



## 2020 ABF Conference & Tradeshow Agenda

as of January 11, 2020  
*(tentative and subject to change)*

Tuesday, January 7, 2020		Room
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting	Schaumburg A
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	BIP2 TTT Meeting	Knowledge
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	AIA Meeting	Euphoria
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	ABF Membership Committee and Education Committee Meeting	Schaumburg B
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	ABF Research Committee Meeting	Schaumburg A
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	American Honey Queen Program Committee Meeting	Connection
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Schaumburg Foyer
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF Resolutions Committee and Executive Committee Meeting	Schaumburg B
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Board of Trustees Meeting	Connection

Wednesday, January 8, 2020		Room
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Schaumburg Foyer
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Honey Show Entry Drop-off	Serenity
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Auction Item Drop-off	Creation
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	AIA Meeting	Euphoria
8:00 AM – 8:20 AM	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Call to Order &amp; Introductions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ American Legion</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Presentation of Colors, “Star-Spangled Banner” &amp; “O Canada”</li> <li>▪ Welcome – Corky Schnadt, President, Illinois State Beekeepers Association</li> <li>▪ Invocation – Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, Blue Ridge, TX</li> </ul>	Schaumburg East
8:20 AM – 8:35 AM	President’s Address – Tim May, President, American Beekeeping Federation	Schaumburg East
8:35 AM – 9:30 AM	Keynote Presentation: Tropilaelaps Up Close and Personal: Face to Face with a Mysterious Bee Mite – Dr. Samuel Ramsey, USDA-ARS Bee Lab, Beltsville, MD	Schaumburg East
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) – Tim May, President, American Beekeeping Federation	Schaumburg East
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Beverage Break	Schaumburg Foyer
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Update from the National Honey Board – Catherine Barry, Director of Marketing, National Honey Board, Firestone, CO	Schaumburg East
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Introduction of 2019 American Honey Queen and Princess and 2020 Honey Queen Candidates – Anna Kettlewell, Chair, American Honey Queen Program, Badger State Apiaries, Greenfield, WI	Schaumburg East
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	Legislative Update – Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates, Washington, DC	Schaumburg East
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Mann Lake Ltd.	Schaumburg East
11:35 AM – 12:00 PM	Update on EPA Pesticide Programs – Michael Goodis, P.E., Office of Pesticide Programs, US Environmental Protection Agency	Schaumburg East
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	BIP Board Meeting	Knowledge
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	Discovery Hall
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch	On Own
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	ABF State Delegates Assembly Luncheon (by invitation only)	Nirvana C

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Project Apis m. Board Meeting	Knowledge
1:30 PM – 1:35 PM	General Session Resumes with Announcements	Schaumburg East
1:35 PM – 1:50 PM	Report from the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees & Introduction of 2020 Foundation Scholars – Joan Gunter, Chair, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees	Schaumburg East
1:50 PM – 2:05 PM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation	Schaumburg East
2:05 PM – 2:30 PM	Update from the Tucson USDA-ARS Lab – Dr. Vanessa Corby-Harris, Research Physiologist, Tucson USDA-ARS Lab, Tucson, AZ	Schaumburg East
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Group Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow	Discovery Hall
	<b>Healthy Hives 2020 Symposium</b>	Schaumburg East
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	Introduction from Bayer and Project Apis m.	Schaumburg East
3:20 PM – 4:20 PM	15-Minute Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening for Novel Miticides – Dr. Jody Johnson, Cullaborate, LLC, and Dr. Steven Cook, USDA-ARS Beltsville Bee Lab</li> <li>• Developing and Testing a Formic/Oxalic Polymer for Varroa Control – Dr. Edmund Stark, Michigan State University, Midland, MI</li> <li>• A Practical Guide for Indoor Storage of Honey Bees – Dr. Brandon Hopkins, Washington State University, Pullman, WA</li> <li>• Mites: Does Size Matter? – Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</li> </ul>	Schaumburg East
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM	Panel: Bridging the Gap: How to Focus Our Efforts and Resources on Solving Problems for Commercial Beekeepers? Facilitator: Dr. Steve Sheppard, Washington State University, Pullman, WA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie Shapiro, Keystone Policy Center, Keystone, CO</li> <li>• Dr. Michael Simone-Finstrom, USDA-ARS Baton Rouge Bee Lab</li> <li>• Zac Browning, Browning’s Honey Co., Jamestown, ND</li> <li>• Dr. Joseph Cazier and Dr. James Wilkes, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC</li> <li>• Tim Tucker, Tuckerbees Honey, Niotaze, KS</li> </ul>	Schaumburg East
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	Interactive Project Demonstrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Potential Botanical Miticide – Dr. Jody Johnson, Cullaborate, LLC, and Dr. Steven Cook, USDA-ARS Beltsville Bee Lab</li> <li>• The Formic/Oxalic Acid Polymer Varroa Treatment – Dr. Edmund Stark, Michigan State University, Midland, MI</li> <li>• How Bee Integrated Partners Beekeepers and Farmers – Julie Shapiro, Keystone Policy Center, Keystone, CO</li> <li>• How Commercial Beekeepers Use Smart Hive Technology – Dr. Joseph Cazier and Dr. James Wilkes, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC</li> <li>• Indoor Storage of Bees: Get Your BMP Guide – Dr. Brandon Hopkins, Washington State University, Pullman, WA</li> <li>• How Does Nosema Ceranae Alter the Bee Gut Biome? – Quinn McFrederick, University of California, Riverside, CA</li> </ul>	Schaumburg East
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF New Member Orientation	Nirvana C
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow 7:00 PM Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment and Live Auction	Discovery Hall

