



Apimondia Newsletter | September 2024

Apimondia 2025

Apimondia, the Scandinavian organizing committee and our professional congress organizer Conmark are working hard to organize a grand congress in Copenhagen 23 – 27 September 2025. It's just one year from now. We are very excited that 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress once again will be the world's largest gathering place for Beekeeping.

Hall D of the Bella Center will be used as the exhibition center of Apimondia 2025 with a total area of more than 7.000 sqm. There are already now a great number of bookings and reservations of stands.

<https://apimondia2025.com/>

Bee health

The largest Banana Producers Organisation in the EU, COPLACA, will no longer distribute glyphosate. On the 4 September 2024, Javier González Palenzuela-Gallego, COPLACA's General Manager, addressed his members in the following terms:

As you know, glyphosate is an active substance used as a broad-spectrum herbicide in different crops and also in non-agricultural uses. Although it is currently authorised in banana plantations, it is a controversial substance as more and more customers are requesting that it not be applied on the farms where the fruit they buy is produced. The collateral effects it has both on the environment (water pollution, elimination of local flora, affecting pollinators and other auxiliary insects) and on human health are well known, as it has been classified in category 2A (probably carcinogenic) by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

For these reasons we inform you that, as proposed by the COPLACA Technical Department, as of 01/10/24 no product containing glyphosate in its composition can be invoiced in the name of COPLACA. In the event that any COPLACA member entity requests products containing glyphosate, they will have to be invoiced directly in the name of that entity and never in the name of COPLACA

Apitherapy events and milestones

The Special Committee of Apitherapy of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies is organising the 5th International Apitherapy Conference in Beijing, from 25–27 October 2024.

Among the speakers will be Dr Janos Körmendy-Rácz, PhD, Chair of the Apimondia Scientific Commission on Apitherapy. More details on the [event website](#).

28 – 30 June

A symposium on Api-phytotherapy was held in Fez, Morocco, under the chairmanship of Prof. Badiia Lyoussi. The event was held in this ancient Moroccan city, chosen due to its progressive university research. Researchers from 11 countries participated. Alongside more than 40 presentations, an equal number of posters showcased advancements in the field.

July

The 1st Latin American Beekeeping Conference took place in Paraguay, organized by the Beekeeping Confederation of Paraguay and the Latin American Beekeeping Federation (FILAPI), chaired by Argentinean Lucas Martínez. The conference included several presentations related to apitherapy.

July

In line with WHO resolutions promoting development in member countries, Uruguay has set up various working commissions within the Ministry of Public Health, one of which focuses on traditional, complementary, and alternative medicines. Uruguay demonstrates an open-minded approach to treating illnesses. A working group was formed to draft a protocol for the diagnosis, study, and treatment of fibromyalgia. In the section on complementary medicine treatments, apitherapy has been included as a valuable resource.

22 August

In Punta del Este, Uruguay, at the CLAHE Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Walter Fierro MD delivered a lecture. The topic was the management of chronic pain using apitherapy, within an integrative health model known as PNIE.

29 August

Bodog F. Beck, a Hungarian doctor specializing in surgery, was one of the pivotal figures in the history of apitherapy. He authored two books: *Bee Venom Therapy* and *Honey and Health*, both of which are still relevant and available today. Beck was born in the city of Baja, located in southern Hungary. On August 29, 2024, the city council unanimously voted to name a square next to Dr. Beck's birthplace in his honor. This decision marks the establishment of the first public space in Baja dedicated to the famous Hungarian apitherapist.

Apimondia has several important working groups:

Meet the groups: www.apimondia.org/working-groups.html

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Next Apimondia Congress www.apimondia2025.com will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark 23 - 27 September 2025 in Cooperation with the Beekeeper Associations from Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

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