



**2017 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow Agenda – V11A**

<b>Tuesday, January 10, 2017</b>	
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	American Honey Producers Association (AHPA) Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA) Meeting
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	National Honey Packers and Dealers Association (NHPDA) Meeting
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Bee Informed Partnership (BIP) Tech Meeting
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Canadian Honey Council (CHC) Meeting
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	ABF Membership Committee Meeting
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	ABF Honey Queen Committee Meeting
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	ABF Resolution/Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Apiary Inspectors of American (AIA) Meeting
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	CHC Meeting
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	AHPA Resolutions Committee Meeting

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**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

6:30 AM – 8:00 AM	CAPA Meeting (by invitation only)
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Honey Show Entry Drop-off
8:00 AM –	Auction Item Drop-off
8:00 AM – 8:20 AM	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Call to Order &amp; Introductions</li> <li>▪ Presentation of Colors by the Sons of the American Revolution</li> <li>▪ “Star-Spangled Banner” &amp; “O Canada” - led by American Honey Queen &amp; Princess</li> <li>▪ Welcome by Chris Moore, President, Texas Beekeepers Association</li> <li>▪ Invocation by John Talbert, Sabine Creek Honey Farm, Josephine, TX</li> </ul>
8:20 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>President’s Address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Darren Cox, President, American Honey Producers Association (AHPA)</li> <li>▪ Gene Brandi, President, American Beekeeping Federation (ABF)</li> <li>▪ Kevin Nixon, Chair, Canadian Honey Council (CHC)</li> </ul>
9:10 AM – 9:15 AM	General Session Keynote Sponsor Presentation – Rich Morris, Broodminder, Stoughton, WI
9:15 AM – 10:05 AM	Keynote Presentation: Beyond the Bees: Why "Solving the Bee Problem" Isn't Going to Work – Dr. Jonathan Lundgren
10:05 AM – 10:25 AM	Group Beverage Break
10:25 AM – 10:55 AM	Brenda Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC
10:55 AM – 11:25 AM	Confirmation pending
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	BIP Board Meeting
11:25 AM – 11:55 AM	Fraudulent Imports of Adulterated Honey and Transshipped Honey from China – Mike Coursey, Kelley Drye, Washington D.C.
11:55 AM – 8:00 PM	Tradeshow Open
11:55 AM – 1:25 PM	Lunch (on own)
11:55 AM - 1:25 PM	ABF Delegates Assembly Lunch (by invitation only)
1:25 PM – 1:30 PM	General Session resumes w/Announcements
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Introduction of 2016 American Honey Queen and Princess and the 2017 Honey Queen Contestants – Anna Kettlewell, Chairperson, American Honey Queen Chair, Badger State Apiaries, Greenfield, WI
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Gabe Dadant, Dadant, Hamilton, IL
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	ABF Legislative Update – Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates, Washington, D.C.
2:20 PM – 2:40 PM	AHPA Legislative Update – Eric Silva, North South Government Strategies, Washington, D.C.
2:40 PM – 2:55 PM	Report from the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees & Introduction of Foundation Scholars - Joan Gunter, Chairman, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees
2:55 PM – 3:25 PM	Group Refreshment Break
3:25 PM – 3:55 PM	The Latest on Nutrition and Varroa Research to Improve Colony Health and Survival, Tucson Lab Update – Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman, USDA-ARS Carl Hayden Bee Research Center, Tucson, AZ
3:55 PM – 4:10 PM	CAPA Student Merit Award Presentation
4:10 PM – 4:25 PM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – MannLake, Hackensack, MN
4:25 PM – 4:45 PM	PAm: The first 10 years and Next 10 years – Danielle Downey, Director of Operations, Project Apis m, Salt Lake City, UT
4:45 PM – 5:05 PM	Bee Informed: Data Driven – Dr. Dennis VanEngelsdorp, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF New Member Orientation – Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, Blue Ridge, TX
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	AHPA New Member Orientation – Randy Verhoek, Harvest Honey & IntegriBees, LLC, Danbury, TX
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow – 7:00 PM Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment - Live Auction
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	AIA Business Meeting

