

**EUROPEAN WEEK FOR BEES AND POLLINATORS 2018 !**

**EUROPEAN WEEK OF BEES AND POLLINATION - 7<sup>TH</sup> EDITION**

# ***How is the Agricultural Community Mobilised to Protect Bees?***



**Tuesday 26 - Thursday 28 June 2018**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

Hosted by

**Michel DANTIN MEP**

Chair of European Week of Bees and Pollination and of the “Apiculture & Bee Health”  
working group of the EP Intergroup

*“Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”*

and **MEPs Mairead McGuinness, Marijana Petir, Nathalie Griesbeck, Frédérique Ries, Pavel  
Poc, Julie Girling**

with the participation of **The Biodiversity network for bees, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech -  
Université de Liège, BeeLife, Copa-Cogeca, BeeOdiversity, European Crop Protection  
Association (ECPA), International Confederation of European Beet Growers (CIBE),  
European Professional Beekeepers Association (EPBA)**

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## EU BEEWEEK 2018 - AGENDA

### Tuesday 26 June

Scientific symposium - session I & II (10:00-17:30) - Interpretation EN-FR

### Wednesday 27 June

Workshop 1 (10:00-12:30): Beekeepers and Farmers, Experience sharing and best practices for Bees in the agricultural sector - Interpretation EN-FR-Croatian

Workshop 2 (15:00-17:00): Young Beekeepers & Young Farmers, new generations for new cooperation - Interpretation EN-FR

Discovery Night (17:30)

### Thursday 28 June

High-level Conference (9:00-16:15) - Interpretation EN-FR-ES-IT-RO-Croatian



## **SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

**(Session I)**

**Tuesday 26 June 2018**

**09:30-12:00**

**Room PHS 4B001**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

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### **SESSION I - Replicable best practices and tools for farmers to protect bees**

*Chaired by **Dr Bach Kim Nguyen**, University of Liège, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech*

#### **10:00-10:30 - Opening**

**Michel Dantin**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the EU BeeWeek

**Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament

#### **10:30-10:45 - Challenges of the Agricultural sector**

**Pekka Pesonen**, Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca - Farmers' concern towards bees, practical and scientific challenges

#### **10:45-11:10 - Evaluating the impact of plant protection products on bees**

**Julie Fourier**, Technical and Scientific Institute for Apiculture and Pollination (Itsap - France) - The homing flight ring test: method for the assessment of sublethal doses of plant protection products on the honey bee in field conditions

*Questions and answers*

#### **11:10-11:50 - Methodologies for sustainable farming: scientific approach**

**Prof. Eric Haubruge**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Rector, University of Liège

**Alain Peteers**, Secretary of the European Association for Agro-ecology - The integration of agro-ecology in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

*Questions and answers*

#### **11:50-12:30 - Replicable best practices - Practical cases**

**Benoit Collard**, Secretary General of Symbiose - Symbiose: Cooperation between beekeepers and farmers in the Marne (France)





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**Frédéric Gond**, Farmer and representatives from the FDSEA Loiret (France) - Agrapi:  
Monitoring of bees

*Questions and answers*

**12:30-12:50 - Agricultural Awards for the protection of bees**

**Gilles Dryamcour**, ELO Bee Award, European Land Owners (ELO), John Deer/CEMA -  
Presentation the Award, past winners, outcomes and outlook

**12:50-13:00 - Conclusion of session I**



## **SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

**(Session II)**

**Tuesday 26 June 2018**

**14:00-17:30**

**Room PHS 6B001**

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### **SESSION II - Chaired by EFSA**

*Chaired by **Tobin Robinson**, Head of Unit, Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)*

**14:00-14:10 - Welcome to participants and outline of agenda - few words on creation of EU Bee Partnership**

**Tobin Robinson**, Head of Unit, Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks, EFSA

**14:10-14:30 - Outline of the Terms of Reference of the EU Bee Partnership - vision, objectives, aspirations, deliverables, and success factors**

**Simon More**, Chair of the Panel on Animal Health and Welfare, EFSA

**14:30-14:45 - Beekeepers view of benefits of collecting and sharing data on bee health in EU**

**Noa Simon Delso**, BeeLife, European Beekeeping Coordination

**14:45-15:00 - Perspective on how the Partnership can guide industry on data to assist risk assessors and strengthen stewardship**

**Anne Alix**, European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)

**15:00-15:30 - Q&A session**

*\*\*\*\* Coffee break (30min) \*\*\*\**

**16:00-16:15 - ApisRAM, Designing a new honey bee model for risk assessment**

**Chris Topping**, Aarhus University, Denmark

**16:15-16:30 - PoshBee: evidence, tools, practice, and policy for European bees**

**Marie-Pierre Chauzat**, EU Reference Laboratory for Bee Health/ANSES





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**16:30-16:45 - EU Pollinators Initiative**

**Vujadin Kovacevic**, DG ENV Unit D.2, European Commission

**16:30-17:15 - Q&A session**

**17:15-17:30 - Summary of session II**

**Tobin Robinson**, Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks, Head of Unit, EFSA



## **WORKSHOP 1 - BEEKEEPERS AND FARMERS, EXPERIENCE SHARING AND BEST PRACTICES FOR BEES IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

**Wednesday 27 June 2018**

*10:00-12:30*

*Room ASP 3G2*

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**10:00-10:10 - Introduction by MEP Marijana Petir**

*Chaired by Michael Hambly, Vice-Chair of Working Party on Oilseeds, Copia-Cogeca*

**10:10-10:35 - New techniques to limit the risks of plant protection products in crops**

**Eeva-Liisa Korpela**, Research Coordinator/PR Officer (Finland) - The use of bees as a precision organism to spread a biological fungicide on certain berry and fruit blossom to combat fungal disease in them

