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## **Minutes of the General Assembly of Apimondia, Kiev 2013**

### **First Session**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 - 16:30 hrs**

**International Exhibition Centre - Kiev, Ukraine**

### **Agenda of the meeting**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Admission of new members
3. Proposal for the loss of membership for non-paying associations
4. Adoption of the minutes and report on the resolutions and overview of the General Assembly held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the occasion of the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Apicultural Congress in 2011
5. Report of the Executive Council for the period 2011-2013. Report on the accounts and approval of the financial report for 2011 and 2012
6. Approval of the budget for the period 2014-2015
7. Apimondia working plan for the period 2014-2015
8. Plan of the symposia and other international meetings for the period 2014-2015
9. Discussion and voting of the proposed amendments of the Apimondia Statutes
10. Election of two members of the Management Board:  
Vice-President (incumbent: Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez, Argentina)  
Secretary-General (incumbent: Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini, Italy)
11. Election of three Presidents of the Scientific Commissions:  
Beekeeping for Rural Development (incumbent: Dr. Nicola J. Bradbear, United Kingdom)  
Beekeeping Economy (incumbent: Dr. Dinh Quyet Tam, Vietnam)  
Pollination and Bee Flora (incumbent: Prof. Jacobus C. Biesmeijer, Netherlands)
12. Election of five Presidents of the Regional Commissions (two / four year mandate):  
Africa (incumbent: Mr. Mulufird Ashagrie, Ethiopia)  
Americas (incumbent: Mr. José Gomercindo Corrêa da Cunha, Brazil)  
Asia (incumbent: Prof. Cleofas Rodriguez Cervancia, Philippines)  
Europe (incumbent: Mr. Philip McCabe, Ireland)  
Oceania (incumbent: Ms. Maureen Maxwell, New Zealand)
13. Renewal of auditor assignment
14. Presentation of congress bids for the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2017
15. Proposal and discussions on new working groups and digital kits
16. Discussion with members on selected topics (based on members' suggestions)
17. Any other business

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The appointed delegates and deputies of the following Apimondia members are present: Sociedad Argentina de Apicultores (Argentina), Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (Australia), Österreichischer Imkerbund (Austria), Bees Fan Society "Golden Hive" NGO (Azerbaijan), Union of Belarusian Public Beekeepers' Associations (Belarus), Fédération Apicole Belge (Belgium), 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), Natsionalna Branshova Organizatsia-Bulgarski Pchelarski Sayuz (Bulgaria), Natsionalyen Branshovi Pcelarski Soyuz (Bulgaria), Balkan Federation of Apicultural Associations

(Bulgaria), Canadian Honey Council (Canada), Federación Gremial Red Nacional Apícola (Chile), Apicultural Science Association of China (China), Estación Experimental Apícola - CUBAPI/ACPA (Cuba), Pan-Cyprian Beekeepers' Association (Cyprus), Český Svaz Včelařů (Czechia), Dänmarks Biavlerförning (Denmark), Suomen Mehiläishoitajain Liitto (Finland), Syndicat National d'Apiculture (France), Union Nationale de l'Apiculture Française (France), Deutscher Berufs und Erwerbs Imker Bund (Germany), Deutscher Imkerbund (Germany), European Professional Beekeepers' Association (Germany), Federation of Greek Beekeepers' Associations (Greece), Epistimoniko Kentro Melissotherapeias (Greece), Országos Magyar Méhészeti Egyesület (Hungary), Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations (Ireland), Federazione Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Unione Nazionale Associazioni Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Association des Apiculteurs de Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Japan Beekeeping Association (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), Kyrgyz Union of Beekeepers (Kyrgyzstan), Latvijas Biškopības Biedrība (Latvia), Arab-African Centre for Beekeeping Techniques (Libya), Lietuvos Bitininkų Sąjunga (Lithuania), Asociația Națională a Apicultorilor din Republica Moldova (Moldova), National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (New Zealand), Norges Birøkerlag (Norway), Beekeepers' Network Philippines Foundation (Philippines), Polski Związek Pszczelarski (Poland), Śląski Związek Pszczelarzy (Poland), Asociația Crescătorilor de Albine din România (Romania), Romapis (Romania), Apis Tomitana Dacica (Romania), Societatea Romana de Apiterapie (Romania), Ministry of Agriculture (Russia), Russian National Union of Beekeepers (Russia), Bureau d'Appui aux Initiatives Rurales (Rwanda), Cooperativa Apicoltori Sammarinesi (San Marino), 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 Pcelarskih Organizacija Srbije (Serbia), Slovenský Zväz Včelárov (Slovakia), Apislavia (Slovakia), South African Bee Industry Organisation (South Africa), Sveriges Biodlares Riksförbund (Sweden), Apisuisse (Switzerland), Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism - Forestry and Beekeeping Division (Tanzania), Muğla İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Türkiye Arı Yetiştiricileri Merkez Birliği (Turkey), Uludağ Arıcılık Derneği (Turkey), Kamwenge Beekeepers' Co-operative Society (Uganda), The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organisation (Uganda), ApiTrade Africa (Uganda), Bratstvo Bdjoljariv 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), Hoi Nuoï Ong Viet Nam (Vietnam).