**Thursday, January 12, 2017**

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Commercial Beekeepers Breakfast w/Almond Pollination Panel (by invitation only) Sponsored by: Barkman Honey and Strong Microbials		
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open		
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	American Bee Research Conference (ABRC)		
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Tradeshow Open		
8:00 AM	All Silent Auction Tables Open		
	<b>Beginning Beekeeping</b>	<b>Serious Sidelineer</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	“A Year in the Life of” – Brian Rowaan, B&E Honey Fields, Ltd., Ontario, Canada	Honey Bee Health Research at the PSU Center for Pollinator Research – Margarita Lopez-Uribe, Penn State University	Australian Nationally Accredited Beekeeper Training – Elizabeth Frost, Tocal Agricultural College, Australia
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Honey Bee Biology and Behavior (Beginning) - Lance Wilson, Leander, TX	Progress and Prospects in Developing Dietary Supplements: The Vital Role Beekeepers Are Playing - Vanessa Corby Harris, USDA-ARS Tucson Bee Research Lab, Tucson, AZ	Understanding Pollen Digestion: Roadmap to a Better Pollen Supplement - Kirk Anderson and Vincent Ricigliano, USDA-ARS Tucson Bee Research Lab, Tucson, AZ
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Nutrition Management for Robust Populations - Lance Wilson, Leander, TX	The Honey Bee's Need for Dietary Fats – Geraldine Wright, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	Confirmation pending
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow		
10:15 AM	Silent Auction – Amber Tables Close		
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Making Nucs – Frank Licata, Brodheadsville, PA	Build a Practical, Small Queen Cell Incubator from Recycled or Inexpensive Parts - Veldon Sorensen, Millcreek, UT	Effects of Temperature Extremes on Queens and Impacts on Colony Performance – M. Marta Guarna, Agriculture Canada, Alberta, Canada
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Honey Bee Health Coalition Tools for Varroa Management – Mark Dykes, AIA President	A Queen for All Seasons – Melanie Kirby, Zia Queenbee Farm & Field Institute, Truchas, NM	Queen & Hive Health Viability Panel
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Varroa – Steve Repasky, Meadow Sweet Apiaries, Pittsburgh, PA	A Comparison of Strength and Survivability of Honey Bee Colonies with Conventional Versus Northern Requeened Packages: Northeast SARE-Funded Project - Erin MacGregor Forbes, Overland Apiaries, Portland, ME	
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	* Auxiliary Lunch/Meeting		
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Group Lunch (on own)		

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**Thursday, January 12, 2017 (continued)**

	<b>Beginning Beekeeping</b>	<b>Serious Sideliner</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Reviving the Hive for Healthy Bees, Healthy Lives - Kristy Lynn Allen, The Beez Kneez, Minneapolis, MN	Proactive Varroa Management Using Alternative Control Methods – Dr. Medhat Nasr, Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development, Edmonton Alberta	Mitigating Exposure to Neonicotinoids - Dr. Judy Wu-Smart, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Confirmation pending	David Wick	Confirmation pending
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Beginner to Sideliner to Commercial Beekeeping – Blake Shook, Dessert Creek Honey, McKinney, TX	Coweta Sustainable Beekeeping – Steven Page, Coweta Beekeepers Association, Sharpsburg, GA	How Pesticides and Mixtures Impact Honey Bees: Intoxication and Detoxification - Dr. Yu Cheng Zhu, USDA-ARS-JWDSRC, Stoneville, MS
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Beverage Break in the Tradeshow		
3:15 PM	Silent Auction – Water White Tables Close		
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	AIA Business Meeting		
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Modernize Your Beekeeping for Improved Honey Bee Health and Productivity – James Wilkes, Hive Tracks, Creston, NC	Maximizing Honey Production – James & Chari Elam, Bluebonnet Beekeeping Supplies, Willis, TX	Labor: H-2A Visa Special Procedures, Opportunities and Challenges for Beekeepers - Frank Gasperini,
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Honey, I Broke the Bee Club! – Michelle Colopy, Pollinator Stewardship Council, Akron, OH	Sales, Branding & Marketing - Mark Hedley, Spiral Horn Apiary, Rochelle, TX	Minnesota Governor's Initiatives to Improve Pollinator Habitat and Reduce Pesticide Use - Dr. Marla Spivak, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM	*Social Activity: Dinner and Entertainment at Moody Gardens Rainforest		

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**Friday, January 13, 2017**

