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First Session

Thursday 22nd September 2011 - 14:00 hrs

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Agenda of the meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Admission of new members
3. Adoption of the minutes and report on the resolutions and overview of the General Assembly held in Montpellier, France, on the occasion of the 41st International Apicultural Congress in 2009
4. Report of the Executive Council for the period 2009-2011. Report on the accounts and approval of the financial report for 2009 and 2010
5. Approval of the budget for the period 2012-2013
6. Apimondia working plan for the period 2012-2013
7. Plan of the symposia and other international meetings for the period 2012-2013
8. Proposal for the loss of membership for non-paying associations
9. Discussion and voting of the proposed amendments of the Apimondia Statutes
10. Election of one member of the Management Board:
President (incumbent: Mr. G. Ratia, France)
11. Election of four Presidents of the Standing Commissions:
Apitherapy (incumbent: Dr. T. Cherbuliez, USA)
Bee Biology (incumbent: Prof. K. Crailsheim, Austria)
Bee Health (incumbent: Dr. W. Ritter, Germany)
Beekeeping Technology and Quality (incumbent: Mr. E. Bruneau, Belgium)
12. Election of five Presidents of Regional Commissions (for two years)
13. Review of participants' feedback on congress topics
14. Presentation of congress bids for the 44th edition of the Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2015

Second part open to general public:

15. Proposal and discussions on new working groups and digital kits
16. Open session for discussion with members on selected topics
 - Bee Friendly presentation
 - Your suggestions
17. Any other business:
 - Your suggestions

The appointed delegates and deputies of the following Apimondia members are present: Shoqata e Bletarëve të Shqipërisë (Albania), Sociedad Argentina de Apicultores (Argentina), Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (Australia), Österreichischer Imkerbund (Austria), Koninklijke Vlaamse Imkersbond (Belgium), Union of Beekeepers' Associations of the Republic of Srpska (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Confederação Brasileira de Apicultura (Brazil), Natsionalna Branshova Organizatsia-Bulgarski Pchelarski Sayuz (Bulgaria), Natsionalyen Branshovi Pcelarski Soyuz (Bulgaria), Federación Gremial Red Nacional Apícola (Chile), Apicultural Science Association of China (China),

Hrvatski Pčelarski Savez (Croatia), Estación Experimental Apícola - CUBAPI/ACPA (Cuba), Český Svaz Včelařů (Czechia), Dänmarks Biavlerforening (Denmark), Suomen Mehiläishoitajain Liitto (Finland), Union Nationale de l'Apiculture Française (France), Federation of Greek Beekeepers' Associations (Greece), Epistimoniko Kentro Melissotherapeias (Greece), Association Nationale Apicole d'Haïti (Haiti), Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations (Ireland), Federazione Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Japan Beekeeping Association (Japan), Korea Beekeeping Association (South Korea), Lietuvos Bitininkų Sąjunga (Lithuania), Fédération des Unions d'Apiculteurs du Grand Duché de Luxembourg (Luxemburg), Asociación Ganadera Nacional de Criadores de Abejas Reinas y Núcleos (Mexico), Organización Nacional de Apicultores (Mexico), Asociația Națională a Apicultorilor din Republica Moldova (Moldova), National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (New Zealand), Norges Birøkerlag (Norway), Asociația Crescătorilor de Albine din România (Romania), Savez Pčelarskih Organizacija Srbije (Serbia), Slovenský Zväz Včelárov (Slovakia), Cebelarska Zveza Slovenije (Slovenia), Sveriges Biodlares Riksförbund (Sweden), Apisuisse (Switzerland), Muğla İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Türkiye Arı Yetiştiricileri Merkez Birliği (Turkey), Turkish Beekeeping Products and Equipment Producers' Association (Turkey), Bratstvo Bđjoljariv Ukraine (Ukraine), Spilka Pasichnektiv Ukraine (Ukraine), Medyana Rosa (Ukraine), Council of National Beekeeping Associations in the UK (United Kingdom), Sociedad Apícola Uruguay (Uruguay), American Apitherapy Society (USA), Hoi Nuoi Ong Viet Nam (Vietnam).

The Secretary-General checks the credentials and ascertains the presence of 47 representatives out of 80 Member Associations (46 Associations with right to vote) for a total of 120 votes out of 196. The constitution of the Assembly being considered valid, the President of Apimondia undertakes the presidency of the Assembly, which is therefore declared officially open, while the Secretary-General acts as secretary of the meeting.

