



APIMONDIA
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Beekeepers' Associations



Slovenian Beekeeper's
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APIMONDIA CONFIRM MAY 20 FOR A WORLD BEE DAY

PRESS RELEASE OF SLOVENIAN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION AND FEDERATION OF APIMONDIA

In Daejeon, South Korea International beekeeping congress Apimondia 2015 is taken place. Apimondia Beekeeper's Associations' gathers together beekeepers and scientist from 125 beekeeping's associations from 86 Countries. The initiative of Slovenian Beekeepers' Association for May 20 to be *World Bee Day* was introduced on Apimondia General Assembly on September 16, and delegates with great pleasure strongly accepted.

Dejan Židan, *Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia in position of Vice-President of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia* and on its behalf expressed his commitment that Slovenia will strive for the proclamation of a World Bee Day by United Nations. He believes that international cooperation in particular strengthening our common care for the bees, would contribute to achieving better results in the protection of bees and beekeeping development.

Boštjan Noč, *president of Slovenian Beekeepers Association* as proposer of the initiative said that September 16 will be forever written in beekeeping history, as the day that beekeepers from all over the world supported the initiative of Slovenian Beekeepers Association, than to the United Nations send the proposal that May 20 will declare a World Bee Day. May 20, a day when Anton Janša (Slovenija), pioneer of modern beekeeping was born. May is in the northern hemisphere is the month with the greatest activity in the growth of bees when the number of bee colonies increases to such an extent that the colonies swarm, which is their natural way of reproduction, and pollination is at its maximum. In the southern hemisphere it is the time for harvesting products, and thus the days and weeks of honey production is at its peak.

No bees no pollination, no bees, no food...no bees no life. It is appropriate to declare the May 20 to be a World Bee Day to remember the importance of bees. Beekeepers from all over the world let's celebrate this day, bees for sure earn it.

Gilles Rattia, *President of the Apimondia*, said, "that is time that our politicians will be aware of importance of bees for agriculture and would like to congratulate to Slovenia, member of Apimondia, for excellent initiative to proclaim the World Bee Day. Future generation will be grateful that".

Phillip McCabe, incoming president of Apimondia, would like to congratulate to Slovenian Beekeepers Association for this wonderful initiative, which is unique in the Apimondia history. Bees are very important for a mankind, at the moment we are dealing with too many bee colonies losses worldwide.

We are delighted to announce that the government of Slovenia are in full support to proclaim the May 20, to be World Bee Day. Apimondia too are in one with our Slovenian members in this great initiative.

