

Resolutions Approved at the 2001 Apiary Inspectors of America Annual Conference, McAllen, Texas January 8-12, 2001.

Resolution No. 1 Thank You to Conference Hosts

author, Resolution Committee

The Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) appreciate the efforts of the many individuals and organizations that worked to put together the year 2001 conference in McAllen, Texas. Especially noteworthy for their efforts are AIA members Paul Jackson (TX) and Mike Hansen (MI), Patty Elzen and the entire staff of the USDA Weslaco Subtropical Research Laboratory, and Richard Adee and the executive board of AHPA.

Be it resolved that the secretary of the Apiary Inspectors of America be hereby directed to write a letter of appreciation to each, thanking them for their hospitality and the efforts made to ensure a successful meeting.

Audience, as resolved

Resolution No. 2 APHIS Permits for Importation of Bees

author, Research/Regulatory Committee

The permit process for the importation of honey bees into the U.S. lacks a consistent set of standards.

Be it resolved, the Apiary Inspectors of America requests that USDA-APHIS establish a set of standards and criteria for issuing permits for importing bees and bee products into the U.S. from other countries. Such standards should be clearly stated, published and based solely on pest issues. AIA requests the opportunity to review the set of standards prior to final approval.

Audience, Dr. Wayne Wehling, USDA-APHIS

Resolution No. 3 Imidacloprid Toxicity to Honey Bees (Mad Bee Disease)

Author: Harry Fulton

Evidence is being published from Europe that the pesticide imidacloprid, in the seed treatment Gaucho[®], is causing adverse effects on honey bees. This product has the potential to cause problems for bees in the U.S.

Be it resolved that Apiary Inspectors of America is concerned about imidacloprid toxicity to honey bees in the U. S. and requests that EPA review the bee toxicity data for Gaucho[®] seed treatment products. The AIA would appreciate a response in writing to this request for comment on these data to demonstrate to the apiculture community that this pesticide formulation does not

adversely effect the biology and behavior of honey bees.

Audience, Jim Jones, EPA Director of Pesticides

Resolution No. 4 Research Priorities

author: Research/Regulatory Committee

Resources for apicultural research are limited. Therefore research efforts should continue to focus on relevant beekeeping problems that can best be addressed with scientific research.

Therefore be it resolved that the Apiary Inspectors of America support the current bee research efforts to develop integrated management plans for resistant American foulbrood and resistant varroa mites, and continue to investigate small hive beetle detection and control methods.

Audiences: USDA ARS National Program Staff
 AAPA President

Resolution No. 5 Imidacloprid Research (Mad Bee Disease)

Author: Harry Fulton

Strong evidence is being published from Europe that the pesticide, imidacloprid, is causing severe adverse effects on honey bees. This phenomena needs to be investigated in the U.S.

Therefore be it resolved that AIA respectfully request that USDA-ARS initiate research as soon as possible to determine the effects of imidacloprid on honey bees.

Audience: USDA-ARS National Program Staff