- Adoption of the agenda (point 1)

The agenda of the meeting is approved unanimously.

- Admission of new members (point 2)

In order to give the possibility to vote to the associations and institutions that applied for full and associate membership to Apimondia and are present in the meeting, the President mentions the Associations that have applied in the last biennium as Full Members: Bees Fan Society "Golden Hive" NGO (Azerbaijan), Savez Pčelara Kadulja (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Beekeepers' Association of Cambodia (Cambodia), Pan-Cyprian Beekeepers' Association (Cyprus), Deutscher Berufs und Erwerbs Imker Bund (Germany), Unione Nazionale Associazioni Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Association des Apiculteurs de Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), National Union of Beekeepers of Kazakhstan - Bal-Ara (Kazakhstan), Korea Apiculture Agriculture Co-operative (South Korea), Kyrgyz Union of Beekeepers (Kyrgyzstan), Latvijas Biškopības Biedrība (Latvia), Savez Pčelarskih Organizacija Crne Gore (Montenegro), Union des Apiculteurs au Maroc (Morocco), Beekeepers' Network Philippines Foundation (Philippines), Polski Związek Pszczelarski (Poland), Śląski Związek Pszczelarzy (Poland), Apis Tomitana Dacica (Romania), Cooperativa Apicoltori Sammarinesi (San Marino), Albaha Beekeepers' Co-operative Association (Saudi Arabia), Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism - Forestry and Beekeeping Division (Tanzania), Kamwenge Beekeepers' Co-operative Society (Uganda) and Federación Bolivariana de Apicultores de Venezuela (Venezuela).

He also mentions that the following institutions filed the application as Associate Members: Balkan Federation of Apicultural Associations (Bulgaria), Association of Caribbean Beekeepers'

Organisations (Trinidad & Tobago), European Professional Beekeepers' Association (Germany), Aducom Organisation (Ghana), Japan Health Food and Nutrition Food Association (Japan), Japan Royal Jelly Fair Trade Council (Japan), Societatea Romana de Apiterapie (Romania), Boqshan Chair for Bee Research (Saudi Arabia), Bee Research Unit (Saudi Arabia), King Saud University (Saudi Arabia), Apislavia (Slovakia) and ApiTrade Africa (Uganda).

Finally, the President mentions that Anel Standard (Greece) has enrolled as Individual Member.

The Assembly unanimously endorses the above-mentioned Associations, Institutions and individuals as members of Apimondia.

- Adoption of the minutes and report on the resolutions and overview of the General Assembly held in Montpellier, France, on the occasion of the 41st International Apicultural Congress in 2009 (point 3)

The report of the Apimondia General Assembly sessions held in Montpellier, France, on 16th and 19th September 2009 is cleared.

- Report of the Executive Council for the period 2009-2011. Report on the accounts and approval of the financial report for 2009 and 2010 (point 4)

The President and Secretary-General give an account of the activities carried out over the period 2009-2011 which have also been reported in the previous minutes of the meetings of the Executive Council. During said period three meetings of the Executive Council and of the FIITEA Managing Committee have been held.

The Executive Council worked with the Argentinean Local Committee on the organisation of the 42nd Apimondia Congress and the same applies for the ongoing planning of the 43rd edition. Inspection visits were carried out in the two venues which submitted the bids to host the 2015 Apimondia Congress.

The following international events under the *aegis* of Apimondia were organised in the period under review: 1st Apimondia International Conference on Organic Beekeeping (Bulgaria - August 2010), 3rd Apimedita & 2nd Apiquality International Forum (Slovenia - September 2010), Apimondia International Symposium on Beekeeping Development and Honey Marketing (Vietnam - October 2010).

Members of the Executive Council participated in various prominent networks and events such as CoLoss, OIE and the 10th Asian Apicultural Association Conference; relations were strengthened with the European Commission and the International Honey Commission on the topics of the hive products and GMO issues.

Furthermore the collaboration with FAO was strengthened by means of numerous meetings held with FAO officers of the Animal Production and Health Division, the establishment of the TecA platform and the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding with a view to establishing a technical partnership with FAO.

Other activities focused on the establishment of various Apimondia Working Groups (AWGs) addressing prominent current issues affecting the beekeeping sector at international level, the drafting of the amendments to the Statutes to be presented to the General Assembly for ratification, the

restoration of the building located in Castel Porziano in order to bring it up to standard for leasing it to a company offering hospitality services to elderly people.

