



2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow Agenda – V9
(agenda is tentative and subject to change)

* Requires additional registration fee

Tuesday, January 9, 2018	
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	ABF Membership Committee Meeting
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	ABF Research Committee Meeting
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	ABF Education 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 – 6:00 PM	ABF Resolution/Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Board of Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

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	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call to Order & Introductions ▪ Presentation of Colors ▪ “Star-Spangled Banner” & “O Canada” – Led by Gene Brandi & Tim May (via trumpet) ▪ Welcome ▪ Invocation
8:20 AM – 8:40 AM	President’s Address - Gene Brandi, President, American Beekeeping Federation (ABF)
8:40 AM – 9:10 AM	Congressman Jeff Denham (Invited)
9:10 AM – 9:15 AM	General Session Keynote Sponsor Presentation
9:15 AM – 10:05 AM	Keynote Presentation: The American Beekeeping Federation, Inc. 75 Years Strong - Morris Weaver, President, 1975-1976, Montgomery, TX
10:05 AM – 10:25 AM	Group Beverage Break
10:25 AM – 10:55 AM	US Secretary of Agriculture Invited – Sonny Purdue (Invited)
10:55 AM – 11:25 AM	Diana Cox-Foster
11:25 AM – 11:40 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Dadant
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	EPA Update - Rick Keigwin, Director of EPA Office of Pesticide Programs
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Tradeshow Open
12:00 PM – 1:25 PM	Lunch (on own)
12:00 PM – 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 2017 American Honey Queen and Princess and the 2018 Honey Queen Contestants – Anna Kettlewell, Chairperson, American Honey Queen Committee, Badger State Apiaries, Greenfield, WI
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Mann Lake Ltd.
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	Legislative Update – Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates, Washington, D.C.
2:20 PM – 2:35 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
2:35 PM – 2:55 PM	Update from the National Honey Board
2:55 PM – 3:25 PM	Group Refreshment Break
3:25 PM – 4:10 PM	Oxalic Acid/Glycerin – Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA
4:10 PM – 4:30 PM	Pollinator Stewardship Council’s Work Supports Beekeepers at All Levels - Michele Colopy, Program Director of Pollinator Stewardship Council, Akron, OH
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Barkman Honey
4:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Beltsville Lab Update – Dr. Steven Cook
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM	ABF New Member Orientation
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow 7:00 PM Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment - Live Auction

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Tradeshow Open
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	American Bee Research Conference
8:00 AM	All Silent Auction Tables Open

	SIG Meetings			
	Small-Scale/Sideliner	Package Bee & Queen Breeders	Honey Producer/Packer	Commercial
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Keys to Making It as a Sideliner - Emily Brown, MD Queen Bee, Severna Park, MD	Selecting for Behavioral Resistance to Varroa Destructor – Krispn Given, Apiculture Specialist, Purdue University Department of Entomology, West Lafayette, IN	Marketing Honey to the Food & Beverage Industry - Keith Seiz, National Honey Board, Firestone, CO	An Update on the Canadian Honey Bee Health Survey – Dr. Stephen Pernal, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Beaverlodge, Alberta, Canada
8:35 AM – 9:05 AM	Dr. Lawrence Connor, Wicwas Press, LLC Kalamazoo, MI	Rapid Expansion of Queens and Nucleus Colonies in the South - Zac Lamas, University of Maryland/Sun Hill Farm, Winooski, VT	Pending	Effects of Agrochemicals on Honey Bee Worker, Drone and Queen Health – Dr. Juliana Rangel, Texas A&M, College Station, TX
9:10 AM – 9:40 AM	Tim Tucker	Pending	Pending	Pending
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	SIG Business	SIG Business	SIG Business	SIG Business
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow (Tradeshow)			
10:15 AM	Silent Auction – Amber Tables Close (Tradeshow)			

