

Apiary Inspectors of America

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AIA Announcements

1. The Honey Bee Veterinary Consortium is hosting a conference September 21-22, 2019 in Raleigh, NC to discuss the Veterinary Fee Directive (VFD) that has placed antimicrobial use in honey bee colonies under the purview of veterinarians. The focus of this conference will be the needs of commercial and small-scale beekeepers in regards to managing diseases and the VFD, as well as to educate veterinarians and apiarists on how to incorporate veterinary practices into beekeeping. More information about the conference can be found here: <https://cvm.ncsu.edu/event/hbvc/#tabsPnl1-tab-1>
2. The Texas Apiary Inspector position is still open. Feel free to share the following link with anyone you think might be interested (https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/AgriLife_Research_External/job/College-Station-AL-RSCH/Apiary-Inspector-I_R-021745).
3. The New York State Program Supervisor position is still open (<https://statejobs.ny.gov/employees/vacancyDetailsView.cfm?id=72151>). Please share with anyone you think might be interested.
4. The 2019 Mite-A-Thon dates will begin on September 7th and end on September 21st. The goal is to have beekeepers sample their honey bee colonies and submit their results in order to raise awareness about Varroa mite infestations across North America. Beekeepers in Canada, the United States, and Mexico are encouraged to participate! More information about the event can be found here: <https://www.pollinator.org/mitethon>.
5. The deadline for early-bird registration for American Beekeeping Federation is Oct. 31, 2019. Since the Apiary Inspectors of America will be meeting at this venue, you may want to go ahead and get the pre-approval documents to your supervisors submitted. October will be here before you know it!

[American Beekeeping Federation 2020 Conference and Tradeshow](#)

Dates: January 8-11th, 2020

Location: Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois
1551 N. Thoreau Drive
Schaumburg, Illinois 60173

The theme of the upcoming American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) conference is Vision of the Future where they have focused their exhibitors and speakers on current and future technology in beekeeping, care, and progress. Keynote speakers will include Dr. Samuel Ramsey (University of Maryland), Dr. Jonathan Lundgren (Blue Dasher Farm), and Dr. May Berenbaum (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

Hotel Reservations

- Reservations can be made online (<https://book.passkey.com/event/49885760/owner/27662/home>) or by calling the hotel (847-303-4100). If you call to make your reservation, make sure to request the ABF or beekeepers room block.
- The room rate for the conference is \$119.00 per night plus tax.
- This rate is available until Monday, **December 16th, 2019** or until the room block is full. Afterwards the discounted rate may not be available.

Conference Schedule

There is a tentative schedule available on the ABF website that may change in the time leading up to the conference (<http://abfconference.com/schedule>).

Apiary Inspectors of America Annual Meeting

Details for the AIA meeting have not been finalized, but the Executive Committee has already started working on scheduling activities and speakers. The tentative dates for this meeting are January 6-10th, 2020, but once more details have been sorted out an announcement will be sent out to the inspectors. If you have any questions or concerns leading up to the AIA meeting, please don't hesitate to contact Mary Reed (mary.reed@tamu.edu).

More information about the 2020 ABF Conference can be found here: <http://abfconference.com/>

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Apimondia 2019 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada Global Information from Apiarists on Our Doorstep

Paul Kozak (Ontario), Julie Ferland (Quebec), Tammy Potter (Kentucky)
Mary Reed (Texas), Rheal LaFreniere (Manitoba), Nuria Morfin Ramirez (Ontario), and Franco Mutinelli (Italy)

A Unique Opportunity for an International Apiarist Workshop:

Apimondia-Montreal is an ideal opportunity to network with international counterparts (regulators of honey bee hives, management of pests, diseases) and discuss approaches to addressing honey bee health. This workshop will be held on Monday evening, Sept. 9th, 2019, at the same venue as the Apimondia conference from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. EST.

The Scope of the Meeting:

This unique collaboration of apiarists is not occurring elsewhere and would provide value for many of us to attend. We want to network, compare general approaches and strategies with some specific examples of important pests and diseases and provide an opportunity for future collaborations, possibly at the AIA meeting in Chicago 2020.

- The meeting will be tightly facilitated and coordinated, and we hope fun for attendees.
- The meeting will be a combination of presentations, exercises with pre- and post- materials.
- By virtue of location, the main focus will likely be North American, but we hope to engage international input / dialogue from European, Asian, South American, Australian colleagues.
- It will be a closed meeting (not a conference workshop session or discussion panel) and by invitation only.
- We intend to invite all current Provincial Apiarists and State Apiarists (though not all inspectors) and we are working to identify similar positions from EU, Asia, Latin America, Australia that could take part.

Ideally, this meeting supports our roles as regulators and offers insights into how other governments in addition to our own administer apiary programs. A report and a list of resources will help attendees apply this material to local programs.

Right now there are 40 apiarists who have confirmed that they will be attending this working meeting. Twelve of these attendees are from the international community and will be representing countries such as France, Greece, Switzerland, China, Mexico, Uruguay, Turkey, and Italy. The diversity of representation and perspective will contribute greatly to the discussion.

Apimondia 2019: <https://www.apimondia2019.com/>

Montreal – Apimondia: <https://www.apimondia2019.com/montreal/>

Congress Overview: <https://www.apimondia2019.com/fr/program/overview/>

If you are an apiarist and interested in attending, please respond to Paul Kozak (paul.kozak@ontario.ca) or Mary Reed (mary.reed@tamu.edu).