Daejeon, 18. 9.2015



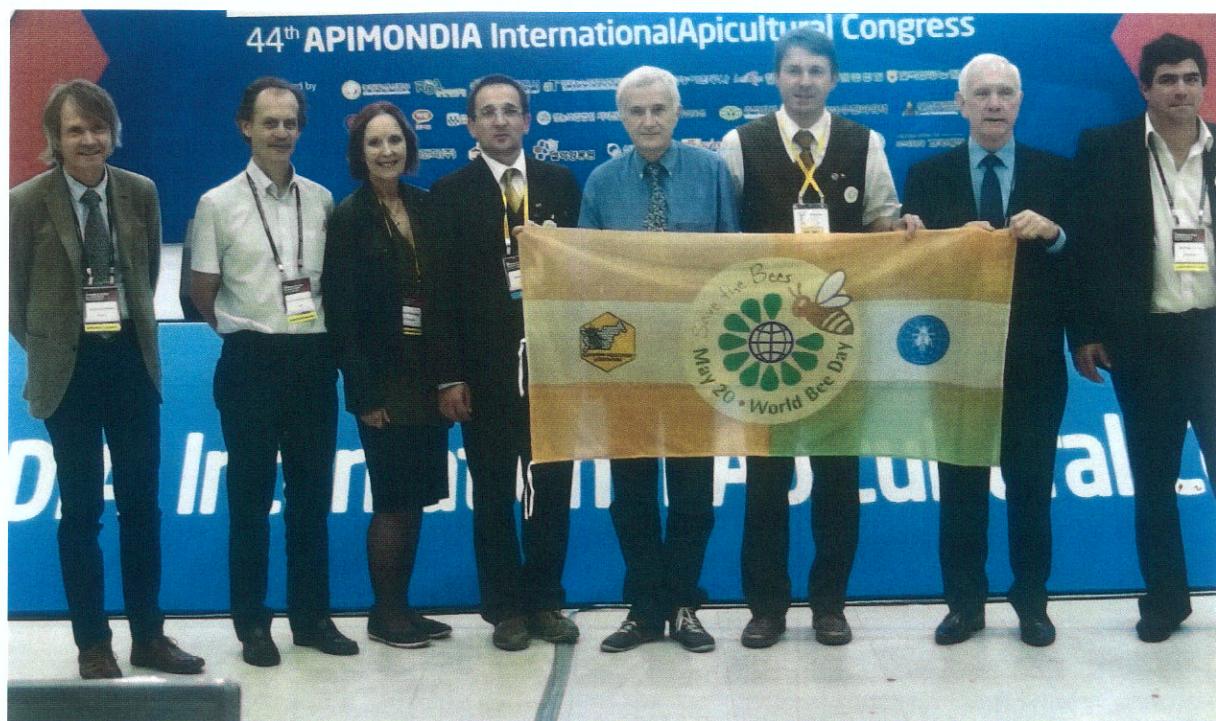
Gilles Rattia
APIMONDIA PRESIDENT



Phillip McCabe
INCOMING PRESIDENT OF
APIMONDIA



Boštjan Noč
PRESIDENT OF SLOVENIAN
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



SLOVENSKI PREVOD IZJAVE

APIMONDIJA JE POTRDILA 20. MAJ ZA SVETOVNI DAN ČEBEL

IZJAVA ZA JAVNOST ČEBELARSKE ZVEZE SLOVENIJE IN MEDNARODNE ČEBELARSKE ORGANIZACIJE APIMONDIA

V Daejeonu, Južni Koreji te dni poteka mednarodni čebelarski kongres Apimondia 2015. Apimondia združuje čebelarje in znanstvenike s področja čebelarstva s celega sveta, vanjo je vključenih 125 čebelarskih iz 86 držav. Na letošnji generalni skupščini Apimondije, ki je potekala v sredo 16. septembra je bila s strani predstavnikov Čebelarske zveze Slovenije predstavljena pobuda, da se 20. maj razglasiti za Svetovni dan čebel, v okviru organizacije Združenih narodov. Pobuda je bila med delegati in vodstvom Apimondie sprejeta z navdušenjem in je bila soglasno sprejeta.

Dejan Židan, Minister za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano in podpredsednik Vlade Republike Slovenije, je v pismu delegatom Apimondie zagotovil, da bo država Slovenija storila vse, da skupaj z državami podpornicami razglasimo Svetovni dan čebel, v okviru Združenih narodov. Verjame, da bo mednarodno združevanje, v skrbi za čebele, prispevalo k doseganju boljših rezultatov v ohranjanju čebel in razvoju čebelarstva.

Boštjan Noč, predsednik Čebelarske zveze Slovenije je izpostavil, da bo 16. september za vedno zapisan v zgodovino čebelarstva. Ta dan smo čebelarji s celega sveta podprli predlog Čebelarske zveze Slovenije, da se 20. maj razglasiti za Svetovni dan čebel. 20. maj-svetovni dan čebel je dan, ko je bil rojen Anton Janša (Slovenija). Maj je na severni polobli mesec najbujnejšega razvoja čebel, ko se številčnost čebeljih družin poveča do te mere, da se družine rojijo, kar je njihov naravni način razmnoževanja. V tem obdobju so čebele najbolj številčne, potrebe po oprševanju pa največje. Na južni polobli pa je to jesenski čas, spravila čebeljih pridelkov in tako dnevi in tedni medu.

Brez čebel ni oprševanja, ni hrane, ... brez čebel si življenja ne znamo predstavljati. Zato je prav, da se vsaj enkrat letno spomnimo čebel. Čebelarji celega sveta pa imejmo ta dan svoj praznik, saj si čebele svoj dan nedvomno zaslужijo.

Gilles Rattia, *predsednik Apimondije v svoji izjavi:* » Napočil je čas, da se politiki pričnejo zavedati pomembnosti čebel za kmetijstvo in na tem mestu bi rad čestital Sloveniji, članici Apimondije za izvrstno pobudo, da se proglaši Svetovni dan čebel. Prihodnje generacije nam bodo zelo hvaležne.«

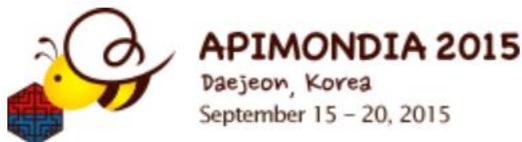
Phillip McCabe, *naslednji predsednik Apimondie*, čestita Čebelarski zvezi Slovenije za odlično pobudo, ki je edinstvena v zgodovini Apimondie. Čebele so zelo pomembne za človeštvo, trenutno se srečujemo z veliki izgubami čebeljih družin po celi svetu.