The Secretary-General illustrates the accounts and financial report of Apimondia for the biennium 2009-2010, pointing out the investment made in the property in Castel Porziano and the increased participation and involvement of Apimondia representatives in international events to ensure greater visibility to the Federation. He also illustrates the main entries on the financial report and the related features and background. The accounts and financial report, certified by the appointed external auditor, are unanimously approved by the Assembly.

- Approval of the budget for the period 2012-2013 (point 5)

The Secretary-General presents the proposed budgets for the biennium 2012-2013, based on a conservative forecast of the activities to be undertaken. In particular he stresses the fact that the staff of Apimondia on account of their long-standing commitment and collaboration with the Federation should be rewarded with an increase in their emoluments also considering that it is now almost a decade that their compensation has not changed. To this end, new sources of funds and revenue must be identified and implemented. The version of the budget presented does not reflect this increase although it is crucial that it be considered and applied as a matter of fairness and recognition towards the staff. The General Assembly reviews and approves unanimously both budgets.

- Apimondia working plan for the period 2012-2013 (point 6)

The President and Secretary-General illustrate the working plan for the next two years which focuses on the organisation of the 43rd Apimondia Congress (Kiev, Ukraine - September 2013) and other international meetings, as well as the finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding between FAO and Apimondia, the identification of a corporate PCO (Professional Congress Organiser) for the organisation of the Federation's international congresses and symposia, the participation in the electronic working group on PAs and the long-term management and search for fund raising and sponsorships.

- Plan of the symposia and other international meetings for the period 2012-2013 (point 7)

The international symposia and meetings foreseen to be organised under the *aegis* of Apimondia in the coming biennium are: "1st Apimondia ApiEcoTech Symposium" (Beograd, Serbia - February 2012), "World Conference on Organic Beekeeping" (San Cristobal, Mexico - March 2012), "1st Apimondia Bee Health Symposium" (Dublin, Ireland - March 2012), "1st Apimondia ApiEcoFlora International Symposium" (San Marino - October 2012), "4th Apimedica & 3rd Apiquality International Forum" (Zhejiang, China - October 2012), "Breeding, Selection and Honeybee Health Symposium" (Québec, Canada - November 2012), and "43rd Apimondia International Apicultural Congress" (Kiev, Ukraine - September 2013). A proposal for a Regional Beekeeping Symposium to be held in Cyprus in early 2013 is currently being assessed by Apimondia and the involvement of Apimondia in the ApiExpo Africa event to take place in Ethiopia in September 2012 is being negotiated.

- Proposal for the loss of membership for non-paying associations (point 8)

The Secretary-General mentions that, according to the Statutes, the following member Associations, due to the non payment of their membership fees, are bound to be excluded from the Federation's

membership: Union Nationale des Apiculteurs du Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso), Harvest Services (Uganda) and Samarkand Region Beekeepers' Association (Uzbekistan).

The General Assembly unanimously approves to terminate the membership to Apimondia of the aforementioned entities.

- Discussion and voting of the proposed amendments of the Apimondia Statutes (point 9)

In compliance with the provisions of the Federation's Statutes, the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Bylaws were circulated to the Member Associations two months prior to the Congress in order to enable them to evaluate the provisions contained therein and give their comments and inputs. The President briefly illustrates the proposed changes to the Apimondia Statutes, namely: the inclusion of regional beekeepers' associations in the Associate Member category, the change of denomination from individual members to individual correspondents, the change of denomination from Standing Commissions to Scientific Commissions, the establishment of five Regional Commissions, the limitation to two full mandates for the President, the inclusion of an article on the emblem and flag of Apimondia, the definition of the assets of Apimondia, the limitation to solely Full Members to submit the bid for an Apimondia Congress. The amendments to the Statutes are unanimously approved.

- Election of one member of the Management Board (point 10)

President (incumbent: Mr. Gilles Ratia, France).

The renewal of the Federation's management positions leads to the following result:

- Mr. Gilles Ratia (France) is re-appointed President by acclamation.

- Election of four Presidents of the Scientific Commissions (point 11)

- Apitherapy (incumbent: Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez, USA),
- Bee Biology (incumbent: Prof. Karl Crailsheim, Austria),
- Bee Health (incumbent: Dr. Wolfgang Ritter, Germany),
- Beekeeping Technology and Equipment (incumbent: Mr. Etienne Bruneau, Belgium).

