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Canada continues to suffer its highest losses of honey bees. CHC has initiated a campaign "Save Our Bees"

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Heather Clay, Chief Executive Officer, CHC

## Save Our Bees

The CHC has launched a campaign, "Save Our Bees", to raise funds in support of honey bee awareness. We are planning an online bee resource centre with interactive real time information where researchers and beekeepers and the public will be able to get the most recent hive health data and information about the importance of pollinators. There are many levels to show support for honey bees. A brochure is included in this magazine. If you would like more to hand please contact Geoff@honeycouncil.ca. For every donation received, the names of donors will be entered into a chance to win a numbered print of "Honey Bees in Canadian Apple Orchard" by artist Sue Westby (see details online at [www.saveourbees.ca](http://www.saveourbees.ca)). The winner will be drawn at our AGM in January 2010.

## Agri-Marketing Program

The CHC has received funding approval for a project to develop a Long Term International Strategy for marketing honey. The funding will allow us to investigate the potential for establishing "Pure Honey 100% Canadian" as a brand on the international market. As well, we will prepare a trade show for the upcoming Orlando meeting and produce a promotional brochure on the health value of honey which will be translated into French and Spanish.

## Bee Cause Art Auction

Honey Design, a company in London Ontario recently held an art auction to celebrate creativity and to raise funds for honey bee research and artists in the London area. The auction was very successful and raised \$5,000 for the Canadian Bee Research Fund. We thank Robin Honey for her inspiration, hard work and positive contribution to honey bee research. To see images



of the artwork that was submitted visit [www.beecause.ca](http://www.beecause.ca).

## Australian Meeting

Australia and Canada share many similarities in their honey bee industry. Each has approximately the same number of beekeepers, honey bee colonies and production with one province/state dominating in the total production of honey. Their industry is currently reviewing the structure and funding of their national body, the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC). In July I was invited to give a presentation to the New South Wales Apiarists Association on the restructure of the Canadian Honey Council. My presentation entitled, "CHC: the Good the Bad and the Ugly" explained the need for change and how we achieved it. This generated discussion about the direction that AHBIC may pursue in the future.

A second presentation was given on the hybrid canola seed industry in southern Alberta. Commercial beekeepers provided 80,000 colonies of honey bees under contract to seed companies in 2009. Australia is starting down the road of hybrid seed canola production for their own use and for contra season production for Canada. Our 10 year experience with GM crops and seed treatments on canola can provide some reassurance that there is no observed harm to honey bees from this aspect of agriculture.

There are few places in the world where European honey bees can fly free of the parasitic mite *Varroa destructor*. Australia is the last country

in the world to enjoy a mite free status. They maintain their vigilance through a national sentinel hive program at 27 ports that are tested 4 times each year. Baggage and incoming mail is checked by sniffer dogs. Awareness programs are included at beekeeper meetings and the Department of Primary Industry in each state provides information for beekeepers, including free sugar shake test kits in NSW. Beekeepers in Australia are acutely aware of the high potential for varroa and talk about "when", not "if", varroa mites arrive.

A new documentary movie called "Honey Bee Blues" made its debut at the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Field Day for NSW beekeepers. It tells the story of the disappearing honey bee and featured varroa mite specialist Dr Denis Anderson. The film crew travelled with him from the almond orchards of California to the highlands of New Guinea to the ancient leatherwood forest of Tasmania and



Heather Clay CEO, CHC, received the Alan Clemson Memorial award for her presentations to the NSW Apiarists Association.

back to his laboratory at CSIRO in Canberra, Australia. Dr. Anderson, who named *V.destructor* and knows this mite intimately, believes the key to eradicating varroa mites from European honey bees lies in genetics. The movie will be shown on SBS TV starting November 17th.

An incursion of *A. cerana* in far north Queensland has been detected by Australian Quarantine Inspection Service. So

far 17 swarms from the original colony have been destroyed. The good news is that examination shows the bees were free of varroa mites. While it may be possible to detect an early infestation of varroa, the odds are that with a high feral bee population and a highly mobile commercial beekeeping industry, the problem will be widespread in a short time.

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Small hive beetle (SHB) remains an issue for some beekeepers in tropical Australia or where there are under populated nucleus colonies of honey bees. Australia has recently produced a SHB trap that really works. The active ingredient fipronil is not registered in Canada so it is unlikely to be available for Quebec beekeepers who now have to live with a US incursion of SHB.

Research dollars are collected through a voluntary levy system in Australia. As a result there are many well directed practical projects underway. The value-added potential of prebiotic components of honey is showing great results under the guidance of Dr. Patricia Conway, UNSW. Another project on the medicinal use of honey by Dr. Shona Blair provided an assessment of the antimicrobial properties of a variety of Australian honeys. Taking it to the next level and marketing these varieties of honey is another challenge. Like Canada the shortage of funds for R&D puts limits on some projects but the voluntary levy system has allowed their honey industry to answer many of their own questions.

## New CHC Sponsor

Pollination of canola is a major activity for the Canadian honey bee industry. Each year around 300,000 colonies of honey bees (half the colonies in Canada) contribute to the annual crop of 12.6 million tonnes of open pollinated canola oil seed. As well, another 80,000 colonies (approximately 12% of the colonies in Canada) are dedicated to pollinating the highly specialized hybrid seed canola industry. This hybrid seed industry is dependent on honey bees for precise pollen transfer of specific genetic lines. Bayer CropScience is one of the biggest producers of hybrid seed canola in Canada. They provide pollination contracts for thousands of honey bee colonies each year. Beekeepers providing the pollination service work closely with seed company agronomists and canola experts in a team environment. Bayer CropScience appreciates the importance of healthy bees for improved crop yield. The CHC Sponsorship Program invites support for the Canadian honey bee industry through a contribution to our organization. We thank our newest sponsor for acknowledging the unique role that honey bees play in Canadian agriculture.



Heather Clay CEO, Canadian Honey Council and David Drexler, Director Research and Development, Bayer CropScience.



# Regional Reports

## Maritimes

The summer of 2009 has slipped past at breakneck speed and now the season of mite treatments, feeding and honey extraction has arrived. Unsettled damp weather in the early summer seems to have a negative impact on honey production. This coupled with many beekeepers splitting large numbers of colonies to make up winter losses has resulted in an overall small honey crop.



Tom Trueman

The wild blueberry harvest is now substantially complete and is expected to be somewhat smaller than last year. However there still appears to be an oversupply of frozen fruit resulting in a price to the producer considerably lower than previous years and well below the cost of production. It remains to be seen how the low price will affect demand for pollination colonies next spring.