Z veseljem oznanjam, da je Vlada RS pobudo, da se 20. maj razglasiti za Svetovni dan čebel že podprla, ob tem pa ji Apimondia trdno stoji ob strani.



Initiative to declare 20th May for **WORLD BEE DAY** by the UN

Slovenian Beekeepers' Association with the support of
the Government of the Republic of Slovenia

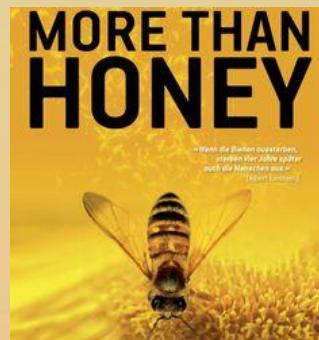




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Why?

- To raise public awareness of the importance of bees and apicultural products
- To strengthen our common care for the bees
- To contribute to global food security and the hunger eradication and to prevent further biodiversity loss and the degradation of ecosystem services





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Road map of declaring a World Bee Day
(depending on procedures and global support)

- 2015: informing countries and general public about the initiative
- 2016: presentation of the initiative in FAO and UNO
- 2016/2017: a World Bee Day declared at the UN General Assembly





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Key promoters



Boštjan Noč
President of
Slovenian Beekeepers` Association



Dejan Židan MSc
Minister of Agriculture,
Forestry and Food of the RS



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Slovenian scientific team at APIMONDIA 2015

Peter Kozmus PhD: "**I am very pleased to support this great proposal**"

Nataša Lilek: "**People will know about importance of the bees**".

Jure Justinek: "**Honeybees and beekeepers deserve World Bee day**"

Andreja Kandolf-Borovšak MsC: "**The bees will thank us**"



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SUPPORT

The **Government of the Republic of Slovenia** and the **Slovenian Beekeepers' Association** will make joint efforts to obtain support for the proclamation of the World Bee Day at the UN level.





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SUPPORT

Dejan Židan, presents the initiative to high representatives of the countries holding the Presidency of the FAO regional groups (Indonesia, Panama, Sudan, Algeria, USA and Australia), Turkey, the People's Republic of China.





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SUPPORT

- **Fernand Etgen**, Minister for Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Chairman of EU Agrifish Council
- **Borut Pahor**, President of the RS
- **Dejan Židan**, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the RS
- **Janez Erjavec**, Director of Pomurje Fair





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SUPPORT

EU ministers from **Hungary, Austria, Cyprus, Poland, Luxembourg, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Germany, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Greece, France, Sweden, Portugal, Belgium and the United Kingdom** as well as other EU Members States (**Romania, Bulgaria, Malta**) expressed their sympathy to the initiative.

European Commission supports the initiative.





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Mr. Fernand Etgen, Minister for Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,
He supports the World Bee Day initiative.



Mr. Changfu Han, Minister for Agriculture of the People's Republic of China.
He supports the initiative that the UN declares World Bee Day.



Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State is in favour of the initiative.



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Mr. Phil Hogan (Ireland), EU Commissioner for Agriculture supports the initiative!



Mr. Alojz Peterle, Member of EU Parliament, Former Prime Minister of Slovenia and Apimondia honorary member:

"I vote in favour! This initiative will be successful."



Mr. Cristian Constantinescu (Romania), Director General of FIITEA Apimondia and President of Balkan Federation:

"Congratulations for your World Bee Day - May 20 initiative!"



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Mr. Asger Søgaard Jørgensen (Denmark) , former president of Apimondia: I am pleased to support the proposal to name the 20th May "The world Bee Day."



Ms. Tetyana Vasylkivska (Ukraine), president of Brotherhood of Ukrainian Beekeepers): „I strongly support the proposal for World Bee Day.”



