



**2017 NABC Conference Agenda – V16**  
*(Tentative & Subject to Change)*

| <b>Monday, January 9, 2017</b> |                  | <b>Room</b>        |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM              | BIP Tech Meeting | Helm               |
| 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM              | CHC Meeting      | Windward Boardroom |

| <b>Tuesday, January 10, 2017</b> |  | <b>Room</b>                 |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM               | ABF Board of Directors Meeting   | Yacht                       |
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM               | AHPA Executive Board of Directors Meeting                              | Clipper                     |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM                | CAPA Meeting   | Schooner                    |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM                | NHPDA Meeting  | Ballroom A                  |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM                | BIP Tech Meeting   | Helm                        |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM                | CHC Meeting  | Windward Boardroom          |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM                | AIA Meeting  | Ballroom C                  |
| 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM              | AHPA Board of Directors Meeting  | Clipper                     |
| 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM                | ABF Membership Committee Meeting                                       | Yacht                       |
| 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM                | ABF Honey Queen Committee Meeting                                      | Clipper                     |
| 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM                | Registration/Information Desk Open                                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer |
| 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM                | ABF Resolution/Executive Committee Meeting                             | Yacht                       |
| 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM                | CHC Meeting  | Ballroom C                  |
| 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM                | Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Board of Trustee Meeting | Yacht                       |
| 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM                | AHPA Resolutions Committee Meeting                                     | Clipper                     |

| Wednesday, January 11, 2017 |  | Room                        |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM           | CAPA Meeting (by invitation only)  | Schooner                    |
| 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM           | Registration/Information Desk Open   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer |
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM          | Honey Show Entry Drop-off  | Helm                        |
| 8:00 AM –                   | Auction Item Drop-off  | Spinaker                    |
| 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM           | Opening Ceremonies <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> | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 8:20 AM – 9:10 AM           | President’s Address <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>   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 9:10 AM – 9:15 AM           | General Session Keynote Sponsor Presentation – Rich Morris, Broodminder, Stoughton, WI   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 9:15 AM – 10:05 AM          | Keynote Presentation: Beyond the Bees: Why "Solving the Bee Problem" Isn't Going to Work – Dr. Jonathan Lundgren   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 10:05 AM – 10:25 AM         | Group Refreshment Break  | Foyer of Exhibit Hall A     |
| 10:25 AM – 10:55 AM         | Brenda Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 10:55 AM – 11:25 AM         | Honey Fraud: A Major Threat for the Future of Beekeeping and Bees - Dr. Norberto Garcia, NEXCO S.A. IHEO President, Argentina  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM          | BIP Board Meeting (invitation only)  | Clipper                     |
| 11:25 AM – 11:55 AM         | Fraudulent Imports of Adulterated Honey and Transshipped Honey from China – Mike Coursey, Kelley Drye, Washington D.C.   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 11:55 AM – 8:00 PM          | Tradeshow Open   | Exhibit Hall B              |
| 11:55 AM – 1:25 PM          | Lunch (on own)   | On own                      |
| 11:55 AM - 1:25 PM          | ABF Delegates Assembly Lunch (by invitation only)  | Galleon III                 |
| 1:25 PM – 1:30 PM           | General Session resumes w/Announcements (Ralph Jones intro)  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 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 Committee, Badger State Apiaries, Greenfield, WI  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 1:45 PM – 2:00 PM           | Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Gabe Dadant, Dadant, Hamilton, IL  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 2:00 PM – 2:40 PM           | Legislative Update – Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates, Washington, D.C. & Eric Silva, North South Government Strategies, Washington, D.C.  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 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   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 2:55 PM – 3:25 PM           | Group Refreshment Break<br>- Vendor Presentation: NOD Apiary Products  | Exhibit Hall B              |
| 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   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 3:55 PM – 4:10 PM           | CAPA Student Merit Award Presentation  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 4:10 PM – 4:25 PM           | Platinum Sponsor Presentation – MannLake, Hackensack, MN   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 4:25 PM – 4:45 PM           | PAm: The First 10 years and Next 10 years – Danielle Downey, Executive Director, Project Apis m., Salt Lake City, UT   | Exhibit Hall A              |

## Wednesday, January 11, 2017 (continued)

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| 4:45 PM – 5:05 PM  | Bee Informed: Data Driven – Dr. Dennis VanEngelsdorp, University of Maryland, College Park, MD     | Exhibit Hall A |
| 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM  | ABF New Member Orientation – Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, Blue Ridge, TX                       | Galleon III    |
| 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM  | AHPA New Member Orientation – Randy Verhoek, Harvest Honey & IntegriBees, LLC, Danbury, TX         | Clipper        |
| 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  | Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow<br>7:00 PM Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment - Live Auction | Exhibit Hall B |
| 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM | AIA Business Meeting   | Clipper        |