The Secretary-General checks the credentials and ascertains the presence of 82 representatives out of 111 Member Associations (82 Associations with right to vote) for a total of 208 votes out of 238. The constitution of the Assembly being considered valid, the President of Apimondia takes 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 Vice-President mentions the

Associations that have applied in the last biennium as Full Members: Fédération Algérienne des Associations d'Apiculteurs (Algeria), Eesti Mesinike Liit (Estonia), Iran National Union of Beekeepers (Iran), Honey Board of Israel - Israel Beekeepers' Organisation (Israel), Erzurum İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Ordu İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey) and Sivas İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey).

He also mentions that the following institutions filed the application as Associate Members: Asia Pacific Apitherapy Association (China), National Bee Board (India) and Fundación Amigos de las Abejas (Spain).

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

- Proposal for the loss of membership for non-paying associations (point 3)

The Vice-President 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: Honey International Packers' Association (Australia), European Apitherapy Association (Belgium), Berekum Progressive Beekeepers' Association (Ghana), Aducom Organisation (Ghana), Al-Owaid Honey Centre for Apitherapy (Kuwait), Beekeepers' Association of Thailand (Thailand) and Turkish Beekeeping Products and Equipment Producers' Association (Turkey).

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

- Adoption of the minutes and report on the resolutions and overview of the General Assembly held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the occasion of the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Apicultural Congress in 2011 (point 4)

The report of the Apimondia General Assembly sessions held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011 is cleared.

- Report of the Executive Council for the period 2011-2013. Report on the accounts and approval of the financial report for 2011 and 2012 (point 5)

Each member has been given a copy of the minutes of the last Executive Council meeting held in Kiev in April 2013 in which the latest activities of the Federation, which focused mainly on the organisation of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia Congress, are highlighted. The following international events under the *aegis* of Apimondia were organised in the period under review: "1<sup>st</sup> Apimondia ApiEcoTech Symposium" (Serbia - February 2012), "1<sup>st</sup> Apimondia Bee Health Symposium" (Ireland - March 2012), "2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Organic Beekeeping" (Mexico - March 2012), "1<sup>st</sup> Apimondia ApiEcoFlora Symposium" (San Marino - October 2012), "4<sup>th</sup> Apimedica & 3<sup>rd</sup> Apiquality Forum" (China - October 2012), "Breeding, Selection and Honeybee Health Symposium" (Canada - November 2012).

Furthermore, it is announced that the Letter of Agreement between Apimondia and FAO on the activities of TECA (Technologies for Agriculture) has been finalised and will operate for one year.