## Ontario

The weather in Ontario has been like the rest of Canada this year, very cool and wet. It was not until the middle of August before we received some warm, dry weather. The honey crop

is generally below average for the province. Many of the producers are beginning to buy honey to fulfill the demand from their customers.

The OBA in conjunction with Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. has produced a new informative glossy leaflet entitled "What's all the buzz about?". It is being used to promote 100% Ontario honey and provide information on honey, bees, pollination and the nutritional value of honey. During the International Plowing Match in Northern Ontario held September 22 to 26, an OBA member staffed an exhibit in the education area, where visiting school children participated in different commodity group activities and presentations. On September the 17 I attended The BeeCause Art exhibition and auction in London, Ontario. Alison Van Alten from the Tech Transfer Team spoke and some of the proceeds will be going to support the Canadian Bee Research fund.

Along with their other work, the Tech Transfer Team has been busy scouting for mites and noseema this summer. They are just finishing the hygienic testing for the beekeepers of Ontario.



Dan Walker

They also spent part of the summer collecting honey samples from across the province for a nutritional study that the OBA has undertaken.

We continue to have a good working relationship with Heather Clark, sales representative for Dominion and Grimm. The OBA is pleased with the revenue from our partnership.

Olan Scott, from the Ontario Ministry of the environment, continues to keep an eye on the issue of Furadan and bee kill incidents. In the past this has been a problem with the spraying of sweet corn in southern Ontario.

Our annual meeting and convention will be held in Niagara Falls, at the Hilton Fallsview from Thursday, November 19 to Friday, November 20, 2009.

## Manitoba

Manitoba had a cool and wet spring forcing farmers to seed later in many regions. This had beekeepers optimistic that we would see an extended honey flow allowing late splits to catch up. The heat needed at the end of July and the beginning of August when 95% of the crops were in bloom never came. The lack of optimal bee forging weather brought devastating results for many producers.

Just when you thought

the harvest was over along came summer in September. Temperatures were in the high twenties to low thirties for most of the month. For many producers the late flow helped them break even or make a profit.

Honey production was very sporadic. For those few producers that had strong colonies and good weather they had an above average crop, as high as 250 lb. Most of the province had an average to very low crop of around 100 lb.

About four years ago we had a hot and late flow; producers were thrilled to receive the extra honey. The following spring many were devastated by very high winter mortality. I hope this isn't going to be a carbon copy of the past.

Members of the MBA board met with Hon. Minister Rosann Wowchuk, MAFRI on Tuesday 4 August at her office at the Legislative Buildings in Winnipeg. We began with a briefing of our industry and the significant adverse impact of Varroa. Both Minister Wowchuk and Assistant Deputy Minister Allan Preston sought to understand the issue of varroa mites as well as the winter loss factors. During this time we presented the results of the MBA survey and discussed what the province could do should a policy change occur. We discussed our request for production and winter loss coverage. It was agreed that the priority would be for production coverage if both could not

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be provided. MBA had an opportunity to apprise the minister of the foreign worker issue regarding the recruitment of Philippine workers. Discussion focused on the difference between SWAP (seasonal workers from Mexico/Caribbean) and the Temporary Foreign Worker (from Philippines, Nicaragua, etc.) programs. She noted the difference in driver's licence laws between MB (3 mo.) and SK (6 mo.) and offered to contact Minister Chomiak. She also offered to speak with Minister Allan to determine if there were other national factors impacting the actions of the Canadian Embassy in Manila

Beekeepers now have more tax-exempt items available for their use. MBA board meet with Gisele Kasdorf, Research Analyst, Taxation Division, Manitoba Department of Finance to discuss expanding and updating the list of tax-free items dedicated to honey processing. New items include refractometers, deboxers, and honey augers, please refer to the revised Information Bulletin No. 22 on the government web site at [www.manitoba.ca/finace/taxation](http://www.manitoba.ca/finace/taxation) for all revisions.

A tour organized by ProChile, Manitoba Trade and Investment and MAFRI brought a small delegation (i.e. 2 beekeepers) from the Patagonia area of Chile to visit MB's beekeeping industry. The 2 delegates were Mr. Sebastian Fritsch and Mr. Juan Carlos

Lopetegui. Together with Rhéal Lafrenière from MAFRI and Arturo Gardeweg, Manitoba Trade and Investment, the delegation visited a number of honey producers, and industry related businesses. The tour included a range of small to large commercial beekeeping



Bruce Podolsky

operations. This gave them a good opportunity to view queen rearing operations, equipment manufacturing, pollen processing, and commercial wax rendering. At the University of Manitoba they met Dr. R.W. Currie Professor of Entomology and found out more about the Manitoba Queen Breeding Project, honey bee diseases and the MAFRI extension program. The exchange of information was valuable and we look forward to potential trade with queen breeders in Chile.

### Saskatchewan

How's the crop this year? Yes, the inevitable question going into fall each year. With a late season many beekeeper are still extracting their crop heading into mid September in Saskatchewan as I write. What I can tell you is that there are some excellent honey crops (270+ lb) through parts of Saskatchewan. There are also some very dismal crops (130+ lb) across Saskatchewan. In the heavily (bee) populated NE region crops are 30 -60 lb below average. I anticipate that the overall average for the province will be below

normal. Beekeepers are reporting their experience with packages this past season as disappointing at best. They also report that in cases the newly available Chilean packages, which arrived short on feed, suffered from severe chalk brood and produced no crop with many perishing by fall. Many beekeepers that did a lot of splitting to rebuild numbers or expand their operation report a significant loss of crop yields. This is mostly attributed to the terribly cold and wet weather experienced. This year winter extended through spring, spring arrived in summer and finally summer is here now that it is fall. Our warmest day (and week) of the year actually came in mid September.

Honey sales have been slow in late summer as beekeepers focus on getting the crop in the drums, colonies medicated, fed and treated for mites. Honey was moving in late summer in the \$1.60 range but has recently jumped to the \$1.80 - \$1.85 range from one buyer. I suspect a waiting game between the packers and the producers has begun, each waiting for the other to blink first. Beekeepers will also need to keep an eye on the strong Canadian dollar, as indications of a rise to parity with the greenback will likely see downward pressure on honey prices.

The SBA's push to have more programs available for beekeepers is finally paying off. The government recently announced

that beekeepers will be covered under wildlife damage compensation through the Saskatchewan crop insurance program. Compensation will include lost honey, bees, equipment and production for any claims above \$150. This is great news for many producers as insurance companies have high deductibles and will pull bear compensation from the insurance package after multiple claims. The SBA is also awaiting the completion of a production crop insurance program and a death loss compensation program.

