

# **American Honey Producers Association**

## **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

**January 6-11, 2009  
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center  
Fresno, California**

### **Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Set-Up Commercial and Educational Displays
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Registration Desk Open
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	AHPA Executive Board Meeting
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	AHPA Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Welcome Reception

### **Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am	Registration Opens Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open
8:30 am	Call to Order, Flag Salute, Prayer AHPA President, Mark Brady,
8:40 am	Welcome to California Jackie Park-Burris, Palo Cedro, CA Past President, California State Beekeepers Association
8:45 am	President's Address and Committee Reports AHPA President, Mark Brady, Waxahachie, TX
9:15 am	Keynote Speaker Eric Mussen, University of California - Davis
9:45 am	California State Beekeepers Update Jackie Park-Burris, Past President, CSBA
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	Why do we keep losing bees? Dr. Jeff Pettis, Research Leader, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD

**Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

- 11:00 am                      Status of Hivastan and Fluvalinate  
Doug Vangundy, Dallas, TX  
Senior Entomologist, Central Life Sciences
- 11:30 am                      Lunch
- 1:00 pm                        Baton Rouge Bee Lab Update  
Dr. Tom Rinderer  
Research Leader, USDA-ARS, Baton Rouge, LA
- 1:30 pm                        Viruses and Nosema in the U.S.  
Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk  
Bee Alert Technology, Inc., Missoula, MT
- 2:00 pm                        IVDS Virus Findings by BVS, Inc.  
David Wick  
BVS, Inc., Stevensville, MT
- 2:30 pm                        The Honey Revolution  
Restoring the Health of Future Generations  
Dr. Ron Fessenden, Parker, CO  
Committee for the Promotion of Honey and Health, Inc.
- 3:00 pm                        Break
- 3:30 pm                        Honey Bee Genetic Diversity and Stock Importation Protocols  
Susan Cobey  
University of California - Davis
- 3:55 pm                        High Fructose Corn Syrup as Bee Feed  
Dr. Diana Sammataro  
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS, Tucson, AZ
- 4:20 pm                        Breeding Better Bees with an emphasis on VSH  
Dr. Bob Danka  
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS, Baton Rouge, LA
- 4:45 pm                        PAm Update  
Dan Cummings and Chris Heintz  
PAm Board Members, Chico, CA
- 7:00 pm                        AHPA Committee Meetings

**Casino Night**  
**Free bus rides to Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino**

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Almond Day**

- 8:30 am Schedule of the Day's Activities  
Dan Cummings
- 8:40 am Almond Board of California (ABC), Overview  
Richard Waycott
- 9:05 am Almond Marketing  
Defying Traditional Supply, Plans for the Future  
Dan Cummings, Richard Waycott
- 9:40 am Nutrition Research  
How the industry has changed the perception of almonds  
Karen Lapsley
- 10:00 Break
- 10:20am Production Research  
ABC's long and successful history of production research  
Bob Curtis
- 11:00 am ABC's Pollination Research  
Funding History, Significant milestones, Bee Task Force  
Chris Heintz
- 11:15 am Pollination of the Almond Flower  
What does it take to pollinate the flower?  
Nectar flow vs. pollen (timing)  
Tom Gradziel
- 11:35 am Almond Pollination Panel  
Dan Cummins, Tony Gradziel, Tony Campos,  
Mario Viveros, Joe Connell
- 12:00 pm Lunch - Commercial Exhibits closed for afternoon

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Almond Day (continued)**

**ALMOND COUNTRY TOUR**

*Tour times are approximate  
Please follow instructions given the day of the tour*

1:30 pm	Buses depart for Fresno Area Farmland Tour concluding at Campos Brothers Farms
2:15 pm	Assemble at Campos Brothers Farms for bottled water, sodas, restrooms
2:30 pm	Campos Brothers Farms Introduction Tony Campos Craig Duerr
2:40 – 4:30 pm	Rotating Sessions
	1. Tour almond processing facility Campos
	2. Tour orchards Campos
	3. Best Management Practices Bob Curtis Continuing Education program Joe Connell Mario Viveros
4:30 pm	Buses depart for Basque restaurant
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner at Basque restaurant
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Busses return to Fresno Radisson

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 am                      Registration  
Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open
- 8:30 am                      Standard of Identity  
Nancy Gentry  
Florida
- 9:00 am                      Honey Importation Fraud  
Mary Buduris  
US Customs – ICE, Chicago, IL
- 9:30 am                      Quality Assurance Program  
Jerry Probst  
Sioux City, IA
- 10:00 am                     Break
- 10:30 am                     International Honey Market  
Ron Phipps  
CPNA International, Ltd., Jericho, NY
- 11:00 am                     AHPA Legislative Update  
Richard Adee  
Adee Honey Farms, Bruce, SD
- 11:30 am                     Lunch
- 1:00 pm                      Research at the University of Minnesota: Propolis, Nosema,  
Mites and Bee Breeding  
Dr. Marla Spivak  
University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
- 1:30 pm                      Interaction of Honey Bee Nutritional Stress and Parasites  
Dr. Frank Eischen  
USDA-ARS, Weslaco, TX
- 2:00 pm                      Research and Marketing Update  
Bruce Boynton and Charlotte Jordan  
PIB-National Honey Board, Firestone, CO
- 2:30 pm                      Honeybees Antiviral Strategies  
Dr. Michelle Flenniken  
University of California-Davis
- 3:00 pm                      Break

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

3:30 pm Colony Collapse Disorder:  
Easement of risk factors and other threats to colony health  
Dennis van Englesdorp, Harrisburg, PA  
Penn State - Pennsylvania State Apiary Inspector

4:00 pm Current State of Nosema ceranae  
Randy Oliver  
Scientificbeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA

4:30 pm The Importance of Re-Queening  
Steve Park  
Steve E. Park Apiaries, Palo Cedro, CA

5:00 pm Recess for the Evening

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Registration  
Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open

8:30 am Federally Subsidized Drought Insurance Program  
Jason Schickedanz  
Perryton, TX

9:00 am Spearheading Researchers  
Eric Olson  
Commercial Beekeeper, Yakima, WA

9:20 am Colony Health Study  
Dr. Steve Sheppard, Pullman, WA  
Entomologist, Washington State University

9:40 am Update on honey bee nutrition research: studies on population  
growth and the underlying physiology  
Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman  
Research Leader, USDA-ARS, Tucson, AZ

10:00 am Break

10:30 am Honeybee Supply for 2009 Almond Pollination  
Joe Traynor  
Scientific Ag Co., Bakersfield, CA

10:45 am Polish Beekeeping Convention Presentation  
Jack Thomas  
Mann Lake, Ltd., Hackensack, MN

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

11:30 am	Lunch - Commercial Exhibits close
1:30 pm	AHPA Annual General Business Meeting
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	2009 AHPA Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 pm	Banquet and Auction Auctioneer - Lee Knight Master of Ceremonies - Mark Jensen Beekeeper of the Year Award Entertainment

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am – 11:00 am	AHPA Executive Board Meeting
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