The Secretary-General then reports on the content of the financial report for the period 2011-2012,

illustrating the main items especially on the cash-flow situation and the payments in arrears with the staff and the fact that he has made some advances to enable the most urgent payments to be made. He also shows that the expenditure between the two years has not changed significantly except for the cyclical patterns that occur in each biennium including the impact of the congress income that is earned every other year.

The Secretary-General, upon specific questions raised from the floor, explains the accounting connection between Apimondia Federation and Apimondia Ltd. and also the modalities of the contribution of FIITEA to Apimondia.

The accounts and financial report, certified by the appointed external auditor, are unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

- Approval of the budget for the period 2014-2015 (point 6)

The Secretary-General presents the proposed budgets for the biennium 2014-2015, highlighting that the estimates for income are rather conservative and the corresponding expenditures are therefore adjusted to this level of revenue.

Moreover, Apimondia is already working on developing sponsorship lines to assist better the Federation's activities with a view to increase the range and scope.

The General Assembly reviews and approves unanimously both budgets for the next biennium.

- Apimondia working plan for the period 2014-2015 (point 7)

The Secretary-General illustrates the working plan for the next biennium that embraces the consolidation of the collaboration with FAO (Letter of Agreement on TECA), the selection of a core Professional Congress Organiser for the organisation of the Apimondia Congresses, launch of a long-term sponsorship campaign, the organisation of the 44<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress (Daejeon, South Korea - September 2015) and other international meetings.

- Plan of the symposia and other international meetings for the period 2014-2015 (point 8)

The international symposia foreseen to be organised under the *aegis* of Apimondia in the coming biennium are: "1<sup>st</sup> ApiBio-ApiOrganica Symposium" (Castel San Pietro Terme, Italy - March 2014), "5<sup>th</sup> Apimedica & 4<sup>th</sup> Apiquality International Forum" (Erzurum, Turkey - September 2014), "2<sup>nd</sup> Apimondia ApiEcoFlora International Symposium" (San Marino - October 2014), "1<sup>st</sup> ApiAfrica Regional Symposium" (Arusha, Tanzania - November 2014); a proposal for a Symposium on Bee Health Issues to be held in Malta in 2014 and another Symposium on Bees and Food Production to be held in Bulgaria are currently being assessed by Apimondia. Finally, in September 2015 the "44<sup>th</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress" will take place in Daejeon, South Korea.

- 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.

The Vice-President briefly illustrates the proposed changes to the Apimondia Statutes, namely: 3

proposals for the change of the categories of the Full Members and respective membership fees (due to the fact that in the last 10 years the fees have not been updated), the forward shift of the deadline for sending the candidatures for vacant positions in the Executive Council, the increase of the membership minimum required period for those Associations that intend to submit a bid for the organisation of an Apimondia Congress.

Following a brief debate, the amendments to the Statutes are unanimously approved. In particular, the General Assembly approves the third proposal concerning the changes of the membership categories and fees, i.e. reduction from 9 to 5 membership categories, application of a coefficient (that takes into account two factors: the number of beekeepers in a given country and the United Nations Human Development Index (HDI) of same country) in determining the amount of the annual membership fee.

- Election of two members of the Management Board (point 10)

Vice-President (incumbent: Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez, Argentina)

Secretary-General (incumbent: Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini, Italy)

The positions of the Management Board due to expire are assigned as follows:

- following the voting concerning the two candidates Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez (Argentina) and Ms. Tetyana Vasylykivska (Ukraine) for the position of Vice-President, Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez is re-appointed with 126 votes, while 92 votes are assigned to Ms. Tetyana Vasylykivska, 2 abstentions;
- following the voting concerning the two candidates Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini (Italy) and Mr. Cristian Constantinescu (Romania) for the position of Secretary-General, Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini is re-appointed with 147 votes, while 71 votes are assigned to Mr. Cristian Constantinescu, 2 abstentions.