The SBA also applied for funding to develop a Technical Adaptation Team. However, there has been no word on funding approval. If approved, some of the early work of this team will



Corey Bacon

include developing best use methods for formic and oxalic acid in Saskatchewan environmental conditions and identify best management practices. This work will be of significant benefit to the industry. Some Saskatchewan producers that used formic and/or oxalic acid last fall had some of the highest losses in the province. There were also producers that used the same products/treatment methods that had extremely low losses. Often in these cases of high losses, the treatment and/or weather is blamed. Having a TA team could identify the problems - whether it is related to the treatment,

the timing, the management practices or a combination.

The SBA's AGM and Convention will again be held at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon from Wednesday December 2nd through Friday December 4th. For more information including speakers, visit the SBA website [www.saskatchewanbeekeepers.ca](http://www.saskatchewanbeekeepers.ca). Hope to see many of you at the joint CHC/ABF North American Conference and Trade Show in Orlando, Florida this coming January.

## Alberta

It has been a challenging year this far in Alberta. We have had some regions experiencing severe droughts, while other regions have had abundant rains and cannot get the sunshine needed for the bees to fly and produce a good crop. Then after August was almost over the sun came out giving some producers a late flow. It amazes me how after all the adversities we have been through there seems to be an average crop in Alberta. There were areas in the north that just did not get the conditions needed to produce honey and will be below average.

Honey prices are stable and seem to be strengthening a bit. It is nice to receive a decent price for a product that we have all worked so hard to produce. There have been some producers here taking advantage of these

prices and moving part of their crop. Now, if we could just get our dollar to drop 20 cents against the U.S. then we could really be happy.

The health of the colonies here in Alberta seems to have improved. A lot of beekeepers have seen their varroa mite loads decrease significantly with the use of Apivar. We are also pleased to see that Apivar has been approved until June 30 of 2010. This should relieve some pressure on mite controls for now. I have been hearing reports of higher nosema levels. At this time there is just speculation as to the cause of this infection. This spring it seemed to be the reason that some colonies would not build up and others dwindled away. Sometimes it seems that there is always a new problem on the horizon.

This fall in Alberta there is overwintering insurance available through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC). The Alberta Beekeepers Commission put some pressure on provincial government to respond to the increased losses of the last 3 years

and this was their solution. If a producer chooses to participate in this program they will have an adjuster inspect their colonies in the fall to determine eligible hives and then again in the spring to determine colony losses. The beekeeper can choose the level of coverage, but must take responsibility for the first 20% of the loss. The insurance program



Jerry Poelman

will give coverage starting at 20% up to 100%. A lot of producers don't plan on having that big of a wreck or I guess we cannot see it coming, so there probably won't be a lot of takers at this time. I hope I don't regret that choice.

## British Columbia

For most parts of B.C., the summer of 2009 has been hot, dry and smoky. The smoke is from the many forest fires we have burning. The Kootenay district got more rain the other areas this year, (four inches in July) which combined with lots of heat, gave them a record crop.

Most other areas got enough rain to keep flowers producing nectar so on the whole, B.C. beekeepers have a good honey crop.

The pattern of receiving warm weather late into the fall is continuing this year. Mid September I stripped my hives down to the two brood chambers they will over-winter in. However it was still 30C and I wonder if I am doing the right thing. The bees were still collecting a lot of pollen and not robbing which is very unusual for that time of year. Up until five years ago, our nectar flow usually finished around August 12.

Wasps are numerous across our province this year and have robbed out any weak hives.

For the most part, the

smoke from the many forest fires has had no ill effect on beehives. The biggest fear for beekeepers is that they may lose the hives themselves to fire but I have not heard of any such losses.

A lightning strike started a fire close to our community of Dog Creek near the end of August. So like a lot of B.C. residents this summer, we became familiar with fighting forest fires.

The fire had burnt about five acres before a big plane (bomber) arrived to drop fire retardant around the flames. These big bombers always work in concert with a smaller, faster scout plane called a Warbler. The two planes circle and circle the fire in opposite directions until they decide where to drop some retardant. Then the planes fly off and line up on their chosen flight path.



Ted Hancock

The Warbler comes zipping in first, and as it approaches the fire, the pilot turns on a siren (a warbling sort of sound) warning people on the ground that fire retardant is about to be dropped below their flight path. The bomber follows and makes his drop. The bomber has a computer that can control the amount of fire retardant released on each drop. Each bomber can make up to six drops with one load of retardant.

I guess I've gotten off topic. I should be talking more about the dangers of importing bees. Maybe next time.

# BeeMaid Honey Report

The best way to describe the summer of 2009 is cool, wet, hot and dry. Depending on whom you speak to, the outlook can be quite varied depending on the region. Generally speaking the prairies have been abnormally cool and wet but some areas have been quite warm, especially closer to the West coast. Overall the honey crop will be late this year and beekeepers are hoping they don't get an early frost.



Gordon Marks

We are very happy to report that in August a milestone was reached at Bee Maid. Bernie Rousseau, our Regional Sales Manager in Spruce Grove, Alberta celebrated his

40'th anniversary with Bee Maid Honey and Alberta Honey Producers. Bernie first started in the Bee Supply department at Alberta Honey in 1969 and even kept bees for a few years. Bernie is the consummate salesman and from Bee Supplies moved into honey sales for Bee Maid. Bernie loves to sell and he loves to talk. His favorite place is either at a food show in some far off land extolling the quality of Bee Maid Canadian honey or in a buyer's office explaining the fascinating story of bees. Over the years Bernie has been successful in introducing Bee Maid Honey to many new markets. Bernie was the one responsible for introducing Bee Maid Honey to the Chinese market and more recently to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

We are sure the entire beekeeping industry in Canada joins us in saying, "Congratulations and thank you Bernie for these 40 great years".

## Save Our Bees

Canadian Honey Council, Calgary AB

Honey bees are important pollinators of agricultural food crops and vital to our food supply. In Canada it is estimated that the value of honey bees to agriculture is \$1.3 billion. All pollinators including honey bees in particular have suffered serious losses that are unsustainable. We need the public's help to save our pollinators.

