



EUROPEAN CONGRESS BEEKEEPING

Agen Exhibition Centre, October
1st to 4th, 2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Bee health: the fight against Tropilaelaps

In partnership with FNOSAD-LSA

*Maggie Gill, PHIRA-Science, Entomologist and Beekeeper**Roderick Wheatley, Translator and Moderator, Treasurer of BeeLife, Breeder and breeder of black bees in the Pays d'Auge, Calvados, Treasurer of UNAF*

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Apicité and ASE: Promoting virtuous local communities and businesses in terms of bee conservation and biodiversity*Stéphane Château, Environment and Living Conditions Department of Boé**Cathy Géa, President of Hygie Sport**Jean-Michel Lafuente, Mayor of Boé**Xavier Loiseau, Municipal Councillor for Sustainable Development and Soft Mobility at the Town Hall of Villeneuve-sur-Lot**Philippe Maurin, Vice-President of the Agen Agglomeration in charge of the Environment**Moderator: Gabriel Péna, Head of the APicité label, UNAF*

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Trade union issues: representatives of French and European beekeeping organizations*Christian Pons, President of UNAF**Yves Delaunay, Vice-President of UNAF**Frank Aletru, President of the National Beekeeping Union**Jean-Luc Hascoët, FFAP, administrator of UNAF**Pedro Loscertales, Head of the beekeeping branch of COAG (Confederation of Farmers' and Livestock Breeders' Organizations), Spain*

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Results of the National Winter Mortality Survey (ENMHA) 2025-2026*Carole Forfait and Laura Godard, Epidemiologists, ESA platform*

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French Royal Jelly: Structuring and defending a French beekeeping sector*Anaïs Rilcy, Communication and Quality Coordinator at GPGR*

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Water resource conservation in honeybees

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Pierre Le Bivic, Research Engineer in Apiculture

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Pesticides, bees, environment*Jean-Marc Bonmatin, Research chemist and toxicologist at the CNRS**Dr. Michel Campano, General Practitioner and Co-President of AMLP (Medical Alert on Pesticides and Endocrine Disruptors)**Julien Capdeville, Elected Member of the Lot-et-Garonne Chamber of Agriculture**Bernard Fau, Attorney at Law, Former Member of the National Bar Council, President of the Texts Committee**Noa Simon-Delso, Scientific Director and Project Manager at Beelife**Moderator: Henri Clément, Spokesperson for UNAF*

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Apistoria Film Club Screening: "The City of Bees"*Michel Laporte, Treasurer Apistoria, volunteer Cooperative of Honey Producers of Puy-de-Dôme; Hornet referent GDSA63; beekeeper in Puy-de-Dôme.**Christophe Perrier, Apistoria Member, Emergency Physician*

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Microplastics

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Etienne Bruneau, Vice-President of Bee Life

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Bee health: Clinical cases*Dr. Karine Saget, Veterinarian in Aveyron and OMAA representative*

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

French and global honey market: the fight against adulteration*Thomas Decombard, President APIDIS**Norberto Luis Garcia, Universidad Nacional del Sur, Argentina**Pedro Loscertales, Head of the beekeeping branch of COAG (Confederation of Organizations farmers and livestock breeders), Spain**Christian Pons, President of UNAF**Moderator: Etienne Bruneau, Vice-President of Bee Life*

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Bee biology: Do bees have a knack for math?*Aurore Abaguès-Weber, CNRS Research Director in cognitive ethology at the Research Center on Animal Cognition at Paul Sabatier University of Toulouse*

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From flowers to decisions: structuring action for biodiversity*Fabien Kouachi, Director of Partnerships, French Apiculture Observatory (OFA)*

10:00 - 10:45

The different types of beehives used in Africa*Alain Chevalier, President of Apiflordev**Florent Huard, Professional Organic Beekeeper specializing in Kenyan hives*

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The low-energy beehive*Damien Merit, professional beekeeper, trainer, speaker and founder of BeevolutionX*

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European beekeeping: new CAP, support measures*Stanislas Jas, Copa-Cogeca**Andréa Rossi, Pollinator Project Manager, European Commission**Eric Sargiacomo, Member of the European Parliament**Noa Simon-Delso, Scientific Director and Project Manager at Beelife**Moderator: Etienne Bruneau, Vice-President of Bee Life*

