

**2016 Annual General Meeting & Conference**  
**Holiday Inn & Suites Ottawa Kanata**  
101 Kanata Avenue, Ottawa, ON K2T 1E6

**AGENDA**

**PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Bee Bio-security Workshop**

Colleen Acres, Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association  
OBA Tech-Transfer Program Specialists  
(free registration but you must [pre-register](#))

2:00 – 8:00 pm

**OBA Board Meeting**

~~3:00 – 5:00 pm~~

**Moved to Saturday afternoon**

~~Workshop: Introduction to Apitherapy to  
Boost your Hive Products Profile~~



5:00 – 8:00 pm

**Exhibitor Set-up**

7:00 – 8:00 pm

**Conference Registration Desk Open**

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 – 8:55 am                      Local Beekeepers' Association Presidents Breakfast Meeting & Roundtable  
*(invitation only)*

8:00 am – 4:00 pm                      Conference Registration Desk Open  
**Optional** - drop off up to three 500g jars of honey for the OBA's Honey Exchange  
Sponsored by Dominion & Grimm

8:00 am – 5:00 pm                      Tradeshow Open

1:30 – 5:00 pm                      Pick up honey if you're participating in OBA's Honey Exchange

6:30 – 11:00 pm                      Buzz Banquet & Hootenanny – Reception, Silent Auction, Awards, Dinner & Dance  
(advance ticket required)

9:00 – 11:00 pm                      Dance only – walk-ins welcome!

9:00     **Welcome!** Tibor Szabo, President

9:05     **Opening Remarks** André Flys, Conference Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

9:10     **Climate Change Challenges for Pollinators**, Dr. Dianne Saxe, Ontario's Environmental Commissioner

9:25     **The State of Pollinators in Canada Today**, Dr. Nigel Raine, University of Guelph

10:10    **Pollinators and Pollination in Alberta**, Dr. Shelley Hoover, Research Scientist, Lethbridge Research Centre, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

10:55    Break sponsored by Central Life Sciences – Refreshments in the Tradeshow Area

11:10    **Niagara College Commercial Beekeepers Program Ready to Launch!**, Alan Unwin, Niagara College

11:35    **Annual General Meeting Call to Order, (Part 1)** Tibor Szabo

11:40    **Issues Management & External Relations Committee Report**, Dennis Edell, Chair

12:00    **Canadian Honey Council Report**, Jim Coneybear, OBA's CHC Delegate, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

12:15    **Treasurer's Report**, Julie White, Treasurer

12:25    **Membership Development and Communications Committee Report**, Julie White, Chair

12:35    **Nominations Committee Report and Introduction of Nominees for Election to OBA Board of Directors**

12:55    Lunch sponsored by Medivet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. – Beverages and Desserts in the Tradeshow Area

2:00     **Election of OBA Directors**

2:15     **Resolutions Presented & Discussed**

2:30     **Breeding Mite Biters to Increase Survival of Honey Bees**, Dr. Greg Hunt, Purdue University

3:15     **Update from Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency**, Connie Hart

3:45     Break sponsored by Mann Lake – Refreshments in the Tradeshow Area

4:00     **OBA Tech-Transfer Program Update 2016–Projects, Collaborations & Workshops**, Les Eccles

4:20     **Report from the Provincial Apiarist**, Paul Kozak

4:40     **U of G Bee Research Centre Updates:**

**How Stressors Interact and Affect Honey Bee Health**, Nuria Morfin Ramirez

**Field studies on the impact of neonicotinoid treated corn on honey bee survival, foraging, honey production and colony development**, David MacKay

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#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

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| 8:00 am – 3:20 pm | Conference Registration Desk Open<br><b>Optional</b> - drop off up to three 500g jars of honey for the OBA's Honey Exchange |
| 8:00 am – 3:30 pm | Tradeshow Open  |
| 1:30 – 3:30 pm    | Pick up honey if you're participating in OBA's Honey Exchange<br>Sponsored by Dominion & Grimm                              |

- 9:00 **Welcome Back!** André Flys, Conference Chair
- 9:05 **BeeOmics Study Updates**, Dr. Amro Zayed, York University
- 9:35 **OBA TTP Presentation** - Use and Regulation of Nutraceuticals for Nosema Management in Pollination Colonies, Dan Borges
- 10:15 **Trends in Canadian Beekeeping and Honey Industry**, Stephen Page, Sector Specialist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

10:45 Break sponsored by Propolis – etc... – Refreshments in the Tradeshow Area

- 11:05 **Annual General Meeting Call to Order (Part 2)**
- 11:05 **Introduction of 2016 | 2017 Board of Directors & Executive Committee Members**
- 11:15 **Honey Promotions Committee Report**, Dennis Edell, Chair
- 11:30 **Final Presentation, Discussion and Vote on Resolutions**
- 11:45 **Report of the Provincial Apiarist**, Paul Kozak

12:30 Lunch sponsored by ApiHex Beekeeping Supplies – Beverages and Desserts in the Tradeshow Area

#### Choose between Simultaneous Tracks

| <i>Main Conference Program</i>   | <i>Specialty Track – note: room is small and can only accommodate approximately 15 people!</i>  |
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| <p>1:40 <b>Beekeeping in the Upper Ottawa Valley</b><br/>Spotlight on: Murray Borer, Oak Grove Apiaries</p> <p>2:30 <b>A Beekeeper's Adventure in Nicaragua</b>, Harley Gallagher and Greg Lynch</p> | <p>1:40 <b>Introduction to Apitherapy to Boost your Hive Products Profile</b><br/>Adrien Thibault, Yann Loranger, Canadian Apitherapy Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does Apitherapy create new high-value bee products continuously?</li> <li>What are the latest discoveries? What will come next? Who gets involved? Testing and sampling.</li> <li>How does Apitherapy bring responsible and ethical beekeeping at the core of its practice?</li> <li>Apitherapy-grade bee products... What are they?</li> <li>The top 5 efficient therapeutical uses of bee products.</li> <li>The role of Apitherapy in the "Save the Bees" movement.</li> <li>Why a Canadian Apitherapy Association? Who should get involved? Setting up a Canadian Apitherapy vision for Apimondia 2019.</li> </ul> |
| 3:00 Break – Last Chance to Visit Exhibitors – Refreshments in the Tradeshow Area  |   |
| <p>3:20 <b>Africanised Honey Bees – Will Interbreeding be a Problem in the North?</b>, Dr. Greg Hunt</p> <p>3:50 <b>Nosema Disease Treatments</b>, Dr. Ernesto Guzman</p>                            | <p>3:20 <b>Apitherapy</b>, continued...</p>   |
| 4:25 Closing Remarks, André Flys   |   |