The CHC has initiated a "Save Our Bees" campaign to advance hive health information and create public awareness of pollinators. The project will raise funds to provide a forum for

- education and public awareness of pollinators
- better methods of beekeeping,
- bee breeding,
- promotion of good production practices,
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# Apimondia Conference

Heather Clay, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Honey Council, Calgary, AB

The 41st Apimondia world conference, recently held in Montpellier France, was a resounding success. The city of Montpellier was decked out with flags welcoming



Exhibit tents open to the public lined the Esplanade leading to conference site

and hundreds more arrived for one or more days of the conference. There were over 200 exhibitors at the trade show but the most interesting departure from the normal convention was an avenue of outdoor exhibits, lining the path to Le Corum, the site of the conference. The public was encouraged to view observation hives, taste honey and purchase items from a stunning variety of local products. Children were entertained with costumed performers on stilts, videos, games and outdoor learning activities. Thanks to the hard work of the French Beekeepers Association (UNAF) and conference organizers, honey bees were the talk of the city in the cafes, bars, shops and on television.

The theme of the conference was “The Bee, The Sentinel of the Environment” and this topic dominated the presentations in each of the commissions on biology, bee health, pollination, technology, economy, apitherapy and rural development. Canadian beekeepers can take comfort

participants from around the world and many stores in the Polygone shopping centre had window displays with a bee theme. Over 3,000 attendees registered in advance of the meeting

that they are not alone in experiencing high losses of honey bee colonies, Countries in the European Union are also reporting high colony losses. Although there was no single cause identified, erratic weather, viruses and mites topped the list.



Giant poster of varroa mite in outdoor photo exhibition

Many presenters emphasized good management practices including monitoring colonies, bee breeding for varroa tolerance and a reduction in the use of miticides. Pesticides received considerable attention as there is concern about the potential problem of toxic residues from seed treatments. Petitions for banning pesticides were available and T-shirts promoting “No Pesticides” were on sale to promote the cause. Some speakers presented good information on managing honey bees and varroa mites using no treatments at all. Anicet Desrochers from Quebec presented the results of his successful method of breeding survivor bees using



Children eagerly listened to presentation on bees and honey at the outdoor learning centre



# APImondia <sup>41<sup>st</sup></sup> congress 2009

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organic techniques. He later won several prizes for his fine organic honey. Dr. John Kefuss an American geneticist who keeps bees at Toulouse Farm, Le Born, France uses the Bond method (Live and Let Die) and provided further



Thousands of delegates filled Le Corum conference centre

proof that you can select for resistance. He offers one cent for every mite found in his colonies and so far Dr Ralph Buehler (who also breeds resistant stock) has the record at 16 mites.

Veterinarians generally have little knowledge of honey bees. A presentation by Dr Monique L'Hostis explained how France now has a four week Apiculture Diploma for vets. It includes management of apiaries, honey bee pathology, working with commercial beekeeper and a week of report writing. Veterinarians held their own round table at the conference and seven countries including Canada have agreed to continue communicating on apiculture issues, through a blog site at [www.apivet.eu](http://www.apivet.eu)



A robot style extractor by Miodarki of Poland received a lot of attention

Beekeeping for Rural Development is an important part of the world apiculture scene and there were many presenters on the topic. Dr. Gard Otis, from University of Guelph spoke about teaching beekeeping in Vietnam using participatory

methods (learning by doing) instead of the old classroom style. *Apis cerana* is the bee of choice and 90% of the beekeepers who participated in the program have increased their income by an average of \$88.28 US after one year. Women made as much as men (average \$82.00) and the proceeds help improve their standard of living including helping to



Brian Sherriff (left) looking at Apimaye thermo hive from Turkey

educate their children. The spread of the European honey bee in developing countries appears to be displacing some native bee populations. Concern was expressed that "Melliferization" is becoming widespread and serious. *A.mellifera* brings many diseases and viruses to native bees that may have no immunity. Conservation of species such



Exhibits of honey bee products attracted public interest



Observation hive attracted attention from passers by in the street.

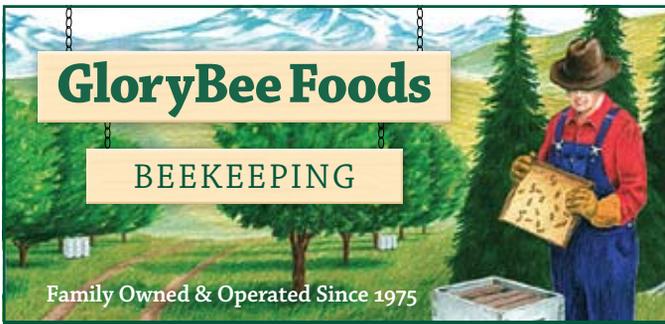
as *A. sabariensis* and *A. ligustica* has been suggested to help maintain biodiversity and provide a wider gene pool for characteristics that may prove to be beneficial traits in managing varroa mites.

There has been a change of leadership in Apimondia. Asger Jørgensen who was elected President when Apimondia was held in Vancouver in 1999 made an

emotional farewell speech. In closing he asked Gilles Ratia, the incoming President to "please look after my Apimondia, because it is precious". The large multi national crowd applauded loudly. Clearly, the diversity of the organization is testimony to the international acclaim of the organization. The next congress will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2011 and a joyful Ukrainian delegation won the bid to hold Apimondia in 2013.



Tetyana Vasylykivska and her Ukrainian team won the bid to host Apimondia 2013.



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# "Day of the Honey Bee"

**Update** Clinton Shane Ekdahl, Saskatoon, SK  
**We are making Canadian History!!!**

Greetings. It has been a while since I began this campaign to declare May 29th 2010 the Day of the Honey Bee" and there is much to tell you at this point.

First off - there are now over 32 Municipal Governments in Canada that have issued Proclamations in favor that May 29, 2010 be acknowledged as "Day of the Honey Bee." The Municipal Governments that I have confirmed; are from six provinces across Canada:

- British Columbia  
Port Alberni, Duncan, Victoria, Ashcroft and Cranbrook (I was born here)
- Alberta  
Falher, Manning, Peace River, MD of Northern Lights No 22, MD of Smokey River No 130, Sedgewick and Vermilion
- Saskatchewan  
Kinistino, Melfort, Saskatoon (I live here), Regina, Tisdale, Assiniboia, Prince Albert (I go to school here), Battleford,

Biggar, Asquith  
Manitoba Ethelbert  
Ontario East Gwilimbury, Kingston, Milton, Stratford  
Quebec  
Saint Pierre de Lamy, and Municipalite de la Reine  
(More Proclamations are "In the Mail")

No one has ever attempted a venture such as this – recognition for one cause from so many governments.

It should also be said that M-437 is a motion in the House of Commons requesting that May 29, 2010 be recognized as National Day of the Honey Bee!!!! This is most excellent news and one of my original goals.