	Track Sessions		
	Small Scale	Serious Sideliner	Commercial
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Panel: Why Are My Bees Dying?	Engaging Beekeepers with MiteCheck: Implementing a Nationwide Citizen Science Program for Monitoring and Comparing <i>Varroa destructor</i> Infestations – Rebecca Masterman, University of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN	Panel: What’s New That’s Working for You?
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM		All About the Queen – Tina Sebestyen, Founder, Four Corners Beekeepers Assoc., Vice President, Colorado State Beekeepers Assoc., Bayfield, CO	
11:35 AM – 12:05 PM	Honey Bee Biology and Behavior - Lance Wilson, Austin Beekeepers Association, Austin TX	RNA Viruses and Varroa Mites: Temporal Variation in Honeybee Pathogens Influences Patterns of Coinfection – Alex Burham, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT	Pending
12:05 PM – 1:30 PM	* Auxiliary Lunch/Meeting		
12:05 PM – 1:30 PM	Group Lunch (on own)		

Thursday - General Session

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Comparative Chronic Toxicity of Three Neonicotinoids on New Zealand Packaged Honey Bees - Dr. Sarah Wood, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	The Honey Bee Health Coalition: One Agriculture, Moving Forward – Matthew Mulica, Honey Bee Health Coalition, Keystone, CO
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	The Bee's Nutritional Landscape: Amino Acid and Carbohydrate Analysis of the Nectar and Pollen of Plant Species in the United Kingdom – Dr. Geraldine Wright, Newcastle University, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow (Tradeshow)
3:15 PM	Silent Auction – Water White Tables Close (Tradeshow)
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Honey Buyers & Packers Panel
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	*Social Activity: Bowling and Dinner at the Grand Sierra Resort

Friday, January 12, 2018

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
8:00 AM	Silent Auction – Dark Tables Open
8:00 AM	General Session resumes w/announcements
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Successful Indoor Wintering of Bees Panel
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kids and Bees
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Lab Update – Baton Rouge
9:30 AM – 9:35 AM	Silver Sponsor Presentation – Brushy Mountain
9:35 AM – 10:20 AM	Honey Bee Nutrition – Dr. Dale Hill, Semi-Retired Animal Nutritionist, Quincy, IL
10:20 AM – 10:50 AM	Group Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow
10:35 AM	Silent Auction – Dark Tables Close
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	Agriculture Employers Update
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Healthy Bee LLC
11:25 AM – 11:55 AM	Updates from the Tucson USDA-ARS Lab – Dr. Vanessa Corby-Harris, USDA-ARS, Carl Hayden Bee Research Center, Tucson, AZ
11:55 AM – 12:05 PM	Gold Sponsor Presentation
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	Lunch (on own)
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	* Foundation Luncheon
1:35 PM – 1:40 PM	General Session Keynote Sponsor
1:40 PM – 2:30 PM	Keynote Presentation: Addressing the Sustainability of Beekeeping in the 21 st Century – Dr. Jamie Ellis, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Bringing Collaboration, Innovation and Results to Pollinator Habitat – Peter Berthelsen, Partnership Coordinator, The Bee & Butterfly habitat Fund, St. Paul, NE
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Group Refreshment Break
3:30 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF Business Meeting
Immediately following the ABF Business Meeting	Honey Show Live Auction w/cash bar

Saturday, January 13, 2018

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Commercial Beekeepers Breakfast/Meeting/Current Issues Panel Discussion
7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Workshop #1: Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatella, ID
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Workshop #2: How to Taste and Evaluate Honey: Matching Flowers to Flavors – Carla Marina Marchese, American Honey Tasting Society, Weston, CT (limited to 25)
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Workshop #3: Pending
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Workshop #4: Serious Breeding Program for Mite Resistance – Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Workshop #5: Bee Political – Beth Conrey, Bee Squared Apiaries, Berthoud, CO
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Refreshment Break
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Workshop #6: Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatella, ID
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Workshop #7: Pending
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Workshop #8: The Art and Science of Mead Making: How to Make Delicious & High-Quality Mead - Tom Repas, Canyon Rim Honey Bees, Hermosa, SD
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Workshop #9: Pending
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Workshop #10: Classroom/ABJ - Jerry Hayes, Grey Summit, MO
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (on own)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop #11: Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatella, ID
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop #12: Bee Handling Techniques – Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop #13: Where Does Your Bee Club Want to Go and How Are You Getting There? - Michele Colopy, Program Director of Pollinator Stewardship Council, Akron, OH
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop #14: Building a Genius Hive Through Citizen Science – Joseph A. Cazier, Ph.D, Chief Analytics Officer, and James Wilkes, Ph.D and CEO of HiveTracks.com, Boone, NC
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop #15: Pending
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	* ABF Annual Banquet w/Live Auction