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Creating beekeeping income for Lebanese women*Paul Bonnaffé, Professional Beekeeper in Vaucluse**Francine Vanlerberghe, Project leader, Beekeeper*

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Control of winter mortality: methods and results*Dr. Gilles Grosmond, veterinarian, trainer*

12:00 - 12:45

To create, to promote and to inspire: a life dedicated to the beehive*Anne-Virginie Schmidt, Entrepreneur, author, co-founder of Anicet's Honeys*

12:45 PM - 1:30 PM

Varroa treatment in Switzerland*Francis Saucy, President of the Romand Beekeeping Society*

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

What if volunteers could build a real center dedicated to bees?*Loïc Leray, President of CETA44, Honorary Member of UNAF*

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Behavioral resistance of Varroa destructor to acaricides*Théa Missud, Doctoral student in ethology, APINOV and CEBC-CNRS, La Rochelle University*

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breeding selection

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*Ermanno De Chino, Beekeeper-breeder in Sicily**Julie Laur, Beekeeper-Breeder of Carniolan queens in Ariège, GAEC de la Chouette**Presenter: Paul Fert, professional beekeeper in Béarn, President of the Beekeeping Union of Pyrénées-Atlantiques*

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Innovations in beekeeping*Jacques Kemp, Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of UNAF, Beekeeper in the Yvelines**Moderator: Jean-Marie Sirvins, Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of UNAF, Beekeeper in the Puy-de-Dôme*

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The use of scales in beekeeping*Christian Lubat, President and co-founder of BeeGuard*

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Community beekeeping and forest protection in the plateau region of Togo*Philippe Kindts, professional organic beekeeper in the Gers region**Jean-Pierre Vincent, Vice-President of APIFLORDEV*

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**Combating varroa mites:
results of drug efficacy monitoring**

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*Florentine Giraud, Veterinarian and Project Manager at FNOSAD-LSA**Mickaël Throude, Molecular Biology Researcher*

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Apitherapy

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*Marion Duris, Physiotherapist,**Philippe Garcia, Veterinarian,**Florent Rouvier, Research Engineer, French Apiculture Observatory**Moderator: Caroline Granziera, UNA Administrator, Beekeeper, Naturopath*

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Nutrition: the colony's first line of defense in terms of health*Abderrahim Hammad, Technical Manager at Véto-pharma, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine*

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Electronic invoicing: What this means in practice for beekeepers*Jean-Marc Romilly, Chartered Accountant and Auditor*

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Conference "When beekeepers built for their bees"*Bernadette Laporte, President of Apistoria**Nataly Perrier, Co-President of Apistoria*

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Are Bees Conscious? Attention and Fear in the Insect Brain. Catherine Macri, PhD in Neuroethology, IBPS-NeuroSU, Sorbonne University

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Agroforestry: agriculture that respects the tree, to produce more... and pollinate the land. Fabien Balaguer, Executive Director, French*Agroforestry Association*

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

The development and large-scale field validation of APIX POLLEN, the first nutritionally complete pollen substitute for honeybees*Thierry Bogaert, CTO and Chairman of APIX*

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Pollination Paul

Bonnaffé, Professional Beekeeper in Vaucluse Fani Hatjina, Honeybee Health Expert – Research Director at the ELGO Institute of Animal Sciences “DIMITRA”, President of the Apimondia Scientific Commission “Bee Health” and of the Board of Directors of the International Bee Research Association (IBRA)

Fabrice Requier, CNRS-IRD Research Director - Paris-Saclay University; Bertrand Schatz, CNRS-CID 52 Research Director - University of Montpellier; Moderator: Henri Clément, Spokesperson for UNAF

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Techniques for combating the Asian hornet

Xavier Dumont, Beekeeper in Haute-Garonne Xesus Feas, Spanish researcher and veterinarian, AVESPA Jacques Kemp, Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of UNAF Frédérique Ripet, Beekeeper, founder of API & BEE Moderator: Eric Montentoux, President of GDSA 47

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Bee food and pollen substitutes

Dr. Gilles Grosmond, veterinarian, trainer

10:00 - 10:45

Watering troughs in the apiary: Water in beekeeping, between essential need and practical tips

Paul Fert, professional beekeeper in Béarn, President of the Pyrenees Beekeeping Union Atlantic