At this point I would like to thank everyone for continued support. If you know anyone on Facebook who is concerned about the environment, agriculture, honey bees or lives in / around the Municipal Governments mentioned above – Please invite them to join the "Day of the Honey Bee" group. This mission has been successful so far only because of people just like you that spoke up and shared information with your friends and family!! This is precisely how we can continue to make Canadian and World History.

# BeeCause – We believe in honeybees and artists

Liisa Sheldrick, Honey Design, ON

On September 17, 2009 Honey Design hosted the BeeCause art

submissions from 70 Canadian artists coast to coast.

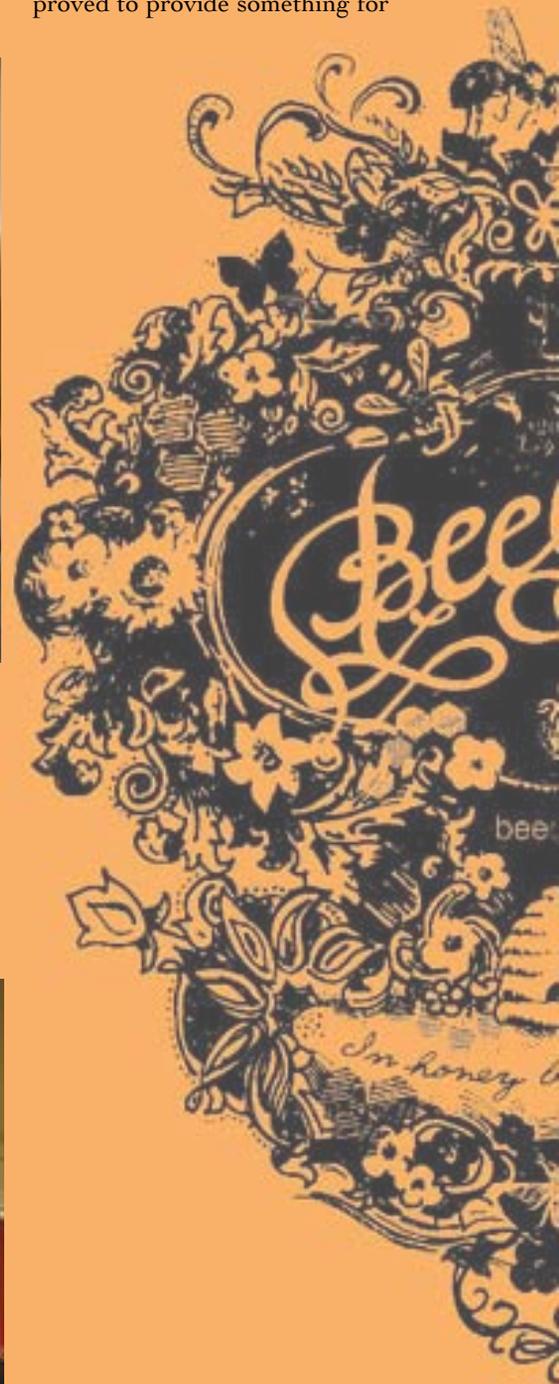
to quilting, glass- and wood-work and sculpture. The artists range in experience from a Governor General's Award winner (Aganetha Dyck), to a father-daughter team (Jeffery & Jada Leal Neil). The unique collection proved to provide something for



Robin Honey, president Honey Design, addresses the auction crowd

exhibition and auction, a fundraising event in support of the Canadian Bee Research Foundation, and the evening's venue, The Arts Project, in London, Ontario. The auction featured 20 works selected by the BeeCause jury, from over 140

The artwork was submitted to the BeeCause website, [www.beecause.ca](http://www.beecause.ca) and the 20 pieces were reviewed by the jury and selected for inclusion in the auction based on the uploaded image. The works range from a variety of photography and illustration

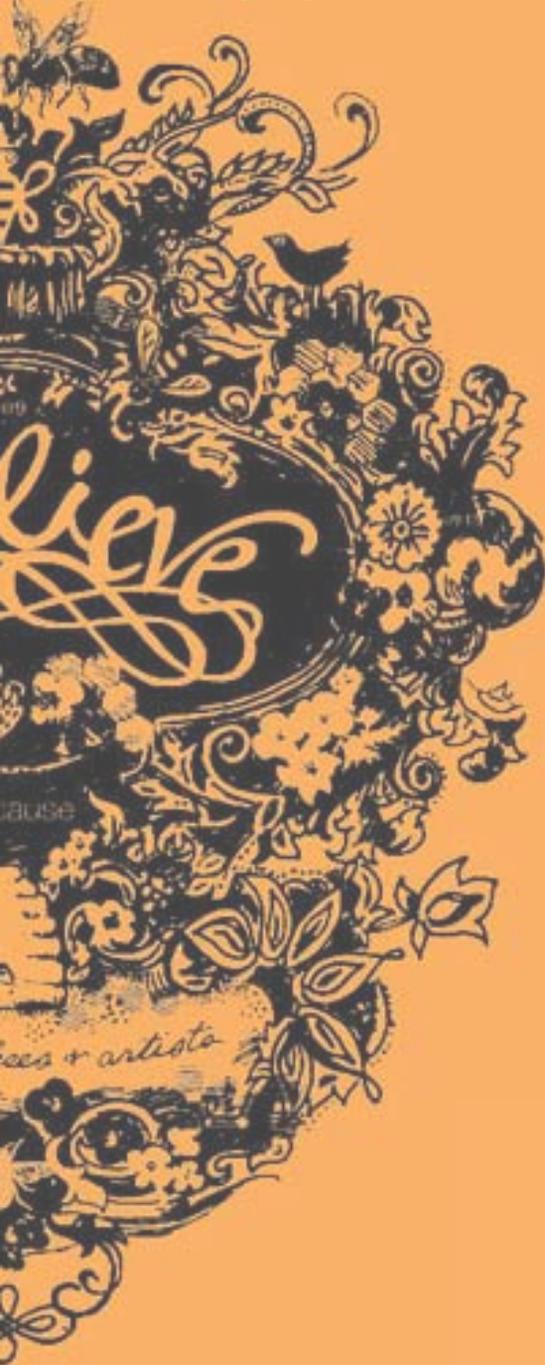


The BeeCause crowd, all a-buzz for the auction

everyone when the bidding began at the event's silent and live auction.

The call for submissions only required that the work be inspired by honey – and the theme proved to be as rich as the sweet nectar with which the bees

pollinate. From honey bees in many forms, to encaustics and honeycombs, the artwork incorporated a variety of interpretations on the theme, sometimes several in a single piece. The event itself was also intricately themed with grass-patterned



tablecloths, floral arrangements, and a tasty selection of honey-infused appetizers. Particular crowd-pleasers were the honey inspired cocktail, the Bee-tini, and the intricately designed Bee-shirts.