**Thursday, January 12, 2017**

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| 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM   | Commercial Beekeepers Breakfast with Current Issues Facing Commercial Beekeepers Panel<br>Moderator: Gene Brandi, Gene Brandi Apiaries, Los Banos, CA<br>Panelists:<br>• Brett Adee, Adee Honey Farms, Bruce, SD<br>• Darren Cox, Cox Honey, Menden, UT<br>• Dave Hackenberg, Hackenburg Apiaries, Lewisberg, PA |   | Exhibit Hall A  |
| 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM   | Registration/Information Desk Open   |   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer   |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM   | American Bee Research Conference (ABRC)  |   | Ballroom C  |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM   | Tradeshow Open   |   | Exhibit Hall B  |
| 8:00 AM             | Silent Auction Tables Open   |   | Exhibit Hall B  |
|                     | <b>Beginning Beekeeping<br/>Ballroom B</b>   | <b>Serious Sideliner<br/>Ballroom A</b>   | <b>Commercial<br/>Exhibit Hall A</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   | The Hours of Service Requirements - Mike Lamm, Assistant Division Administrator, FMCSA  |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow (Exhibit Hall B)<br>- Vendor Presentation: BEEcosystem, LLC   |   |   |
| 10:15 AM            | Silent Auction – Amber Tables Close (Exhibit Hall B)   |   |   |
| 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, Texas Apiary Inspector, College Station, TX  | A Queen for All Seasons – Melanie Kirby, Zia Queenbee Farm & Field Institute, Truchas, NM   | Hive Viability Issues Panel<br>Moderator: Danielle Downey, Executive Director, Project Apis m., Salt Lake City, UT<br>Panelists:<br>• Zac Browning, Browning’s Honey Co., Jamestown, ND<br>• Chris Hiatt, Hiatt Honey Co., Bowman, ND<br>• Dr. Steve Pernal, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Alberta, Canada<br>• Dr. Jeff Pettis, Retired Entomologist, Zurich<br>• Reg Wilbanks, Wilbanks Apiaries, Claxton, GA |
| 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Secondary Hive Pests – A Cause for Alarm – 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 (Galleon I)  |   |   |
| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM  | Group Lunch (on own)   |   |   |

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

|                   | <b>Beginning Beekeeping<br/>Ballroom B</b>  | <b>Serious Sideline<br/>Ballroom A</b>   | <b>Commercial<br/>Exhibit Hall B</b>  |
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| 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 | Reading Frames - Dr. Larry Connor, Wicwas Press, Kalamazoo, MI  | Testing Bees: Tools and Methods – David Wick, BVS, Inc., Florence, MT  | An Overview of WSU Research: Fungal Pharmacy & Varroa, Indoor Wintering & Bee Nutrition, and the Impact of Germplasm Importations - Dr. Walter Sheppard, Washington State University, Pullman, WA |
| 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM | Beginner to Sideline to Commercial Beekeeping – Blake Shook, Desert 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 | Group Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow (Exhibit Hall B)<br>- Vendor Presentation: Beevital, Inc.                |  |   |
| 3:15 PM           | Silent Auction – Water White Tables Close (Exhibit Hall B)  |  |   |
| 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM | AIA Business Meeting (Clipper)  |  |   |
| 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! – Michele 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   |
| 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | *Social Activity: Dinner and Entertainment at Moody Gardens Rainforest  |  |   |