- Election of three Presidents of the Apimondia Scientific Commissions (point 11)

Beekeeping for Rural Development (incumbent: Dr. Nicola J. Bradbear, United Kingdom),

Beekeeping Economy (incumbent: Dr. Dinh Quyet Tam, Vietnam),

Pollination and Bee Flora (incumbent: Prof. Jacobus C. Biesmeijer, Netherlands).

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

- Dr. Nicola J. Bradbear (United Kingdom) for Beekeeping for Rural Development is re-appointed by acclamation;
- following the voting concerning the two candidates Dr. Dinh Quyet Tam (Vietnam) and Prof. Woo Kun-Suk (South Korea) for the position of President of the Scientific Commission on Beekeeping Economy, Prof. Woo Kun-Suk is appointed with 139 votes, while 77 votes are assigned to Dr. Dinh Quyet Tam, 4 abstentions;
- Prof. Jacobus C. Biesmeijer (Netherlands) for Pollination and Bee Flora is re-appointed by acclamation.

- Election of five Presidents of the Regional Commissions (two / four year mandate) (point 12)

Following the voting that took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2011, which assigned all the hereunder described positions for the initial induction period of two years, a draw takes place in order to configure a staggered expiry pattern of these positions of either two or four years in order to harmonise the number of vacant positions in future elections. As a result of the draw, the following

terms are established:

- President of the Regional Commission for Africa: 4 years,
- President of the Regional Commission for Americas: 2 years,
- President of the Regional Commission for Asia: 4 years,
- President of the Regional Commission for Europe: 2 years,
- President of the Regional Commission for Oceania: 2 years.

Only the members from each continent vote for the respective candidate for the following positions:

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

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

- following the voting concerning the three candidates Mr. Mulufird Ashagrie (Ethiopia), Ms. Gladness Mkamba (Tanzania) and Mr. Manuel Ouloto (Ivory Coast) for the position of President of the Regional Commission for Africa, Mr. Mulufird Ashagrie is re-appointed with 4 votes, while 3 votes are assigned to Ms. Gladness Mkamba and 2 votes are assigned to Mr. Manuel Ouloto;
- Mr. José Gomercindo Corrêa da Cunha (Brazil) for Americas is re-appointed by acclamation;
- Prof. Cleofas Rodriguez Cervancia (Philippines) for Asia is re-appointed by acclamation;
- Mr. Philip McCabe (Ireland) for Europe is re-appointed by acclamation;
- Ms. Maureen Maxwell (New Zealand) for Oceania is re-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 the 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: Prof. Woo Kun-Suk (South Korea),
- Pollination and Bee Flora: Prof. Jacobus C. Biesmeijer (Netherlands),
- Bee Health: Dr. Wolfgang Ritter (Germany),
- Beekeeping Technology and Quality: Mr. Etienne Bruneau (Belgium).

Presidents of the Regional Commissions:

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

- Renewal of auditor assignment (point 13)

The assignment of the auditing firm Studio Associato Seneca-Caneba-Caputo as external auditor of Apimondia has reached its expiry and is set for renewal..

- Presentation of congress bids for the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2017 (point 14)

Upon the invitation by the President and following a draw for the order of presentation, the representatives of Türkiye Arı Yetiştiricileri Merkez Birliği (Turkey), Federazione Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Natsionalnyen Branshovi Pcelarski Soyuz (Bulgaria) and Sveriges Biodlares Riksförbund (Sweden) present their respective bids for hosting the 45<sup>th</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress, respectively in Istanbul, Verona, Sofia and Stockholm.

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

No discussion is raised on this point.

- Discussion with members on selected topics (based on members' suggestions) (point 16)

No discussion is raised on this point.

- Any other business (point 17)

No issue is raised under this point.

Having cleared all the issues of the meeting, the President declares the first session of the General Assembly officially closed at 22:30 hours.