<b>Thursday, January 9, 2020</b>		<b>Room</b>
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Schaumburg Foyer
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	Discovery Hall
7:30 AM	All Silent Auction Tables Open	Discovery Hall
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	ABRC	Schaumburg Ballroom West
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	AIA Meeting	Euphoria
8:00 AM – 8:05 AM	General Session Resumes with Announcements	Schaumburg East
8:05 AM – 9:00 AM	Keynote Presentation: Crop Production, Honey Bees and What We Can Do about It – Dr. Jonathan Lundgren, Blue Dasher Farm	Schaumburg East

9:00 AM – 9:25 AM	Update from the USDA Baton Rouge Lab: Miticide Resistance, Mite Resistance and New Scientists – Dr. Michael Simone-Finstrom, Arián Avalos and Kate Ihle, USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit, Baton Rouge, LA			Schaumburg East
9:25 AM – 9:40 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation			Schaumburg East
9:40 AM – 10:00 AM	Almond Industry Update – Josette Lewis, Almond Board of California			Schaumburg East
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Beverage Break in the Tradeshow			Discovery Hall
10:15 AM	Silent Auction – Amber Tables Close			Discovery Hall
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Update from the Pollinator Stewardship Council – Dave Hackenberg, Hackenberg Apiaries and Pollinator Stewardship Council Board Member, Lewisburg, PA			Schaumburg East
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Honey Bee Health Coalition Update – Julie Shapiro, Keystone Policy Center, Keystone, CO			Schaumburg East
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Update from the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) – Dr. Kim Skyrms, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and AIA Vice President			Schaumburg East
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Progress Towards Social Behavioral Resistance to Varroa Destructor – Krispn Given, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN			Schaumburg East
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Auxiliary Luncheon *			Schaumburg D
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch			On Own
	<b>SIG Meetings</b>			
	<b>Small-Scale/Sideliner Room: Schaumburg AB</b>	<b>Package Bee &amp; Queen Breeders Room: Utopia CD</b>	<b>Honey Producer-Packer Room: Utopia AB</b>	<b>Commercial Room: Schaumburg East</b>
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Integrated Pest Management for Varroa Mites – Dr. Judy Wu-Smart, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	From Genetic Characterization to New Trait Selection: Baton Rouge Efforts in Bee Breeding – Dr. Michael Simone-Finstrom, Arián Avalos and Kate Ihle, USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit, Baton Rouge, LA	Where Do We Grow from Here? – Tim Tucker, Tuckerbees Honey	California Almond Pollination – Russell Heitkam, Heitkam's Honey Bees, Orland, CA and Denise Qualls, CEO/President, The Pollination Connection, Danville, CA
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	SIG Business	SIG Business	SIG Business	SIG Business
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM	Managing Colony Numbers to Meet Demands – Tim Wilbanks, Heritage Honeybee	Queen Rearing in Chicagoland – Dave Meyer, Meyer Bees	Strategies & Practices for Efficient Operation Growth – Dr. Fred Proni, Véto-pharma, Hickory, NC	Effective or Not So Much? Top 5 Commercial Beekeeping Practices – BIP Tech Transfer Team Field Specialists
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow			Discovery Hall
3:30 PM	Silent Auction – Water White Tables Close			Discovery Hall
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Panel: BIP's Role and Impact on Commercial Beekeeping: How and Why the Technical Transfer Team Program Works Moderator: Dr. Geoffrey Williams, Auburn University Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ben Saullmann, BIP Honey Bee Health Specialist, Oregon State University</li> <li>Dan Aurell, BIP Honey Bee Health Specialist, Texas A&amp;M University</li> <li>Matt Hoepfinger, BIP Honey Bee Health Specialist, University of California Davis</li> </ul>			Schaumburg East
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Social Activity – Dinner and Family-friendly Comedy Show at the IMPROV *			Offsite