Master of Ceremony and Auctioneer Bill Brady and volunteer



Master of Ceremony and Auctioneer, Bill Brady (centre), has a winner, with Bruce Johnston (right), The Arts Project and volunteer



The Excited BeeCause crowd, waiting for the auction

The night kicked off at 7 pm and The Arts Project was all a buzz as guests registered for the auction and took a tour of the selected works. Choosing their favourites for bidding, and competing in the silent auction, guests mingled and mixed in a hive of activity. The group was addressed and welcomed by Bruce Johnston, president of The Arts Project; Alison Van Alten, Tech-Transfer Specialist at the Ontario Beekeepers' Association; and Robin Honey, president of Honey Design Marketing and Communications. Each provided insight and explanation for the importance of the evening's fundraising causes and motivated the crowd for spirited bidding. The live auction was great success with every piece sold.

When Honey Design first decided to celebrate the company's 20th anniversary, the idea of doing more than throw a party was immediately the focus. Artists and Honey bees have more in common than one might

think. Both contribute in subtle and more apparent ways to the beauty and richness of our environment. Both share a mysterious language, innate to them and sometimes indescribable to on-lookers. And unfortunately, both do not always receive the recognition and support they so often deserve. By dividing the proceeds evening between the Canadian Bee Research Fund

and The Arts Project, Honey Design was able to support two worthy and important groups.

BeeCause raised about \$5,000 for the Canadian Bee Research Fund, and the Bee-Shirts are still available (proceeds to both the Canadian Bee Research Fund and The Arts Project) online at [www.because.ca](http://www.because.ca).



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# Farmers' markets in Canada are a growing business

Geoff Todd, Canadian Honey Council, Calgary AB

IN 2009 OVER 3 BILLION dollars in sales will be generated throughout Canada at Farmers' markets.

Customers looking for "home grown" and organic foods have created a demand for fresh farm products and value added goods at farmers' markets. These food conscious consumers have contributed to increased sales that are predicted to exceed 3 billion dollars in 2009. Many traditional farmers markets have grown to accommodate the increased pressure for fresh wholesome food straight from the farm.

Products sold are usually fruit, vegetables, meats, baked goods, jams and honey with some selling wine (Alberta, Nova Scotia New Brunswick and Quebec). Other items are also available such as locally made crafts and jewellery. There are often local musicians for entertainment and food concessions to make it a fun family outing.

Over 50% of farmers' markets are outdoor markets, with some indoor and some both outdoor and indoor.

## Did you know?

Over twenty eight million shoppers visited Canadian Farmers' markets in 2008.

Most customers spend on average \$30 to \$50 per visit.

83% of shoppers were born in Canada.

75% of shoppers are regulars.

Farmers' Markets are the #2 source for groceries for 62% of shoppers.

97% of market visitors are there to buy.

Fresh, in-season products and locally produced products top the list of what shoppers want.

*Information from Farmers' Markets Canada*

Most are open from May to October and some year round. They are usually held on weekends but can

isn't bothered by inclement weather. Wink is the only honey seller in Yorkton and has many regular customers. The Regina market was originally held inside a large building which housed almost 100 vendors. The market moved because the owner of the building imposed huge



Calgary's Farmers' Market with a full parking lot. Notice the outside vendors and their colourful tents

stretch from Thursday to Sunday. With the increase in farmers' markets, job creation has also increased with stall owners requiring both full and part time employees to help sell their produce.

rental increases and parking fees for customers on a day that they could park anywhere in the city at no charge. Since moving out of doors, the market has declined. Wink estimates he sells

Wink Howland is a member of the Regina Market and the Yorkton Market and has sold honey at both markets for 31 years. He says "The reason people come to the market is so they can deal directly with producers and so that they can get the freshest locally grown and produced items".



Golden Lane Honey's fine display of Honey, Bee Wax Candles, Bee Pollen, Royal Jelly and Propolis.

The Yorkton market has grown substantially and sales have increased. It is held inside a mall and therefore

only 25% of the volume of honey at the Regina Market now, than he did 30 years ago. There are two other vendors at the market in Regina. One

vendor specializes in creams and lotions. Another offers candles and pollen. Wink primarily sells honey and beeswax. He commented that



Honey for sale at an Ontario outdoor market.

“Advertising increases traffic, but in Regina, the location would still create problems.” The city of Regina is currently trying to increase the number of spaces available to the market and has recently provided power for those requiring it. Allowing for more vendors at the market should see an increase, but the weather and inadequate parking will always be a factor.

“We do not carry special insurance for the market. The markets themselves carry liability insurance to protect their customers and their vendors.”

Wink says that “the farmers’ Market is a good market for the beekeeping hobbyist” but adds that “hobbyists do not have enough product to attend all of the markets. In order for the markets to do well, they have to have vendors who can produce enough products to attend all or most of the available markets. That is how you build your clientele”.

“The Saskatchewan markets are incorporated as non-profit associations and most of them have very similar bylaws. Most of those bylaws require that the vendor be located in the province; that the vendors make, bake, or grow their product; and that they do not dump product. Each market sets its own table rates and other costs. In Regina, we pay \$1.50 per lineal foot of selling space, plus an annual dues fee of \$15.00 and a flat rate of \$40.00 which goes to advertising”.

Bakers must identify themselves on the labels and must show a complete listing of ingredients. Before food items can be sold at the market, prior approval must be received from the Health Department. Once that approval is received, the Market Manager is expected to monitor for compliance. Rules are quite strict regarding frozen items.

Brent Lane who comes from a beekeeping family in Manitoba and heads up sales and marketing for Golden Lane Foods in Calgary has had a very successful stall at the Calgary Farmers’ market. He sells honey, bees wax candles, bee pollen, royal jelly and propolis. Golden Lane Foods sales of honey and bee related items have increased by over 300% since he started at the Calgary Farmers’ market in 2004. Golden

Lane Honey and bee-related products are produced in Alberta and Manitoba. Brent has three employees working for him at the market. Brent agrees with Wink that “the farmers’ market is a great outlet for urban & hobby beekeepers to sell the products of their beekeeping”. He recommends that “when applying to the market for a stall or booth, list as many products that you have plus some you may be developing. Markets can be tough on allowing new products not listed on

your original application”.

