schieferstein, Germany)
Secretary-General (incumbent: Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini, Italy)
Elected member (incumbent: Dr. M. Peroutka, Czechia)
12. Election of three Presidents of the Standing Commissions
Beekeeping for Rural Development (incumbent: Dr. N. Bradbear, United Kingdom)
Beekeeping Economy (incumbent: Mr. H. Watanabe, Japan)
Bee Flora and Pollination (incumbent: Prof. M. Sommeijer, the Netherlands)
13. Election of one member of the Auditing Commission
Official Member (incumbent: Mr. K. Wyder, Switzerland)
14. Presentation of congress bids for the 2005 edition of the Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

The appointed delegates and deputies of the following Apimondia member associations were present: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium (2), Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

The Secretary-General checked the credentials and ascertained the presence of 30 representatives out of 44 member associations. The constitution of the Assembly being considered valid, the President of Apimondia undertook the presidency of the Assembly and the Secretary-General acted as secretary of the meeting which was therefore declared officially open.

1. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. The report of the Apimondia General Assembly sessions held in Vancouver, Canada, on 13 and 17 September 1999 was cleared.
3. The President, Vice-President and Secretary-General gave an account of the activities carried out over the period 1999-2001 which had also been reported in the previous minutes of the meetings and report of the Executive Council. During the said period three meetings of the Executive Council and of the IITEA Managing Committee have been held in Rome, in Bucharest and Durban.
4. The Auditing Commission reported to the Executive Council on the verifications carried out on the Federation's accounts and made recommendations to the General Assembly to give the Secretary-General discharge for the accounts for the years 1997 and 1998 having found the documentation to be in proper order and consistent with Apimondia bank statements. The General Assembly then approved the accounts as presented and audited.
5. The Secretary-General illustrated the proposed budgets for the next biennium. The General Assembly reviewed and approved both budgets after discussing some details concerning the level of expected membership fees contributions, the foreseen staff and collaborators' costs and the criteria adopted for the allocation and determination of the figures reported therein.
6. The working plan for the next two years would focus primarily on the organisation of the 38th Apimondia congress as well as other symposia and meetings in close collaboration with the Standing Commissions, the revision of the statutes and the expansion of the Apimondia website.
7. The Executive Council discussed on the most relevant events coming up under the Apimondia aegis and in particular reported on the symposium on residues in honey bee products to be held in Celle, Germany, in October 2002. Other events would take place in Jamaica in connection with the 3rd Caribbean congress, in Costa Rica on pollination and in Cuba on apitherapy.
8. The Secretary-General reported on the applications for admission to become full members of Apimondia submitted by the Federación Argentina de Cooperativas Apícolas of Argentina, the Centro de Investigaciones Apícolas Tropicales of Costa Rica and the Greek Beekeepers' Association of Greece.

Furthermore, other applications had been filed by the General Association of Bielorussian Community of Disabled Persons from Bielorussia, by Groupe d'Etudes-conseille en Entreprenariat et Développement from Central African Republic, by the Beekeeping Department of the Seat of Wisdom Seminary from Nigeria, by the Association pour la Rénovation et le Développement from Senegal and by SAMPAC from the USA all as associate members.
9. For this biennium there were no member associations with membership fees in arrears for more than four years.
10. The proposed amendments to the statutes were circulated to the member associations two months prior to the congress to enable them to evaluate the provisions contained therein and give their comments and inputs. A brief presentation was delivered by the President to illustrate the main points and then they were unanimously approved by the delegates.
11. The renewal of the Federation's management positions led to the following results:

Dr. E. Schieferstein (Germany) was elected Vice-President with 19 votes,

Mr. R. Jannoni-Sebastianini (Italy) was re-appointed Secretary-General by acclamation and

Mr. M. Peroutka (Czechia) was re-appointed elected member by acclamation.

12. The chairmanships of the Apimondia Standing Commissions due to expire were assigned as follows:

Dr. N. Bradbear (United Kingdom) for Beekeeping for Rural Development was re-appointed by acclamation,

Dr. D.Q. Tam (Vietnam) for Economy was appointed by acclamation and

Prof. M. Sommeijer (Netherlands) for Bee Flora and Pollination was re-appointed by acclamation.

13. For the Auditing Commission as a result of the statutes changes just adopted in favour of an external auditor it was deliberated to disband it. The Executive Council took the opportunity to thank Mr. Gladines and Mr. Wyder for the work done and their contribution.

Following these elections, the Apimondia Executive Council composition for the next biennium is as follows:

Dean of the Honorary Members R. Borneck (France)

President A.S. Jørgensen (Denmark)

Vice-President E. Schieferstein (Germany)

Secretary-General R. Jannoni-Sebastianini (Italy)

Elected Members M. Peroutka (Czechia)
A. duToit (South Africa)

Presidents of Standing Commissions

Apitherapy T. Cherbuliez (USA)

Bee Biology O. Van Laere (Belgium)

Beekeeping Economy D.Q. Tam (Vietnam)

Bee Flora and Pollination M. Sommeijer (Netherlands)

Beekeeping for Rural Development N. Bradbear (United Kingdom)

Bee Pathology W. Ritter (Germany)

Beekeeping Equipment and Technology G. Ratia (France)

Second Meeting - Thursday 1 November 2001, 17.00 hrs
International Congress Centre

Agenda

1. Report on the first meeting of the General Assembly
2. Report on the resolutions of the 37th International Apicultural Congress
3. Nomination of the new Honorary Members of Apimondia
4. Appointment of the venue for the 39th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress
5. Contest results
6. Addresses of the delegates of the member associations attending the congress
7. Address by the President of the 38th International Apicultural Congress
8. Formal closing of the 38th International Apicultural Congress

The congress speaker opened the plenary session and gave the floor to the Secretary-General to address point 1 of the agenda.

1. The Secretary-General reported on the first meeting of the General Assembly.
2. The President read the resolutions of the 37th Apimondia Congress which had been prepared in collaboration with the Presidents of the various Standing Commissions.
3. The President presented the list of the Honorary Members proposed for nomination:

Prof. R. Crewe (South Africa)
Mr. E. Lear (South Africa)
Mr. H. Watanabe (Japan)
Mr. K. Wyder (Switzerland)

The delegates elected by acclamation all four candidates Honorary Members of Apimondia.

4. The venue of the 39th Apimondia Congress was assigned to Ireland following two rounds of ballots.
5. The ceremony for the distribution of the awards and prizes was introduced and the winners were invited on the stage to receive the relevant acknowledgements from the jury panel and the audience.
6. The President of Apimondia took the floor to deliver the congress closing speech and thank the local Organising Committee, the volunteers and all those that had helped in the organisation and positive outcome of the congress.
7. The delegates of the various member associations were invited to take the floor in turn to address short speeches to the audience and deliver presents to the authorities on the podium.

8. Prof. Crewe, President of the 37th Apimondia Congress, was then invited to hand over the Apimondia flag to Mr. Peterle in representation of the Slovenian Congress Organising Committee to symbolically mark the continuity of the Apimondia International Congress from one country to another.

With the transfer of the flag the 37th Apimondia Congress was declared officially closed.