



1st World Apimondia Conference on Organic Beekeeping



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The conference language is English. All topics concerning organic beekeeping will be discussed, specifically divided in six parts:

- Sustainable beekeeping and beekeeping in developing countries
- Beekeeping management
- Disease control
- Beekeeping environment
- Bee products and apitherapy
- Regulation and certification

Keywords:

Sustainable beekeeping and beekeeping in developing countries: Sustainable beekeeping and the potential for developed and developing countries to produce organic honey

- Sustainable beekeeping and sustainable society
- Is sustainable beekeeping “going back to the roots”?
- How close are so-called ‘traditional’ apicultural practices to organic beekeeping?
- How sustainable are so-called ‘traditional’ apicultural practices?
- How can organic beekeeping be achieved in developing countries?

Beekeeping Management: The optimal management system for organic beekeeping

- How to manage colonies and combs?
- How to feed?
- How to breed?
- Management from bee cradle to the honey pot individually or in cooperatives?

Bee Health: Control of honey bee diseases with little or no use of drugs

- How to build upon natural honey bee colony defence mechanisms?
- What are the side effects of the bee drugs?
- What treatments may be used safely?
- Which control strategies should be recommended?

Bee products and apitherapy: pure bee products for optimum apitherapy

- What are the contamination sources from the environment?
- What are the contamination sources from the beekeeping practice?



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- What are the quality issues for the bee products regarding their use in nutrition and apitherapy?
- How to manage and to produce optimum bee products?

Environment: The environmental requirements for organic bee keeping

- What agricultural practices are allowed near the bee hives?
- How do bees influence biodiversity?

Regulation and Certification: National and supranational regulations and Certification Bodies

- Are existing regulations suitable for organic beekeeping
- Is the harmonisation of regulations at national levels desirable and necessary?
- How can regulations be adopted by exporting countries?
- What are the requirements of the certification bodies?
- How can joint certification be used in developing countries?