*Questions and answers*

**10:35-11:25 - Agronomic management to help protect bees in agricultural areas**

**Organic farming** (tbd) - Practical case in organic farming for the production of Alfalfa/Lucerne, promotion of grass strips to foster biodiversity

**Hubert Compère**, Farmer from l'Aisne (France) - New agronomic balance in large scale field & monitoring of bio-indicators

*Questions and answers*

**11:25-12:20 - New techniques and medicinal products to help beekeepers facing bee health problems**

**Michael Rubinigg**, Scientific Officer, Biene Österreich, Austrian Beekeeping Federation (Austria) - Crowd-sourced data collection platforms on parasite and diseases for beekeepers

**Dr Klaus Hellmann**, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FEV) - Veterinary medical products for bees, regulation and comparative analysis between Member States

*Questions and answers*

**12:20-12:30 - Conclusion**



## **WORKSHOP 2 - YOUNG BEEKEEPERS AND YOUNG FARMERS, NEW GENERATIONS FOR NEW COOPERATION**

**Wednesday 27 June 2018**

15:00-17:00

Room ASP 5G1

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**15:00-15:10 - Introduction by MEP (tbd)**

**15:10-16:50 - Best practices and innovative actions**

*Format: this workshop will aim to trigger debates and interactions between all speakers and the participants. First, all speakers will introduce themselves and their organisation briefly. Then, a discussion will be organised by the Chair of the Workshop addressing questions (see below) each by each. Speakers as well as participants will be able to take the floor when they ask it to raise questions and/or comment on the issue. All contributions should be short and straight to the point in order to allow for a constructive debates.*

### **Panellists:**

- **European Young farmers association (CEJA)** - Realities and practical issues of young farmers
- **Justine Henion**, Young beekeeper - Realities and practical issues of young beekeepers
- **Winners of the 2018 Charlemagne Price**, White Paper on best practices in the field of environment, climate and energy - practical case on Bees
- **Patrick Pagès, formateur à la MFR de Mazille**, Rural Vocational Training Centers (Réseau des Maisons rurales et familiales - France) - Education and vocational training to beekeeping activities for young people

### **Questions:**

- What issues are currently faced by Young Farmers in developing more bee-friendly farming practices on the field?
- How to support the installation of Young Beekeepers?
- What best practices can be outlined?
- What recommendations to address these issues and build new forms of cooperation?
- What EU policy for the future?
- In particular, what proposals for the CAP 2021-2027?

**16:50-17:00 - Debriefing from the Chair and proposal of recommendations**







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## **DISCOVERY NIGHT**

**Wednesday 27 June 2018**

17:30-21:00

Brasserie

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### **Welcoming words and speakers**

**Welcoming words by Frédérique Ries MEP**

**Iris Rombus**, Artist - Presentation of a book bringing together pieces of art on honey bee

**Gilles Ratia**, Former President of Apimondia, Director of Apiservices - Bees, honey and the world

**Marijana Petir MEP**

### **Discovery Night - Cocktail**

**Testing of multiple products from the hives & others: honey, honey sweets, honey beers, cocktails, cheese, bread... and more surprises!**



## **BEEWEEK 2018 - HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE**

**Thursday 28 June 2018**

09:00-16:15

Room JAN 2Q2

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### **09:00-10:00 - OPENING SESSION**

Welcome remarks by **Michel Dantin MEP**

Keynote speech by **Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society**

Keynote speech by **EU Commissioner Vella** (tbc)

Opening address by **Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca**

### **10:00-10:30 - RESTITUTION**

**EFSA** - Presentation by EFSA on the state of play of the EU Bee Partnership

**Dr Bach Kim Nguyen**, University of Gembloux - Summary of the scientific symposium and the recommendations from the workshops of the BeeWeek 2018

### **10:30-12:00 - PANEL 1: European strategy for bees - What EU policy for bees and pollination?**

*Chaired by Michel Dantin MEP*

**DG AGRI**, European Commission - What actions for the beekeeping sector in the future CAP 2021-2027

**Humberto Rosa Delgado**, Director for Natural Capital, DG ENV, European Commission - What to expect from the EU Pollinators Initiative

**DG SANCO**, European Commission - Bee health and access to medicines for bees

**Luc Bas**, Director of IUCN European Union representative Office, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Norbert Erdős**, Member of European Parliament - Presentation of the INI report of the European Parliament on the perspective and challenges in the apiculture sector

*Questions and answers*





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\*\*\*\* Lunch break (1 hour) \*\*\*\*

### 13:00-14:30 - PANEL 2: Honey production, mobilising all stakeholders from the fields to the spoon

*Chaired by Mairead McGuinness MEP*

**Slovenian Beekeepers Association** - Honey consumption and promotion schemes

**Alain Maquet**, Joint Research Center, European Commission - Consumers' trends of honey consumption and Honey adulteration

**Cooperativas Agro-alimentarias** (Spain) - Origin labelling and apiculture national programme, case study: Spain

**Mondelez**, Lu Harmony Charter - Mobilisation of the food industry to support bees and good quality honey production

**Amélie Mandel**, Bees Biodiversity Network - The tool box for farmers to help protect bees

*Questions and answers*

### 14:30-16:00 - PANEL 3: New technologies, digitalisation and big data to help protect Bees

*Chaired by MEP (tbd)*

**European Space Agency**, (tbd)

**Dr Bach Kim Nguyen**, University of Gembloux - Start-up Beemonitoring

**Jospeh Cazier**, Ph.D, Director of the Center for Analytics Research and Education, Appalachian State University, Chief Analytics Officer - HiveTracks

*Questions and answers*

### 16:00-16:15 - CLOSING SESSION

Concluding remarks of the High-level Conference and the EU BeeWeek 2018 by **Michel Dantin MEP**