The number of farmers’ markets is on the increase and new efforts to promote these “new markets” are underway by Farmers’ Market Canada (FMC), a service from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Their mission is to promote farmers’ markets and develop national initiatives and partnerships to further the viability, growth and prosperity of the Canadian farmers’ market industry. The FMC will work with provincial and territorial farmers’ markets organizations to foster the



A fine selection of jams and honey at the Calgary Farmers’ market

development of farmers’ markets, encourage information sharing and networking and recommend legislation, regulations, strategies, policies, programs and standards for farmers’ markets. FMC is working on insurance programs for the markets, but most markets have their own rules and regulations in regards to insurance along with Provincial regulations in regards to certain food products. For more information visit [www.farmersmarketscanada.ca](http://www.farmersmarketscanada.ca)

***For information on local markets contact the Provincial Associations who all have their own web sites.***

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# John Gruszka Retires

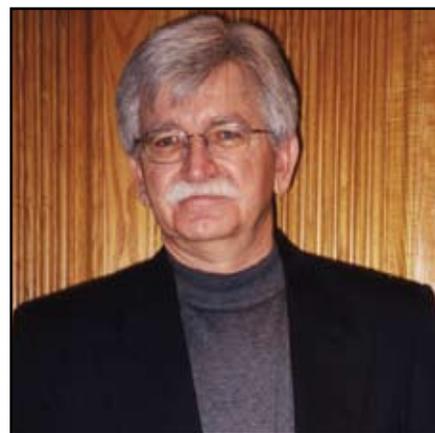
Heather Clay, CEO Canadian Honey Council, Calgary AB

After more than 30 years as Provincial Apiculturist for Saskatchewan, John Gruszka has decided to retire. Over the years John has maintained a high level of professionalism and dedication that earned him the CHC's Fred Rathje award in 2000 for his contribution to the Canadian Beekeeping industry. He is a legend in the industry for supporting Saskatchewan's policy of healthy bees and has been fundamental player in negotiating moves towards better breeding and less reliance on imports. His support for superior honey bee stocks has provided encouragement for Saskatchewan beekeepers to engage in breeding Russian bees and the successful SBA Saskatraz project.

As chair of the CAPA chemicals committee and living in a province dominated by GM crop production he stayed informed on agricultural science and the effects that new mite

treatments, seed treatments and GM crops may have on our industry. Using good science and reasoned thinking he has remained calm in the storm of controversy and continues to deflect criticism from those less informed. He cares passionately about what he does and he has successfully encouraged the provincial association to follow through on forming a commission to raise money for research and marketing.

John has selflessly taken beekeeping to third world beekeepers. As a dedicated CUSO volunteer in the 1970's he spent time in Tanzania teaching beekeeping to eager learners. His daughter was born in Moshi on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. After his CUSO adventure he returned to Saskatchewan to take the position of Provincial Apiculturist. His heart lies in helping others and he visited Nepal to teach beekeeping for a short term.



Now that he is heading to Mexico for retirement, we are betting there will be sessions held on upturned supers with young Mexican kids gaining from his incredible experience.

The CHC thanks John for his lifetime of devotion to the industry. The Saskatchewan Beekeepers Association will honour John at their meeting 2-4 December in Saskatoon, after which he will hand over the reins to Geoff Wilson, the incoming provincial apiculturist.

## Reflections on Moving On

Wink Howland, Past President CHC, Howland's Honey, Yorkton, SK.

As, I'm sure, all of you know, John Gruszka is retiring. In the 30 plus years that he has served as the Provincial Apiculturist for Saskatchewan, John has carved a good reputation for himself, as a leading spokesperson and advocate for our industry. John is about the last of Canada's long serving apiculturists to retire and I wonder sometimes, if those replacing them will be able to lead our struggling industry into the future, with the same strengths as we've benefited from in the past. It will certainly be a challenge.

Many of our beekeepers will also be retiring in the coming years. However, retiring in our industry is not quite as easy as it will be for John or for other employed individuals. Beekeeping is a very specialized art and not an art that large numbers are interested in pursuing. So what do you do at the end of a long career, with a valuable business that you've spent a lifetime building? Some are lucky, as I have been, and have children who are willing and able, to assume ownership of the operation. Whether they fully realize it or not, most of those kids will be getting a sweetheart of a deal, as few parents will be looking to get full value from their kids, for those assets they are passing

on. Most of those parents will just be glad that their kids will be carrying on.

But what do you do if you don't have kids who want to be beekeepers and you don't have employees who have the desire or the capital to make an offer on your operation? In most cases, I guess, you have an auction. Fortunately, I won't be having one, but I know that if I was one of those long term beekeepers who was forced to have an auction so he could retire, it would be a really tough thing to watch. Our business is so labour intensive and demands so much of us, that I expect it would be really traumatic to see it going to the highest bidder. That's our labour and our sweat going into that truck. Will my good bees get the attention they need so that they can remain good bees? Will you, the buyer, develop the same strong feelings for my operation, that I have?

Retirement signifies many different things as well. For some, the idea of a time without demands, is very appealing. However, for most of us, I think retirement is somewhat frightening. What will we do with our time? Will we still be involved with our industry friends? Will our life become dull and repetitious? Will we be the next set of all day mall coffee drinkers, or the daily habitués of the various

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provincial casinos? It is certainly possible, as we have all observed the seniors who have gone those routes.

At 67 I find I think quite a bit about these things. I've been busy all my life and I have been fortunate enough to have stayed healthy and to have been able to choose to do just what I wanted to do. I'm now drawing back from my honey operation and attempting to reduce my involvement so that my kids can develop a sense of ownership. They need to make and correct their own mistakes and to feel that it is their operation. I need to keep that fact in mind, and by keeping it in mind, to become much more of an observer and much less of a participant. It might not be easy!

So I would like to say to John, and to all of my fellow aging beekeepers who have retired or will retire in the next few years, that I wish you all of the very best for your years of retirement. I hope you find a lifestyle that is fulfilling, challenging, and rewarding, and one that will make your elder years every bit as enjoyable as your working years were. I hope you find that these later years become the best years of your life, and most of all, I wish that you stay healthy. Your health is everything and good health makes everything else possible.

I won't see you in Orlando this year. My kids will be there and I will be babysitting. I babysat when I was 12. Is this my next career?



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# New Research Network To Shed Light On Pollinator Decline

Peter Kevan, Scientific Director CANPOLIN, Guelph, ON

Research on insect pollinators is getting a major boost in support thanks to a newly funded NSERC Strategic Network. The Canadian

Pollinators: This thematic area focuses on both managed and wild pollinators. The health and efficiency of managed bees (especially honeybees, bumble



Improving the health and disease resistance of *Apis mellifera* is a major focus of NSERC-CANPOLIN's research activities (photo by M. Horn)

Pollination Initiative (NSERC-CANPOLIN) is a five-year, \$5 million research network that is already investigating the complex issue of pollinator decline. The Canadian Honey Council and Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists have been heavily involved in planning NSERC-CANPOLIN since the idea for a research network was first born. The project's emphasis on beekeeping issues continues to draw growing interest from beekeepers across Canada and agribusiness in general.