\* Requires additional registration fee

## Friday, January 13, 2017

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| 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM   | Registration/Information Desk Open  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer |
| 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM   | Tradeshow Open  | Exhibit Hall B              |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM   | American Bee Research Conference (ABRC)   | Ballroom C                  |
| 8:00 AM             | Silent Auction – Dark Tables Open   | Exhibit Hall B              |
| 8:00 AM             | General Session resumes with announcements  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM   | Beltsville Lab Update – Jay Evans, USDA-ARS Bee Research Lab, Beltsville, MD  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM   | Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Nate Cowen, Cowen Manufacturing, Parowan, UT  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 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.   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  | Kids and Bees   | Galleon II & III            |
| 9:05 AM – 9:35 AM   | Building a Better Mouse Trap for Honey Bee Health – Peter Berthelsen, Pheasants Forever, Inc., Elba NE  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 9:35 AM – 10:00 AM  | Adulteration Challenges in the US Honey Industry - Dr. Cord Lüllmann, Quality Services International, Germany   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 10:00 AM – 10:05 AM | Silver Sponsor Presentation – Brushy Mountain   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 10:05 AM – 10:25 AM | Medically Important Antimicrobials in Animal Agriculture – Honey Bees – Dr. Michael Murphy, FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, Rockville, MD (in place of Dr. William Flynn)                                       | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 10:25 AM – 10:55 AM | Group Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow<br>- Vendor Presentation: Shenzhen Bioeasy Biotechnology   | Exhibit Hall B              |
| 10:30 AM            | Silent Auction – Dark Tables Close  | Exhibit Hall B              |
| 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Honey Bee Health Coalition Steering Committee (by invitation only)  | Yacht                       |
| 10:55 AM – 11:10 AM | Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Barkman Honey, Hillsboro, KS  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 11:10 AM – 11:40 AM | Baton Rouge Lab Update – Bob Danka, USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics & Physiology Research Lab, Baton Rouge, LA  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 11:40 AM – 11:50 AM | Gold Sponsor Presentation – BetaTec Hop Products, Washington  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 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 | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM  | Lunch (on own)  | On own                      |
| 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM  | * Foundation Luncheon   | Ballroom B                  |
| 1:45 PM – 1:50 PM   | General Session Keynote Sponsor - BeeEthics   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 1:50 PM – 2:40 PM   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Keynote Presentation: Is Secondhand Smoke Killing Bees? – Jeff Pettis   | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 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  | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 3:10 PM – 3:40 PM   | Group Refreshment Break   | Exhibit Hall B              |
| 3:40 PM – 4:00 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                                       | Exhibit Hall A              |
| 3:40 PM – 5:30 PM   | ABF Business Meeting  | Ballroom A                  |

| Friday, January 13, 2017 (continued)           |  | Room                      |
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| 4:00 PM – 4:20 PM                              | New FDA Honey Labeling Requirements – Margaret Lombard, CEO, National Honey Board                                  | Exhibit Hall A            |
| 4:20 PM - 4:50 PM                              | Breeding Bees for Behavioral Resistance to Varroa – Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Clemson University, Clemson, SC          | Exhibit Hall A            |
| 4:50 PM – 5:20 PM                              | Pollinator Stewardship Council: We Work for Beekeepers – Michele Colopy, Pollinator Stewardship Council, Akron, OH | Exhibit Hall A            |
| Immediately following the ABF Business Meeting | Honey Show Live Auction w/cash bar   | Ballroom A                |
| 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM                              | AHPA Banquet   | San Luis – Grand Ballroom |

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| Saturday, January 14, 2017 |  | Room                        |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM          | ABF Research Committee Meeting   | Helm                        |
| 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM          | Registration/Information Desk Open   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM         | How to Prepare Your Business for Sale – Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatella, ID                                       | Schooner                    |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM         | Learning How to Make Creamed Honey – Kristi Sanderson, Sweet Prairie Honey, Olathe, KS   | Galleon I                   |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM         | Candle Making – Ginger Reuter, Amery, WI   | Galleon II                  |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM         | Instrumental Insemination of Queen Bees, An Introduction & Overview – Sue Cobey, Honey Bee Insemination Services, Coupeville, WA | Galleon III                 |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM         | Cold Process Soap Making, Lotion Bars, Lip Balms and Salves - Joli Winer, Heartland Honey & Beekeeping Supply, Spring Hill, KS   | Clipper                     |
| 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM         | Bee Informed Partnership Stakeholders Meeting  | Ballroom A                  |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM        | Group Refreshment Break  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer |
| 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM        | AHPA General Business Meeting  | Yacht                       |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM        | Supervision & Motivation of Employees - Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatella, ID                                       | Schooner                    |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM        | Kids and Bees: Creating a Sustainable Beekeeping Culture – Sarah Red-Laird, Beegirl, Ashland, OR                                 | Galleon III                 |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM        | Honey Bee Biology and Management - Gary Reuter, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN  | Galleon II                  |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM        | Honey Bee Morphology and Anatomy – Yong Park, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, AR   | Ballroom C                  |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM        | The Classroom - Jerry Hayes  | Ballroom B                  |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM        | AHPA Board of Directors Meeting  | Helm                        |
| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM         | Lunch (on own)   | On own                      |
| 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM          | Problem Solving & Decision Making - Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatella, ID   | Schooner                    |
| 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM          | Encaustic Art and Monoprints – Kim Lehman, Austin, TX  | Galleon I                   |
| 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM          | Honey Bee Morphology and Anatomy – Yong Park, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, AR (repeat workshop)                         | Ballroom C                  |
| 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM          | Skin Care with Beeswax and Honey - Becky & Steve Tipton, Country Creek Honey, Meriden, KS  | Galleon II                  |
| 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM          | The Classroom – Jerry Hayes (repeat workshop)  | Ballroom B                  |
| 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM          | AHPA Executive Board Meeting   | Helm                        |
| 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM          | ABF Board of Directors Meeting   | Clipper                     |
| 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM          | * ABF & CHC Annual Banquet w/Live Auction  | Ballroom A                  |

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