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**Second Session**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 - 19:00 hrs**  
**International Exhibition Centre - Kiev, Ukraine**

**Agenda of the meeting**

1. Report on the first session of the General Assembly
2. Report on the resolutions and overview of the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Apicultural Congress
3. Nomination of the new Honorary Members of Apimondia
4. Appointment of the venue for the 45<sup>th</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2017
5. Contests results
6. Addresses of the delegates of the Member Associations attending the congress
7. Address of the President of the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Apicultural Congress
8. Formal closing of the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Apicultural Congress

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The appointed delegates and deputies of the following Apimondia members are present: Shoqata e Bletarëve të Shqipërisë (Albania), Fédération Algérienne des Associations d'Apiculteurs (Algeria), Sociedad Argentina de Apicultores (Argentina), Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (Australia), Österreichischer Imkerbund (Austria), Bees Fan Society "Golden Hive" NGO (Azerbaijan), Union of Belarusian Public Beekeepers' Associations (Belarus), Fédération Apicole Belge (Belgium), 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), Natsionalna Branshova Organizatsia-Bulgarski Pchelarski Sayuz (Bulgaria), Natsionalnyen Branshovi Pcelarski Soyuz (Bulgaria), Balkan Federation of Apicultural Associations (Bulgaria), Canadian Honey Council (Canada), Federación Gremial Red Nacional Apícola (Chile), Apicultural Science Association of China (China), Asia Pacific Apitherapy Association (China), Estación Experimental Apícola - CUBAPI/ACPA (Cuba), Pan-Cyprian Beekeepers' Association (Cyprus), Český Svaz Včelařů (Czechia), Dänmarks Biavlerforening (Denmark), Eesti Mesinike Liit (Estonia), Suomen Mehiläishoitajain Liitto (Finland), Syndicat National d'Apiculture (France), Union Nationale de l'Apiculture Française (France), Deutscher Berufs und Erwerbs Imker Bund (Germany), Deutscher Imkerbund (Germany), European Professional Beekeepers' Association (Germany), Federation of Greek Beekeepers' Associations (Greece), Epistimoniko Kentro Melissotherapeias (Greece), Országos Magyar Méhészeti Egyesület (Hungary), Lee-Bee/LABA (India), National Bee Board (India), Iran National Union of Beekeepers (Iran), Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations (Ireland), Honey Board of Israel - Israel Beekeepers' Organisation (Israel), Federazione Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Unione Nazionale Associazioni Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), Association des Apiculteurs de Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Japan Beekeeping Association (Japan), Japan Health and Nutrition Food Association (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), Kyrgyz Union of Beekeepers (Kyrgyzstan), Latvijas Bīskopības Biedrība (Latvia), Arab-African Centre for Beekeeping Techniques (Libya), Lietuvos Bitininkų Sąjunga (Lithuania), Asociación Ganadera Nacional de Criadores de Abejas Reinas y Núcleos (Mexico), Asociația Națională a Apicultorilor din Republica Moldova (Moldova), Union des Apiculteurs au Maroc (Morocco), Nederlandse Bijenhoudersvereniging (Netherlands), 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 România (Romania), Romapis (Romania), Apis Tomitana Dacica (Romania), Societatea Romana de Apiterapie (Romania), Ministry of Agriculture (Russia), Russian National Union of Beekeepers (Russia), Bureau d'Appui aux Initiatives Rurales (Rwanda), Cooperativa Apicoltori Sammarinesi (San Marino), 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 Pcelarskih Organizacija Srbije (Serbia), Slovenský Zväz Včelárov (Slovakia), Apislavia (Slovakia), Čebelarska Zveza Slovenije (Slovenia), South African Bee Industry Organisation (South Africa), Asociación Provincial de Apicultores de Granada (Spain), Sveriges Biodlares Riksförbund (Sweden), Apisuisse (Switzerland), Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism - Forestry and Beekeeping Division (Tanzania), Erzurum İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Muğla İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Ordu İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Sivas İli Arı Yetiştiricileri Birliği (Turkey), Türkiye Arı Yetiştiricileri Merkez Birliği (Turkey), Uludağ Arıcılık Derneği (Turkey), Kamwenge Beekeepers' Co-operative Society (Uganda), The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organisation (Uganda), ApiTrade Africa (Uganda), Bratstvo Bđoljariv 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), Hoi Nuo Ong Viet Nam (Vietnam).