The positions of the Presidents of the Apimondia Scientific Commissions due to expire are assigned as follows:

- following the voting concerning the two candidates Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez (USA) and Dr. Walter Fierro (Uruguay) for the position of President of the Scientific Commission on Apitherapy, Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez is re-appointed with 100 votes, while 40 votes are assigned to Dr. Walter Fierro 4 votes result void,
- Prof. Karl Crailsheim (Austria) for Bee Biology is re-appointed by acclamation,
- Dr. Wolfgang Ritter (Germany) for Bee Health is re-appointed by acclamation,
- Mr. Etienne Bruneau (Belgium) for Beekeeping Technology & Quality is re-appointed by acclamation.

- Election of five Presidents of Regional Commissions (for two years) (point 12)

Following the endorsement of the amendments to the Statutes, which foresee the establishment of five Regional Commissions, only the members from each continent vote for the respective candidate for the following positions that for the initial induction period will last for two years:

- President of the Regional Commission for Africa (candidate: Mr. M. Ashagrie, Ethiopia),
- President of the Regional Commission for America (candidate: Mr. J.G. Corrêa da Cunha, Brazil),
- President of the Regional Commission for Asia (candidate: Prof. C. Cervancia, Philippines),
- President of the Regional Commission for Europe (candidates: Mr. H. Clément, France, Mr. P. McCabe, Ireland),
- President of the Regional Commission for Oceania (candidate: Ms. M. Maxwell, New Zealand).

The positions of the Presidents of the Apimondia Regional Commissions are assigned as follows:

- Mr. Mulufird Ashagrie (Ethiopia) for Africa is appointed by acclamation,
- Mr. José Gomercindo Corrêa da Cunha (Brazil) for America is appointed by acclamation,
- Prof. Cleofas Cervancia (Philippines) for Asia is appointed by acclamation,
- following the voting concerning the two candidates Mr. Henri Clément (France) and Mr. Philip McCabe (Ireland) for the position of President of the Regional Commission for Europe, Mr. Philip McCabe is appointed with 68 votes, while 19 votes are assigned to Mr. Henri Clément, 1 vote results void,
- Ms. Maureen Maxwell (New Zealand) for Oceania is appointed by acclamation.

As a result of these elections, the Apimondia Executive Council composition for the next biennium is as follows:

Management Board:

- President: Mr. Gilles Ratia (France),
- Vice-President: Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez (Argentina),
- Secretary-General: Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini (Italy).

Presidents of Scientific Commissions:

- Apitherapy: Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez (USA),
- Bee Biology: Prof. Karl Crailsheim (Austria),
- Beekeeping for Rural Development: Dr. Nicola J. Bradbear (United Kingdom),
- Beekeeping Economy: Dr. Dinh Quyet Tam (Vietnam),
- Pollination and Bee Flora: Dr. Jacobus C. Biesmeijer (Netherlands),
- Bee Health: Dr. Wolfgang Ritter (Germany),
- Beekeeping Technology and Quality: Mr. Etienne Bruneau (Belgium).

Presidents of Regional Commissions:

- Africa: Mr. Mulufird Ashagrie (Ethiopia),
- America: Mr. José Gomercindo Corrêa da Cunha (Brazil),
- Asia: Prof. Cleofas Rodriguez Cervancia (Philippines),
- Europe: Mr. Philip McCabe (Ireland),
- Oceania: Ms. Maureen Maxwell (New Zealand).

- Review of participants' feedback on congress topics (point 13)

Mr. Martinez, Vice-President of Apimondia takes the floor to warmly invite the members present to provide inputs in the Apimondia activities and make proposals. He stresses the importance of collaboration between Apimondia and its members and advocates closer interaction also to be able to address more closely the specific requirements of beekeeping communities worldwide.

In this context also the Secretary-General takes the floor to announce a forthcoming communication to

all member associations to illustrate the specific initiative that Apimondia is undertaking to re-establish the technical partnership with FAO and that will require the active inputs and participation of as many member associations as possible to be more effective.

- Presentation of congress bids for the 44th edition of the Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2015 (point 14)

Upon the invitation by the President and following a draw for the order of presentation, the representatives of the Korean Beekeepers' Association (South Korea) and the Apicultural Science Association of China (China) present their respective bids for hosting the 44th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress, respectively in Daejeon and Beijing.