Led by Peter Kevan at the University of Guelph, NSERC-CANPOLIN consists of over 45 researchers at universities and government agencies across the country. Research activities fall under four broad themes: Pollinators, Plants, Ecosystems, and Prediction and Economics.

bees and alfalfa leafcutting bees) will be investigated, with the goal of developing new technologies and management strategies for the suite of diseases now impacting these pollinators. Current projects include: 1) a national survey of honeybee pathogen and parasites; 2) a breeding program for honeybee resistance to American Foulbrood Disease; 3) increasing honeybee immunity to Nosema; 4) testing microencapsulated medicaments in

pollen substitutes for disease control; 5) developing and testing hive dispensers to deploy biocontrol agents and dusts against honeybee pests, and 6) reducing the impacts of pesticides on honeybees and other pollinators. Over the next five years, NSERC-CANPOLIN will provide about \$400,000 in research funding directly to apiculture; with collaborations and contributions from organizations and institutions across Canada it is expected that that amount of research funding will be doubled. This represents a huge boost for apicultural research!

The potential of alternative species as commercial pollinators will also be explored for specific crops. On the wild pollinator side, research will focus on the diversity, taxonomy, conservation and bionomics of native species. (Theme Leader: Laurence Packer, York University, working with Rob Currie, University of Manitoba and Ernesto Guzman, University of Guelph on issues of honeybee health)

Plants: This theme is set to address the lack of data on the sexual reproductive systems of wild Canadian flora and their pollination needs, as well as new and old crops. Such



NSERC-CANPOLIN will also explore how to maximize the effectiveness of crop pollinators (photo by S. Bates)

data are needed to determine role of pollinators in ecosystem functioning and sustainability, and to identify

which plants and associated guilds are most at risk from declining pollinators. Additional studies on gene flow will shed light on pollen movement and its role in hybridization and the spread of invasive plants, as well as which conservation and crop pollination strategies are most effective. The importance of honeybees in crop production will be tackled with special focus groups (“hit teams”) to address pollination/production issues. An example is the potential shortage of pollinators for hybrid canola seed production as acreage increases. The narrow window of time for canola pollination poses problems for beekeepers whose bees service this crop: how can the apiary operation be sustained after canola has stopped blooming? Already, some farmer organizations are contributing to NSERC-CANPOLIN, especially in the area of crop pollination and honeybee health. Another group of researchers in this theme will study pollen production and dispersal in wind pollinated plants, a major component of most Canadian ecosystems. (Theme Leaders: Dan Schoen, McGill University, and Kermit Ritland, UBC)

**Ecosystems:** The Ecosystems theme combines the floral and faunistic studies in an ecological context. Researchers will examine a range of factors affecting plant and pollinator diversity across Canadian ecozones, including habitat loss, fragmentation, competition for pollinators with non-native plants, agricultural and forestry practices, and climate change, and the interactions between these factors. Sampling activities will take place in all major ecozones across the country, in keeping with the national scope of the Network’s mandate. The Network will also tackle wider comparisons of ecotones and mixed habitats, such as those dominated by agricultural and urban environments. (Theme Leaders: Elizabeth Elle, SFU, and Jana Vamosi, University of Calgary)

**Prediction and Economics:** A major goal of the NSERC-CANPOLIN is to predict future management needs

regarding the ecological and economic aspects of pollination, particularly as it relates to the effects of climate change and land use change. In this “social impacts” thrust of the Network, state of the art modeling techniques will provide estimates of how ranges and abundance of pollinator species are expected to change over the coming decades, while macroeconomic analyses will highlight the potential economic impacts and provide critical linkages to policy making. The economic emphasis, already initiated, will first be on the honeybee industry and the issues of the value of apiculture to food production in Canada. (Theme Leaders: Jeremy Kerr, University of Ottawa, and Alfons Weersink, University of Guelph).

all types of pollinator habitat, and the economic and environmental aspects of pollination. This integrated, broad-spectrum approach will be key to addressing the full scope of the pollination problem in Canada.

NSERC-CANPOLIN is seeking partners to help the Network achieve its ambitious research goals. Activities surrounding honeybee health are currently funded for \$410,000 over the next five years. NSERC-CANPOLIN is already receiving positive feedback that points to additional partnerships or collaborations that will help further specific projects. The Canadian Honey Council and the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturalists are already firmly on site as partners and advisors. Through CHC and CAPA, NSERC-



A University of Manitoba researcher measures formic acid concentrations in colonies treated for Varroa mites (photo by R. Currie)

One of the most unique and valuable aspects of NSERC-CANPOLIN is that it transcends many of the cross-disciplinary barriers that have traditionally hampered pollination research. Entomologists, apiculturalists, plant biologists, ecologists, genomicists, modellers and economists will work together to study all major groups of pollinators, the pollination of all groups of plants,

CANPOLIN will be reporting to the beekeeping industry in Canada about practical research activities from across the country.

For more information, visit [www.uoguelph.ca/canpolin](http://www.uoguelph.ca/canpolin) or contact Peter Kevan, Scientific Director, (519) 824-4120 X 52479.

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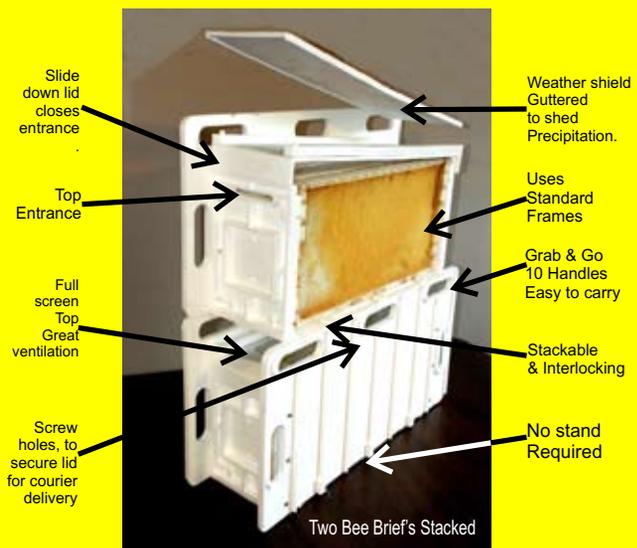
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