Having the Secretary-General of Apimondia checked the credentials and ascertained the presence of 97 representatives out of 119 Member Associations (97 Associations with right to vote) for a total of 236 votes out of 259, the President of Apimondia verifies the required minimum quorum for the validity of the Assembly and declares the second session of the General Assembly officially open.

#### Report on the first session of the General Assembly (point 1)

The Secretary-General reports on the first session of the General Assembly, underlining the activities carried out and the international symposia held under the *aegis* of Apimondia in the biennium 2012-2013, the Federation's accounts for 2011-2012 cleared by the General Assembly, the approved budget for the biennium 2014-2015, as well as the adopted amendments to the Apimondia Statutes and Bylaws. He also illustrates the workplan for the next biennium, the list of the 10 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.

#### • Report on the resolutions and overview of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress (point 2)

The President takes the floor to inform the audience that, on the basis of the conclusions of the round tables organised during the congress, Apimondia will prepare an official declaration explaining the global situation of beekeeping and proposing ad hoc instruments to solve the difficulties.

Such document will address, among other topics, homologation of the protocol on pesticides, the impact of seed treatments, the support to the agro-eco farming, regulations on GMOs in honey, the impact of GMOs crops on all bee species, the beekeeping sector and pollination, the recognition of the honeybee as indicator of the quality of the agro-system, the impact of bee product adulteration on the beekeeping sector economy.

Once reviewed by the member associations of Apimondia, this document will be sent out to various UN agencies as well as to the Ministries of Agriculture of all the countries and the media.

#### • Nomination of the new Honorary Members of Apimondia (point 3)

On account of their dedicated work done for the development of Apimondia and apiculture in the world and following the proposal of the Apimondia Executive Council, Messrs. Asger Søggaard Jørgensen (former President of Apimondia) and Lucas Daniel Martínez (President of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Apimondia Congress) are unanimously appointed Honorary Members of Apimondia by the General Assembly.

#### • Appointment of the venue of the 45<sup>th</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2017 (point 4)

Following a short presentation of the four candidatures, as a result of the first round of secret ballot, the venue of the 45<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress is assigned to the Türkiye Arı Yetiştiricileri Merkez Birliği (Turkey) with 133 votes as opposed to 49 votes cast for the Federazione Apicoltori Italiani (Italy), 44 votes for the Sveriges Biodlares Riksförbund (Sweden) and 9 votes for the Natsionalnyen Branshovi Pcelarski Soyuz (Bulgaria); 1 vote results void. Therefore, the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Apimondia Congress will take place in Istanbul (Turkey) in September 2017. The head of the Turkish delegation is called to the podium to greet the audience.

- Contests results (point 5)

The context awards had been delivered during a separate function before the General Assembly second session. However, the most prominent awards are handed out during the Congress closing ceremony.

- Addresses of the delegates of the Member Associations attending the congress (point 6)

No delegate requested the floor to deliver statements.

- Address of the President of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress (point 7)

Ms. Tetyana Vasylykivska, President of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia Congress delivers her farewell speech highlighting the contribution of all the collaborators and volunteers and the complex organisational activities carried out by all to deliver the congress outcomes.

- Formal closing of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress (point 8)

Ms. Tetyana Vasylykivska, President of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia Congress, in closing the congress expresses her appreciation and gratitude to the participants for having taken part in the event and hands over the Congress Collar to the President of Apimondia who, in turn, hands it over to Mr. Cho Kyun-Hwan, President of the 44<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress. The latter briefly illustrates the main features of the 2015 Apimondia Congress and welcomes all participants to meet in South Korea in two years' time.

With the transfer of the Congress Collar, the President of Apimondia declares the 43<sup>rd</sup> Apimondia Congress officially closed.

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