EUROPEAN WEEK OF BEES AND POLLINATION - 7TH EDITION

How is the Agricultural Community Mobilised to Protect Bees?

Tuesday 26 - Thursday 28 June 2018
European Parliament, Brussels

Hosted by

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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

Interpretation EN-FR

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 Fourrier, 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, 1st 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)
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
European Parliament, Brussels

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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
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**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

*Interpretation EN-FR-Croatian*

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

*Chairled by Michael Hambly, Vice-Chair of Working Party on Oilseeds, Copa-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
European Parliament, Brussels

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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
DISCOVERY NIGHT

Wednesday 27 June 2018
17:30-21:00
Brasserie
European Parliament, Brussels

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
European Parliament, Brussels

Interpretation EN-FR-ES-IT-RO-Croatian

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

*Chaired by Mairead McGuiness 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