<b>Friday, January 10, 2020</b>		<b>Room</b>
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Schaumburg Foyer
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	Discovery Hall
8:00 AM	Silent Action – Dark Tables Open	Discovery Hall
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	ABRC	Schaumburg Ballroom West
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	AIA Meeting	Euphoria

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kids and Bees	Nirvana
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	General Session Resumes with Announcements	Schaumburg Ballroom East
8:35 AM – 9:30 AM	Keynote Presentation: Bees and Pesticides: What's New (and Old) – Dr. May Berenbaum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Schaumburg Ballroom East
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Pathogens and Their Influence on Winter Losses in Canada – Dr. Stephen F. Pernal, Research Scientist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Beaverlodge, Alberta	Schaumburg Ballroom East
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Beverage Break in the Tradeshow	Discovery Hall
10:15 AM	Silent Auction – Dark Tables Close	Discovery Hall
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Keeping Bees for Marriott International – Matthew Sanchez, Lead Beekeeper, Marriott International, Jacksonville, FL, and Eugene Killion, Bee Hill Micro Farm Mentor, Paris, IL	Schaumburg Ballroom East
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	Gold Sponsor Presentation	Schaumburg Ballroom East
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	Report on H-2A Visa Program: Temporary Agricultural Employment of Foreign Workers – Michael Marsh, President and CEO, National Council of Agricultural Employers, Washington, DC	Schaumburg Ballroom East
11:30 AM – 11:55 AM	Research at the USDA Bee Research Lab, Beltsville – Dr. Jay Evans	Schaumburg Ballroom East
11:55 AM – 12:00 PM	Silver Sponsor Presentation	Schaumburg Ballroom East
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Foundation Luncheon *	Schaumburg C-D
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch	On Own
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Panel: What Do You Need to Know about Beekeeping? Expert Beekeepers Take Your Questions and Offer Advice Moderator: Mike Klem, Cardinal Country Apiary, Canfield, OH Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeremy Margaron, JM Apiaries, Mechanicsburg, IL</li> <li>• Jay Miller, 2J Farms, Blackfoot, ID</li> <li>• Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, Blue Ridge, TX</li> <li>• Dan Winter, Winter Apiaries, Wolcott, NY</li> </ul>	Schaumburg Ballroom East
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Panel: The Future of Mite Control Moderator: Dr. Katie Lee, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Steve Cook, Beltsville USDA-ARS Lab, Beltsville, MD</li> <li>• Dr. Geoff Williams, Auburn University, Auburn, AL</li> <li>• Dr. Medhat Nasr, Bee Culture Solutions, St Albert, Alberta, Canada</li> </ul>	Schaumburg Ballroom East
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Group Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow	Discovery Hall
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF Business Meeting	Schaumburg Ballroom East
Immediately following ABF Business Meeting	American Honey Show Reception and Live Auction	Schaumburg Ballroom East
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Documentary Film Presentation: <i>The Pollinators</i> – A cinematic journey around the United States following migratory beekeepers and their truckloads of honey bees as they pollinate the flowers that become the fruits, nuts and vegetables we all eat.	Schaumburg Ballroom East

