



Apimondia Newsletter | November 2023

Trees for Bees

Bees and other pollinators face many challenges.

Biodiversity loss is increasing and green areas of the planet are decreasing. Trees and shrubs support the ecosystem equilibrium and help reduce average ground temperatures but also are an important source of pollen and nectar for pollinators.



Apimondia started the Trees for Bees campaign in 2023, as a call for action to all beekeepers or citizens across the globe.

64 individuals and associations enrolled in this action. Five sent a short report for their action and pictures or other evidence to support their achievement.

Certificates of participation of the five finalists were issued and presented during the closing ceremony of 48th Apimondia Congress in Santiago, Chile:

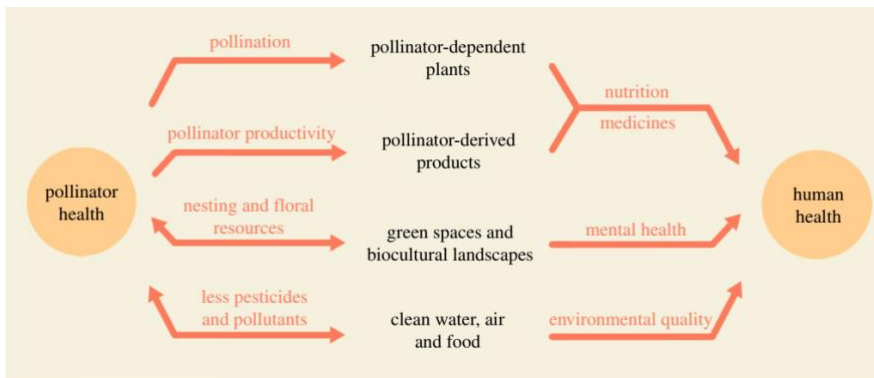
- D'zz Spot Reptarium & Educational Center Inc., Kansas- USA
- Nathaniel Dodd – (Battlesbridge Station Adopters)- UK
- Herman Suhud- Indonesia
- CASA APIS- Brazil
- Gabriel Jabo- Rwanda

The certificate of outstanding achievement was given to CASA APIS from Brazil, which achieved a great deal of their initial goal, started in 2020 after winning an award.

We hope that the initiative of CASA APIS will inspire more NGOs and associations in our global effort to grow more trees for bees!

[Read more](#)

Pollination and Bee Flora



Bee health and its impact on human well-being.

In recent years, more and more studies have emphasized the role of pollinators as important benefactors for our well-being. This knowledge is important for designing management practices that protect and

enhance nature's contributions to people. Nevertheless, there are areas that remain under-researched, such as the relationship between our health and that of pollinators. This information gap is addressed in a paper led by Lucas Garibaldi, President of the Pollination and Bee Flora Commission, and published in the journal *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*. This work explores the positive impact that healthy pollinator communities can have on human health.

[Read the full article](#) | [Watch the video](#)

Beekeeping Technology and Quality

3rd International Propolis Conference

9 - 11 November 2023 in Istanbul, Turkey

The International Propolis Research Group, IPRG, has organized the 3rd International Propolis Conference on "Propolis, the Medicine of the Past, Present and Future". The event brought together researchers from all around the globe working especially on the bioavailability of propolis and its application in the field of apitherapy. Scientists were able to exchange information and discuss strategies to improve the use of propolis. The next event will be in Brazil in 2025.



Beekeeping events in Europe

International Congress on Sustainable Honeybee Keeping

[Programme and abstracts of the Conference](#)

HarmHoney technical round table

National Portuguese Beekeeping Forum

EPBA meeting and Eurobee fair

<http://www.professional-beekeepers.eu/> <https://berufsimker.de/eurobee/>

European Union Pollinator Week 2023

28 – 30 November 2023 | Brussels, Belgium

Time to **bee** coherent for a buzzing future



Since 2012, the European Pollinator Week has been held annually at the European Parliament. This event provides a vital platform for stakeholders to convene and share perspectives. Representatives from European and national institutions dedicated to the pollinator and beekeeping sectors, farmers, NGOs, and scientists from all disciplines related to bees, beekeeping and biodiversity come together. Their collective aim is to discuss the pressing challenges facing these

sectors and to propose recommendations for policymakers. The European Pollinator Week is also dedicated to raising awareness, ensuring that pollinator health and the beekeeping sector remain prominent topics on the European agenda.

In this eleventh edition of the European Pollinator Week, we intend to highlight the importance of having coherent policies to ensure a buzzing European future that ensures our food security and biodiversity. A pressing question arises: What are Europeans doing in return for bees?

Our international conference will pinpoint the gaps and overlooked elements in European policies and strategies aimed at safeguarding (or threatening) bees and pollinators. Ultimately, this also reflects on our quality of life and health. The discussions will also encompass specific issues like the use of pesticides and the push for New Genetic Techniques as their alternatives, instead of agroecology, the Nature Restoration Law, and the vital topics of labelling and traceability.

[Programme and registration for this event](#)

News from the President

Taking action on Biodiversity for food and agriculture in NEAR EAST and North AFRICA



7 – 9 November 2023

This was the 2nd workshop FAO and APIMONDIA are jointly organised, the first one was held in Santiago- Chile in September 2023. The host was Dr Nizar Haddad, General Director of NARC (National Agricultural Research Centre of Jordan).

The workshop was opened by the Her Royal Highness Princess Basma bint Ali, Founder of the Royal Botanic Garden and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hashemite Fund for the Development of the Jordanian Badia.

The workshop brought together colleagues from the National Focal Points for Biodiversity from many countries in the Middle East and N Africa. It was not open to the public but rather a chance to exchange ideas and promote the conservation of biodiversity; especially in the agricultural sector. More specifically, FAO representatives presented the situation and the activities in their countries, and they discussed the strategy and the tools needed to implement the FAO policy on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture in the next period. The construction photo is when we all visited the new Seed Gene bank that is under construction.

Both Dr Jeff Pettis and Dr Fani Hatjina attended the meeting represented Apimondia, and also spoke with beekeepers from Jordan on the first day Nov6th at the invitation of Dr Nizar Haddad and the Beekeepers Association of Jordan.

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