Second part of the session open to general public

- Proposal and discussions on new working groups and digital kits (point 15)

The President illustrates the new Apimondia Working Groups and Digital Kits and points to the relevant dedicated pages on Apimondia website. He also points out that access and participation in these initiatives is open to all interested individuals and groups operating in the beekeeping sector and they are therefore also encouraged to make proposals for the creation of new Working Groups or the preparation of new Digital Kits. The details for such collaboration are specified on the Apimondia website.

- Open session for discussion with members on selected topics (point 16)

Mr. Belval illustrates the Bee Friendly initiative and explains the various objectives.

- Any other business (point 17)

No issue is raised under this point.

Having cleared all the issues of the meeting, the President declares the General Assembly officially closed at 19:00 hours.

Second Session Sunday 25th September 2011 - 18:00 hrs La Rural Convention Centre - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Agenda of the meeting

1. Report on the first meeting of the General Assembly
2. Report on the resolutions and overview of the 42nd Apimondia International Apicultural Congress
3. Nomination of the new Honorary Members of Apimondia
4. Address of the President of the 42nd Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

5. Appointment of the venue for the 44th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2015
6. Formal closing of the 42nd Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

The appointed delegates and deputies of the following Apimondia members are present: Shoqata e Bletarëve të Shqipërisë (Albania), Sociedad Argentina de Apicultores (Argentina), Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (Australia), Honey International Packers' Association (Australia), Österreichischer Imkerbund (Austria), Koninklijke Vlaamse Imkersbond (Belgium), Savez Pčelara Kadulja (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Union of Beekeepers' Associations of the Republic of Srpska (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Confederação Brasileira de Apicultura (Brazil), Natsionalyen Branshovi Pcelarski Soyuz (Bulgaria), Balkan Federation of Apicultural Associations (Bulgaria), Federación Gremial Red Nacional Apícola (Chile), Apicultural Science Association of China (China), Hrvatski Pčelarski Savez (Croatia), Estación Experimental Apícola - CUBAPI/ACPA (Cuba), Pan-Cyprian Beekeepers' Association (Cyprus), Český Svaz Včelařů (Czechia), Dänmarks Biavlerförning (Denmark), Suomen Mehiläishoitajain Liitto (Finland), Union Nationale de l'Apiculture Française (France), Deutscher Berufs und Erwerbs Imker Bund (Germany), European Professional Beekeepers' Association (Germany), Federation of Greek Beekeepers' Associations (Greece), Epistimoniko Kentro Melissotherapeias (Greece), Association Nationale Apicole d'Haïti (Haiti), Országos Magyar Méhészeti Egyesület (Hungary), Lee Bee Foundation for the Advancement of Beekeeping and Agro Enterprises (India), Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations (Ireland), Federazione Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Unione Nazionale Associazioni Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Japan Beekeeping Association (Japan), Japan Royal Jelly Fair Trade Council (Japan), National Union of Beekeepers of Kazakhstan - Bal-Ara (Kazakhstan), Korea Beekeeping Association (South Korea), Korea Apiculture Agriculture Co-operative (South Korea), Lietuvos Bitininkų Sąjunga (Lithuania), Asociación Ganadera Nacional de Criadores de Abejas Reinas y Núcleos (Mexico), Organización Nacional de Apicultores (Mexico), Asociația Națională a Apicultorilor din Republica Moldova (Moldova), Savez Pčelarskih Organizacija Crne Gore (Montenegro), Union des Apiculteurs au Maroc (Morocco), National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (New Zealand), Norges Birøkerlag (Norway), Beekeepers' Network Philippines Foundation (Philippines), Polski Związek Pszczelarski (Poland), Asociația Crescătorilor de Albine din Romania (Romania), Federația Asociațiilor Apicole din Romania (Romania), Apis Tomitana Dacica (Romania), Societatea Romana de Apiterapie (Romania), Albaha Beekeepers' Co-operative Association (Saudi Arabia), Boqshan Chair for Bee Research (Saudi Arabia), Bee Research Unit (Saudi Arabia), King Saud University (Saudi Arabia), Savez Pčelarskih Organizacija Srbije (Serbia), Slovenský Zväz Včelárov (Slovakia), Apislavia (Slovakia), Cebelarska Zveza Slovenije (Slovenia), Sveriges Biodlares Riksförbund (Sweden), Apisuisse (Switzerland), Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism - Forestry and Beekeeping Division (Tanzania), Association of Caribbean Beekeepers' Organisations (Trinidad & Tobago), Muğla İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Türkiye Arı Yetiştiricileri Merkez Birliği (Turkey), Uludağ Arıcılık Derneği (Turkey), Turkish Beekeeping Products and Equipment Producers' Association (Turkey), ApiTrade Africa (Uganda), Bratstvo Bđjoljariv Ukraine (Ukraine), Spilka Pasichnekiv Ukraine (Ukraine), Medyana Rosa (Ukraine), Council of National Beekeeping Associations in the UK (United Kingdom), Sociedad Apícola Uruguay (Uruguay), American Apitherapy Society (USA), American Beekeeping Federation (USA), Federación Bolivariana de Apicultores de Venezuela (Venezuela), Hoi Nuoi Ong Viet Nam (Vietnam).

