



American Honey Producers Association

43rd Annual Convention Program

January 4-8, 2012
Sheraton Crescent Hotel
Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday, January 4th

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| 8:00 am—5:00 pm | Set-Up Commercial and Educational Exhibits |
| 8:00 am—12:00 pm | AHPA Executive Board Meeting |
| 12:00 pm | LUNCH |
| 1:00 pm—5:00 pm | Registration Open |
| 1:30 pm—5:00 pm | AHPA Board of Directors Meeting |
| 3:00 pm—5:00 pm | Workshop: Parasite Monitoring and Treatment Strategies
Mr. Randy Oliver
Scientificbeekeeping.com—Grass Valley, CA |
| 5:00 pm—5:15 pm | Varroa Population Dynamics
Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman
Research Leader, USDA-ARS Lab—Tucson, AZ |
| 6:30 pm—10:00 pm | Welcome Reception |

Thursday, January 5th

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| 8:00 am—5:00 pm | Registration Desk Open
Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open |
| 8:00 am | Call to Order , Flag Salute, Prayer
Mr. Mark Jensen—AHPA President
Smoot Honey Company—Power, MT |
| 8:10 am | Welcome to Arizona |
| 8:15 am | President's Address and Committee Reports
Mr. Mark Jensen—AHPA President
Smoot Honey Company—Power, MT |
| 8:45 am | KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Never Expect "Business as Usual"
Dr. Eric Mussen
Extension Apiculturist, University of California, Davis—Davis, CA |
| 9:30 am | National Honey Bee Advisory Board Update
Mr. David Mendes
National Honey Bee Advisory Board—N Fort Myers, FL |
| 10:00 am | BREAK |



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Thursday, January 5th (continued)

- 10:30 am **EPA Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Member for the AHPA**
Mr. Darren Cox—AHPA Executive Board Member
Cox Honey of Utah & Member, EPA PPDC—Logan, UT
- 10:45 am **Environmental Protection Agency Progress Update**
Dr. Donald Brady
EFED Division Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Washington, D.C.
- 11:15 am **Project Apis m. Update**
Ms. Christi Heintz
Project Apis m.—Chico, CA
- 11:45 am LUNCH
- 1:15 pm **Bee Health and Safety Partnerships — a Crop Protection Industry Perspective**
Dr. Dick Rogers, Marketing/Technical Manager &
Dr. Iain Kelly, Product Safety Manager, Bayer CropScience—RTP, NC
- 1:45 pm **Exploring Bee Health**
Dr. Jeffery Pettis
Research Leader, USDA-ARS Lab—Beltsville, MD
- 2:05 pm **Nutritional Regulation of Division of Labor and Longevity**
Dr. Miguel Corona
Research Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS Lab—Beltsville, MD
- 2:25 pm **Genetic Approaches to Mite Control**
Dr. Jay Evans
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS Lab—Beltsville, MD
- 2:45 pm BREAK
- 3:15 pm **Beekeeper's Special Focus—Hauke Honey a Producer Packer Overview**
Mr. Doug Hauke—AHPA Executive Board Member
Hauke Honey Corporation— Marshfield, WI
- 3:45 pm **The Effects of Fungicides and Pesticides on Queen Rearing and Mating Success**
Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman
Research Leader, USDA-ARS Lab—Tucson, AZ
- 4:05 pm **Antioxidants and Bees**
Dr. Diana Sammataro
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS Lab—Tucson, AZ
- 4:25 pm **Signaling Starvation—Changes in Pheromone Cues During Periods of Colony Nutritional Stress**
Dr. Mark Carroll
Research Entomologist/Chemical Ecologist, USDA-ARS Lab—Tucson, AZ



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- 4:45 pm **HopGuards**
Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman
Research Leader, USDA-ARS Lab—Tucson, AZ
- 5:05 pm ADJOURN
- 7:30 pm **AHPA Resolution Meeting**

Friday, January 6th

- 8:00 am—4:00 pm Registration Desk Open
Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open
- 8:00 am **An Update on Research at the Baton Rouge Breeding & Genetics Laboratory**
Dr. Tom Rinderer
Research Leader, USDA-ARS Lab—Baton Rouge, LA
- 8:30 am **An Update on Research with the VSH Trait**
Dr. Bob Danka
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS Lab—Baton Rouge, LA
- 9:00 am **The Impact of Nosema on Honey Bee Colonies**
Dr. Frank Eischen
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS—Weslaco, TX
- 9:20 am **Toxins, Nutrition, and Physiology: Linking Applied and Basic Research to Improve Honeybee Health**
Dr. Steven Cook
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS—Weslaco, TX
- 9:40 am **Small Hive Beetle Life Research at ARS: How Do Bees Keep SHB Numbers Down?**
Dr. William Meikle
Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS—Weslaco, TX
- 10:00 am BREAK
- 10:30 am **National Honey Board Update**
Mr. Bruce Boynton, Chief Executive Officer &
Ms. Catherine Barry, Director of Marketing,
National Honey Board—Firestone, CO
- 11:00 am **True Source Honey's Certification Program—Year 1 Highlights**
Ms. Jill Clark
Treasurer, True Source Honey, LLC—Lancaster, PA
- 11:30 am LUNCH
- 1:00 pm **Almond Industry Update**
Ms. Christi Heintz
Project Apis m.—Chico, CA