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Tradeshow Open
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	American Bee Research Conference (ABRC)
8:00 AM	Silent Auction – Dark Tables Open
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	BIP Board Meeting (invitation only)
8:00 AM	General Session resumes with announcements
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Beltsville Lab Update – Jay Evans, USDA-ARS Bee Research Lab, Beltsville, MD
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Nate Cowen, Cowen Manufacturing, Parowan, UT
8:45 AM – 9:05 AM	Update on EPA’s Pollinator Protection Activities - Rick Keigwin, Deputy Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs, US EPA, Washington, DC.
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kids and Bees
9:05 AM – 9:35 AM	Building a Better Mouse Trap for Honey Bee Health – Peter Berthelsen, Pheasants Forever, Inc., Elba NE
9:35 AM – 10:05 AM	Confirmation Pending
10:05 AM – 10:25 AM	Medically Important Antimicrobials in Animal Agriculture – Honey Bees – Dr. Michael Murphy, FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, Rockville, MD
10:25 AM – 10:55 AM	Group Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow
10:30 AM	Silent Auction – Dark Tables Close
10:55 AM – 11:10 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Barkman Honey, Hillsboro, KS
11:10 AM – 11:40 AM	Baton Rouge Lab Update – Bob Danka, USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics & Physiology Research Lab, Baton Rouge, LA
11:40 AM – 11:50 AM	Gold Sponsor Presentation – BetaTec Hop Products, Washington, D.C.
11:50 AM – 12:15 PM	Pollinating with Multiple Bee Species (Honey Bees and Others): What We Have Learned About the Common Stresses and Pathogens Impacting These Bees - Diane Cox-Foster, USDA-ARS-PWA, Utah State University, Logan, UT
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Lunch (on own)
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	* Foundation Luncheon
1:45 PM – 1:50 PM	General Session Keynote Sponsor
1:50 PM – 2:40 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Keynote Presentation: Is Secondhand Smoke Killing Bees? – Jeff Pettis
2:40 PM – 3:10 PM	Impact of Neonicotinoid Pesticides on the Behavior, Learning, and Memory of Bees_– Geraldine Wright, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
3:10 PM – 3:40 PM	Group Refreshment Break
3:40 PM – 4:00 PM	Pollinator Stewardship Council: We Work for Beekeepers – Michele Colopy, Pollinator Stewardship Council, Akron, OH
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF Business Meeting
4:00 PM – 4:20 PM	National Honey Board Promotions and Research - Catherine Barry, Director of Marketing, National Honey Board
4:20 PM - 4:50 PM	Breeding Bees for Behavioral Resistance to Varroa – Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
4:50 PM – 5:20 PM	The Bee M.D., Bee Rescue and Bee Friendly Farming – Tools and Support Programs for Honey Bees and Beekeepers - Laurie Davies-Adams, Pollinator Partnership, San Francisco, CA
Immediately following the ABF Business Meeting	Honey Show Live Auction w/cash bar
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	AHPA Banquet

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**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	ABF Research Committee Meeting
7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	How to Prepare Your Business for Sale – Ralph Jones
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Tasting and Evaluating Honey Using Sensory Techniques – Carla Marina Marchese, American Honey Tasting Society, Weston, CT
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Candle Making – Ginger Reuter, Amery, WI
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Confirmation pending
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Instrumental Insemination of Queen Bees, An Introduction & Overview – Sue Cobey, Honey Bee Insemination Services, Coupeville, WA
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Bee Informed Partnership Meeting (invitation only)
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	BIP Stakeholders Meeting (invitation only)
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Refreshment Break
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	AHPA General Business Meeting
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Supervision & Motivation of Employees - Ralph Jones
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Kids and Bees: Creating a Sustainable Beekeeping Culture – Sarah Red-Laird, Beegirl, Ashland, OR
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Honey Bee Biology and Management - Gary Reuter, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Honey Bee Morphology and Anatomy – Yong Park, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, AR
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Confirmation pending
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	AHPA Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (on own)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Problem Solving & Decision Making - Ralph Jones
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Encaustic Art and Monoprints – Kim Lehman, Austin, TX
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Honey Bee Morphology and Anatomy – Yong Park, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, AR (repeat)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Skin Care with Beeswax and Honey - Becky & Steve Tipton, Country Creek Honey, Meriden, KS
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Confirmation pending
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	AHPA Executive Board Meeting
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	* ABF & CHC Annual Banquet w/Live Auction

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