Having the Secretary-General of Apimondia checked the credentials and ascertained the presence of 75 representatives out of 111 Member Associations (75 Associations with right to vote) for a total of 164 votes out of 235, the President of Apimondia verifies the required minimum quorum for the validity of the Assembly and declares the meeting officially open.

- Report on the first meeting of the General Assembly (point 1)

The Secretary-General takes the floor to report on the first session of the General Assembly, pointing out the institutional activities carried out and the international symposia held under the *aegis* of Apimondia in the biennium 2010-2011. He then briefly illustrates the Federation's accounts for 2009-2010 cleared by the General Assembly, the approved budget for the biennium 2012-2013, as well as the adopted amendments to the Apimondia Statutes and Bylaws. He illustrates the workplan for the next biennium and shows the list of the associations and institutions that have joined the Federation as well as that of the members that have been excluded due to the non-payment of the respective membership fees. He finally illustrates the outcome of the renewal of the Executive Council positions now extended to 15 members as a result of the inclusion of the new 5 Regional Commissions.

- Report on the resolutions and overview of the 42nd Apimondia International Apicultural Congress (point 2)

Dr. Enrique Bedascarrasbure, President of the Local Scientific Committee, summarises the content of the 42nd Apimondia Congress scientific sessions and the ensuing outcomes and resolutions, which have been prepared in collaboration with the Presidents of the Scientific Commissions, a copy of this document will be made available to the members in due course.

Following a brief presentation by the Apicultural Science Association of China and the Korea Beekeeping Association on the two proposed venues for the 44th Apimondia Congress, the delegates and deputies of the Apimondia member associations cast their votes.

While three tellers chosen from the public count the votes, the President of Apimondia briefly illustrates the new developments of the Federation, namely the new website, the working groups and other partnership initiatives. He finally thanks the Argentinean Organising Committee for the exceptional efforts undertaken in the organisation of the event.

- Nomination of the new Honorary Members of Apimondia (point 3)

The names of Asger S. Jørgensen and Lucas D. Martinez were proposed at the Apimondia Executive Council meeting held on 21 September 2011 for appointment as Honorary Members of Apimondia. However, since this point has not been addressed during the session, it will be resumed at the next Apimondia congress in Kiev in 2013.

- Address of the President of the 42nd Apimondia International Apicultural Congress (point 4)

Mr. Lucas Martínez, President of the 44th Apimondia Congress, delivers his farewell speech thanking all the members of the Local Organising Committee and Apimondia for the dedication showed in the preparation and realisation of the Congress that led to an outstanding outcome of the event.

- Appointment of the venue of the 44th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2015 (point 5)

As a result of the first round of secret ballot, the venue of the 44th Apimondia Congress is assigned to the Korean Beekeeping Association (South Korea) with 88 votes as opposed to 76 votes cast for the Apicultural Science Association of China (China). The 44th edition of the Apimondia Congress will therefore take place in Daejeon (South Korea) in September 2015. The head of the Korean delegation

delivers a brief speech inviting all attendees to participate in the 44th Apimondia Congress in Daejeon.

- Formal closing of the 42nd Apimondia International Apicultural Congress (point 6)

Ms. Tetyana Vasylykivska, President of the Ukrainian Organising Committee of the 43rd Apimondia Congress briefly illustrates the main features of the 2013 edition of the event and welcomes all participants to take part in it. The President of Apimondia then hands over the Congress Collar to Ms. Tetyana Vasylykivska.

With the transfer of the Congress Collar, the President of Apimondia declares the 42nd Apimondia Congress officially closed.

Rome, 26 November 2011

Gilles Ratia
President

Lucas Daniel Martínez
Vice-President

Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini
Secretary-General