Mr. Etienne Bruneau (Belgium), president of the Apimondia Scientific Commission "Beekeeping Technology and Quality: "I will do all my best to support the initiative.“



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Dr. Cleofas R. Cervancia (Philippines), President of Apimondia regional Commission in Asia:

„Celebrating World Bee Day will remind us of the importance of bees to agriculture and environment.“



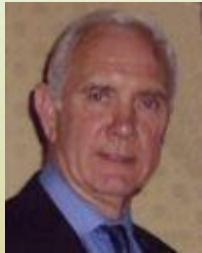
Ms. Debbie Seib, Secretary of Indiana Beekeepers Association **supports the initiative!**



Ms. Tanja Arih-Korošec (Slovenia), president of Apimondia working group for Apitourism **supports the initiative!**



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Mr. Philip McCabe (Ireland), incoming president of Apimondia: „**Congratulations to our colleagues in Slovenia for this wonderful initiative.**“



Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez (Argentina), vice president of Apimondia : „**SBA could be a good sample for all beekeepers Associations**“



Mr. Gilles Ratia (France), president of Apimondia : "**Apimondia will promote this initiative at the highest level.**"



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Mr. Jose Graziano da Silva from Brasil,
Director-General of FAO; **He is aware of the
importance of bees and all pollinators and
therefore supports the initiative.**





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STATEMENT

Balkan Federation of Apicultural Associations at its General Assembly Meeting at Apimondia Foundation (FIIIEA) in Bucharest on April 18, 2015 has approved to support Slovenian Beekeeping Association's initiative to proclaim **World Bee Day on May 20**.

We know and fully agree that bees are vital important to our food and necessary environment for all flora and fauna on Earth. That is why we submit to the declaration of Albert Einstein: "if the bee disappeared from the surface of the Earth, man would have no more than four years to live. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man."

No	Name	Country	Signature
1	Radivoje Maksimovic - President of Beekeepers Association Republika Srpska	Bosnia & Herzegovina	
2	Vladimir Cerecina	Bosnia & Herzegovina	
3	Lejla Shehu - President of Albanian Beekeepers Association	Albania	
4	Ramazan Demirxhiu - Vice-President of ABA	Albania	
5	Aihan Demirxhiu - Member of ABA	Albania	
6	Stefan Stefanov - Vice-President of Balkan Federation	Bulgaria	
7	Piamen Hristov - Dr.PhD. of Costinbrog Institute	Bulgaria	
8	Rosica Hristova - Eng. of Costinbrog Institute	Bulgaria	
9	Bahri Yilmaz - President of Beekeepers Associations of Turkey	Turkey	29 May 2015 Ankara, Turkey
10	Cafer Kaba - TAB Board	Turkey	
11	Necati Aydin - LAB Board	Turkey	
12	Julian Stancev - Head of Pleven Beekeepers Associations	Bulgaria	
13	Alexander Georgiev - Member of the Board of Pleven Beekeepers Associations	Bulgaria	
14	Togan Ionel - President of Apis Tomitana Romania	Apis Tomitana Dacia Romania	
15	Erol Coci	Apis Tomitana Dacia Romania	
16	Dimitrina Radulova - Partner Expo Pleven	Bulgaria	
17	Cristian Constantinescu - Director General Apimondia Foundation	Romania	
18	Marta Giogia - Director Economic Apimondia Foundation	Romania	
19	Cristina Mateescu - Director General of Institute of Beekeeping Researches and Development Institute	Romania	

Cristian Constantinescu

President of Balkan Federation



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Federation of the Beekeeping Organisations „Apislavia“ at its General Assembly Meeting held in July 9th – 11th, 2015 in Slovakia, Slati-Sienica has approved to support initiative to proclaim

World Bee Day on May 20th

krajina	zväz	meno a priezvisko	podpis
Slovensko	Slovenský zväz včelárov	Ing. Ľudovít Gál	
Slovensko	Slovenský zväz včelárov	Ing. Róbert Chlebo, PhD.	
Russia	Russian National Union of Beekeepers	Arnold Butov	
Russia	Russian National Union of Beekeepers	Petr Kashin	
Rumunsko	FIITEA	Constantinescu Cristian	
Rumunsko	FIITEA	Constantinescu Olguta	
Kyrgyzstan	Кыргызский Союз Пчеловодов	Karaketov Kazim	
Kyrgyzstan	Кыргызский Союз Пчеловодов	Eriza Padila	
Tajikistan	ООА «ИНТЕРМЭД»	Shoev Talbi	
Tajikistan	ООА «ИНТЕРМЭД»	Umeda Fatulloeva	
Kazakhstan	Бал-Ара	Nuradil Gabit	
Kazakhstan	Бал-Ара	Rukavitsyn Igor	
Armenia	АпиАрмения	Artem Mikaeljan	
Armenia	АпиАрмения	Ani Mikaeljan	
Russia	Союз Пчеловодство	Chupakhina Olga	
Russia	Союз Пчеловодство	Chupakhin Vasilii	
Russia	Союз Пчеловодство	Melnichuk Olga	
Russia	Союз Пчеловодство	Lvova Elena	
Russia	Союз Пчеловодство	Bespalova Tamara	
Russia	Союз Пчеловодство	Kapunin Valeriy	
Belarus	Club Belarusian Bees	Kamenkov Vladimir	
Belarus	Club Belarusian Bees	Dziomkin Leonid	