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Friday, January 6th (continued)

- 1:10 pm **Serological Method (ELISA) for detection of N.Ceranae in Honey Bees**
Dr. Katherine Aronstein
Lead Scientist/Molecular Biologist, USDA-ARS—Weslaco, TX
- 1:30 pm **AHPA Legislative Update**
Mr. Richard Adee
Adee Honey Farms—Bruce, SD
- 2:00 pm **International Honey Market Report**
Mr. Ron Phipps
CPNA International, Ltd.—Jericho, NY
- 2:30 pm **FDA OIC -Office of Criminal Investigation: An Outlook on the Honey Industry**
Mr. Richard S. Bacherman
Special Agent, Senior Operations Manager
USFDA Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI)—Rockville, MD
- 3:00 pm **Honey Bee Health —The Interplay of Viral Diseases and Stress Due to Pesticides**
Dr. Diana Cox-Foster
Professor of Entomology, Penn State University—University Park, PA
- 3:30 pm **Honey Bee Pathogen Detection and Discovery**
Dr. Michelle Flenniken
Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California, San Francisco—San Francisco, CA
- 4:00 pm ADJOURN
Commercial & Educational Exhibits CLOSED
- 5:10 pm **Buses begin departing for event at Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse**
- 6:00 pm—9:30 pm **BBQ and Entertainment at
Pinnacle Peak Patio Steakhouse & Microbrewery**
- 9:30 pm **Buses begin returning to Sheraton Crescent Hotel**

Saturday, January 7th

- 8:00 am—12:00 pm Registration Desk Open
Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open
- 8:00 am **Realizing the Vision of Total RNAi Protection for Bees from Pathogens and Pests**
Mr. Nitzan Paldi
Chief Technology Officer & Co-Founder, Beeologics—Miami, FL
- 8:20 am **The Latest Research on Varroa Control and Use of MAQS**
Mr. David VanderDussen
Chief Executive Officer, NOD Apiary Products—Frankford, Ontario
- 8:40 am **The Virus Checkup, Having and Using**
Mr. David Wick
Chief Executive Officer, BVS, Inc.—Florence, MT



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Saturday, January 7th (continued)

- 9:00 am **The Russian Honey Bee Breeders Association: Success or Failure?**
Mr. Steven Coy—AHPA Executive Board Member
Vice-President, Russian Honeybee Breeders Association—Carencro, LA
- 9:30 am **The Introduction of Honey Bee Germplasm and Re-Establishment of *Apis Mellifera Caucasica***
Dr. Susan Cobey
Bee Breeder-Geneticist, University of California, Davis— Davis, CA
- 10:00 am BREAK
- 10:25 am **Entering a New Era of Orchard Sublethal Impacts on Bees and Natural Enemies as USEPA Cancels or Withdraws Registrations for the Organophosphates, Carbamates and Some Synthetic Pyrethroids**
Dr. Mark Whalon
Director of Pesticide Alternatives Laboratory &
Professor of Entomology, Michigan State University—East Lansing, MI
- 10:45 am **Bee Health: The Long View**
Dr. Marla Spivak
Entomologist/Apiculture & Social Insect Professor
University of Minnesota—St. Paul, MN
- 11:15 am **ENDING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
The Bee Informed Partnership—Keeping Bees Alive: What Works and What Doesn't
Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp
Project Director, Bee Informed &
Assistant Research Scientist, University of Maryland— College Park, MD
- 12:00 pm ADJOURN
LUNCH — Commercial/Educational Exhibits CLOSE
- 12:00 pm—5:00 pm Commercial and Educational Exhibits tear down
- 1:30 pm—3:00 pm **AHPA General Business Meeting**
- 3:15 pm—5:00 pm **AHPA Board of Directors Business Meeting and Election of Officers**
- 6:30 pm **43rd Annual AHPA Banquet**
Master of Ceremonies —Mark Jensen, AHPA President
Special Awards & Recognitions, Entertainment, and Auction
- 10:00 pm END OF 2012 AMERICAN HONEY PRODUCERS ASS'N CONVENTION

Sunday, January 8th

- 7:00 am—10:00 am **AHPA Executive Board Meeting**