<b>Saturday, January 11, 2020</b>		<b>Room</b>
7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Schaumburg Foyer
7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Commercial Beekeepers Breakfast and Meeting 8:00 AM Honey Market Report and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brent Barkman, Barkman Honey, Hillsboro, KS</li> </ul> 8:30 AM The Solution Room: Peer-to-Peer Exploration of Commercial Beekeepers' Most Pressing Challenges and How to Overcome Them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator: Gene Brandi, Gene Brandi Apiaries, Los Banos, CA</li> </ul>	Schaumburg East
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	Discovery Hall
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	The Many Ways I Have Seen Beekeepers Drop the Ball on Varroa Management – Lewis Cauble, Apiary Inspector, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Rutherfordton, NC	Schaumburg A

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Healthy Skin with Beeswax and Honey Soaps and Lotions – Becky and Steve Tipton, Country Creek Honey, Meriden, KS	Schaumburg B
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Bee Propolis: A Research-Supported Health Resource – Jeannie Saum, B.S.Ed., M.Ed.; BEEpothecary, LLC, Lancaster, OH; President of Fairfield County Beekeepers Association, Lancaster, OH	Schaumburg C
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Making Creamed Honey – Kristi Sanderson, Sweet Prairie Honey, Olathe, KS	Schaumburg D
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Basic Beekeeping – Mike Klem, Cardinal Country Apiary, Canfield, OH	Utopia A
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Beverage Break	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Integrating Beekeeping and Homeschooling with Lessons Learned While Growing From 0 to 100+ Hives – Jeremy Margaron, JM Apiaries, Mechanicsburg, IL	Schaumburg A
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	REPEAT SESSION: Healthy Skin with Beeswax and Honey Soaps and Lotions – Becky and Steve Tipton, Country Creek Honey, Meriden, KS	Schaumburg B
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Maximize Your Hive Harvest: How to Collect, Harvest, Clean, Store and Use ALL the Hive Resources – Jeannie Saum, BEEpothecary, LLC, Lancaster, OH	Schaumburg C
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Encaustic Painting – George Hansen, Foothills Honey, Colton, OR	Tradeshow Theater
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Next Generation Commercial Beekeepers Panel Discussion: Discussion on issues such as logistics, trucking, multi-state business organizations, labor and lodging.	Utopia A
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch	On Own
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Effective Varroa Management Through IPM – Lance Wilson, Certified Master Craftsman Beekeeper (GMBP), Austin, TX	Schaumburg A
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Sentinel Apiary Program Workshop: 2019 Data Discussion and Participant Experience – Eric Malcolm and Rachel Kuipers, Bee Informed Partnership	Schaumburg B
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Beekeeping for Veterans – Dr. Rebecca Masterman, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN	Schaumburg C
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	The Classroom Q&A – Jerry Hayes, Bee Culture, Grey Summit, MO	Schaumburg D
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Pesticide Incident Monitoring and the Use of Dead Bee Traps for Hive Health – Dr. Judy Wu-Smart, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Utopia A
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting	Innovation
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Nutrition Management for Robust Populations – Lance Wilson, Certified Master Craftsman Beekeeper (GMBP), Austin, TX	Schaumburg A
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Value Added Products from the Hive for Health and Wealth – Deborah Klughers, Bonac Bees, East Hampton, NY	Schaumburg B
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Raising Your Own Queens and Selecting Breeding Stock Adapted to Your Locations and Management Style – Susan Cobey, Washington State University	Schaumburg C
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	What to Expect from Your Apiary Inspector – Panel Presentation by the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) and Q&A Forum	Schaumburg D
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Bee-Engaged: An Average Joe’s Guide to Coming Out of Winter – Joe Komperda, The Average Joe Beekeeper, Parker, CO	Utopia A
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	ABF Reception and Banquet with Live Auction and Coronation of the 2020 American Honey Queen and Princess *	Schaumburg East

\* Session requires additional registration fee.