Turkey	Turkish Beekeeping Association	Yilmaz Bahri	
Turkey	Turkish Beekeeping Association	Sahin Ziya	
Turkey	Turkish Beekeeping Association	AYDIN Necati	
Turkey	Turkish Beekeeping Association	BILGIN Ünal	
Turkey	Turkish Beekeeping Association	SAYLAK Fahri	
Česko	Český svaz včelařů	Brückler Karel	
Česko	Český svaz včelařů	Hrabák Jaroslav	
Česko	Český svaz včelařů	Pantůček Bohumil	
Česko	Český svaz včelařů	Petrú Milan	
Česko	Český svaz včelařů	Sciskala Václav	
Ukraine	Association of beekeepers of Ukraine	Nagornyuk Marina	
Ukraine	Association of beekeepers of Ukraine	Nagornyuk Vitali	
Ukraine	Association of beekeepers of Ukraine	Galatyuk	
Ukraine	Association of beekeepers of Ukraine	Gavelyuk Mykola	
Ukraine	Brotherhood of Ukrainian Beekeepers	Tetyana Vasylkivska	
Ukraine	Brotherhood of Ukrainian Beekeepers	Anatoliy Kharkovenko	
Poland	Polski Związek Pszczelarski	Andrzej Bulik	
Poland	Polski Związek Pszczelarski	Tadeusz Sabat	
Bulgaria	Болгарского союза пчеловодов	Stefan Stefanov	
Bulgaria	Болгарского союза пчеловодов	Petko Simeonov	
Romania	Apis Tomitana	Togan Ionel	
Romania	Apis Tomitana	Togan Anica	
Slovensko	čestný člen	Doc. MVDr. Juraj Toporčák PhD.	
Česko	čestný člen	MVDr. Miloslav Peroutka	
Česko	čestný člen	Mgr. Luděk Sojka	
Bulgaria	čestný člen	Vyto Christov	



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Organization

Albanian Beekeepers Associations
ApiArmenia - Armenia
Apis Tomitana Romania
Apislavia
ApiTrade Africa
Association of beekeepers of Ukraine
BAL -ARA - Kazakhstan
Balkan Beekeeping Federation
Beekeepers Association Republika Srpska
Beekeepers Associations of Turkey
Beekeeping association - Russia
Brotherhood of Ukrainian Beekeepers
Capital City Beekeepers Association - Moscow
Club Belarusian Bees
Český svaz včelařů
Federation of Greek Beekeepers Associations

Country

Albania
Armenia
Romania

Africa
Ukraine
Kazakhstan

Republic Srpska
Turkey
Russia
Ukraine
Russia
Republic of Belarus
Czech Republic
Greece



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Organization	Country
Hrvatski pčelarski savez	Croatia
INTERMED d.o.o. - Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan
Israel Honey Board and beekeepers organizatio	Israel
Landesverband für bienenzucht in Kärnten - Austria	Austria
Pleven Beekeepers Associations - Bulgaria	Bulgaria
Polski Związek Pszczelarski	Poland
Russian National Union of Beekeepers	Russia
Rwanda Federation of Beekeepers Cooperative	Rwanda
Savez pčelara USK - regija Bihać	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Savez pčelarskih organizacija Srbije	Serbia
Savez udruženja pčelara Republike Srpske	Republic Srbska
Slovenský zväz včelárov - Slovaška	Slovak Republic
Suck Valley Beekeepers Association - Republic of Ireland	Ireland
Sveza čebeljarov Kyrgistan	Kyrgistan
Udruga pčelara „Pčelinjak" Zagreb	Croatia



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