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The black bee

Roderick Wheatley, Treasurer of UNAF, black bee breeder Mathilde Raimond Cagnato, President of FedCAN Gabriele Soland, Specialist in genetic diversity Daniel Viel, Beekeeper

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Asian hornet: Law and policies in the face of a beekeeping scourge

Gérard Bernheim, President of GDSA77 Francois Delaquaize, Project Manager for Invasive Alien Species, Ministry of Ecological Transition, Biodiversity and International Negotiations on Climate and Nature Michel Masset, Senator for Lot-et-Garonne Christian Pons, President of UNAF and Professional Beekeeper Moderator: Patrick Granziera, Secretary General of UNAF, Beekeeper, Instructor at the Lot-et-Garonne Beekeeping School and President of Abeille Gasconne

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Cooking in rhythm with the bees: when honey inspires the kitchen

Anne-Virginie Schmidt, author, speaker and co-founder of Anicet's Honeys

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Interrelationships between managed and unmanaged bees – their dependence on food resources

Fani Hatjina, Honeybee Health Expert – Research Director at the ELGO Institute of Animal Sciences “DIMITRA”, Chair of the Apimondia Scientific Commission “Bee Health” and of the Board of Directors of the International Bee Research Association (IBRA) Moderator: Paul Bonnaffé, Professional Beekeeper in Vaucluse

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Beekeepers & processors: together revealing the full richness of propolis

Simon Bernard, Chairman and CEO of APIMAB

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Beekeeping in Switzerland, from its pioneers to the present day

President of the French-speaking Swiss Beekeeping Society

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Gentle Beekeeping: An Economic and Ethical Model for Tomorrow*Catherine Flurin, President and founder of Ballot-Flurin*2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Climate change: what future for beekeeping?***Anna Dupleix-Marchal, Researcher, Alter&D Collective - CAE Co-actions, Paul Valéry University-**Montpellier; Fani Hatjina, Honeybee Health Expert – Research Director at the ELGO Institute of Animal Sciences “DIMITRA”, Chair of the Apimondia Scientific Commission “Bee Health” and of the Board of Directors of the International Bee Research Association (IBRA)**Anne Lavalette, Engineer - Researcher in Wood Science, Alter&D Collective - CAE Co-actions; Zahira Nedjraoui, Founder and President of the Beekeepers**Foundation, Dubai; Emmanuel Ruffio, Research Engineer in Thermal Engineering, Alter&D Collective - CAE Co-actions; Moderator: Etienne**Bruneau, Vice-President of Bee Life; Moderator: Henri Clément, Spokesperson for UNAF*2:00 PM - 2:45 PM **Discovering the honeys of Reunion Island: origin, quality and natural benefits***Jimmy Chane-Ming, Analytical Chemist, Founder and Head of the Analytical Unit Laboratory GIP CYROI**Dr. Jennyfer Yong-Sang, R&D Engineer, Analytical Unit, Head of the MetaboRUN platform, CIROI Moderator: Christian Pons,**President of UNAF Moderator: Yves Delaunay, Vice-President of UNAF*

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Senegalese beekeeping in transition: a sector of the future driven by innovation, international cooperation and the strategic partnership between UNAS and UNAF*Senegalese beekeeping in transition: a sector of the future driven by innovation, international cooperation and the strategic partnership between UNAS and UNAF**Mamadou Ly, Senegalese beekeeper, president of the National Union of Beekeepers of Senegal (UNAS) Moderator: Christian Pons, President of UNAF**Moderator: Yves Delaunay, Vice-President of UNAF*

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The air from beehives: What can we expect from it for our health?*Patrice Percie du Sert, Business Owner, Researcher in Applied Sciences, Beekeeper, Teacher**Moderator: Caroline Granziera, UNAF Administrator, Beekeeper, Naturopath*

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Brood breakup. Method, feedback, workshops. Louis*Pister, retired professional beekeeper and president of FNOSAD-LSA*

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Transhumant beekeeping and sedentary beekeeping*Thierry Fedon, professional beekeeper and co-manager of Maison Fedon, former president of Anercea,**François Peyrac, professional beekeeper in Aveyron, vice-president of the Compagnons du Miel (Honey Companions)**Moderator: Jean-Marie Sirvins, Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of UNAF, Beekeeper in the Puy-de-Dôme*

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Protect your bee*Thérèse Moinnet, President of the Association Défi pour l'Environnement - Lions de France*