The Penn State Center for Pollinator Research is hosting the third International Conference on July 18-20, 2016

Pollinators are essential for the health of agriculture and natural ecosystems, but there have been dramatic declines in key pollinator populations worldwide. A major theme of this year’s conference will be translating the results of recent research advances in the biology and health of pollinators into solutions that can be applied to conserve and expand pollinator populations. Symposium speakers from North and South America, Europe, Africa, and Australia will cover a range of topics in pollinator research, from genomics to ecology, and their application to land use and management, breeding of managed bees, and monitoring of pollinator populations. Recent global initiatives in policy, education, and extension will also be highlighted.

This conference will bring together individuals from universities, government agencies, agrochemical companies, non-profit organizations, and several stakeholder groups to engage in a dialog about the research, management, conservation and policy approaches needed to tackle these issues. When this conference was held in 2013, it attracted over 230 participants from 15 countries.

For more information about the conference, please contact the conference organizers, Christina Grozinger (Penn State), Shelby Fleischer (Penn State), Neal Williams (UC Davis) and Rufus Isaacs (Michigan State University). For conference logistic and registration questions, contact Kim Swistock (kar3@psu.edu)

The conference is supported by Penn State’s Center for Pollinator Research, Department of Entomology, College of Agricultural Sciences (http://ento.psu.edu/pollinators) and the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences.

PSBA is a sponsor of this event

EAS 2016 New Jersey


Just ten minutes west of Atlantic City and less than one hour's drive from Philadelphia, EAS 2016 is the place to be this summer to learn all things bees. Bee biology, queen rearing, Varroa management, apitherapy, microscopy, observation hives, pollinator habitats, bee removals, a field trip to Harvey's Honey, drone spitting, vendors, and honey show competitions are just a sample of what you will experience. Register for EAS 2016
PSBA Summer Picnic & Queen Swap

**Saturday, August 6**, hosted by Fisher Bee Farm, located at 1 Queen Bee Lane, McVeytown. Fishers will be providing meats and punch. Guests are asked to bring a side dish, dessert and drinks to share. Also, please bring a lawn chair. Fisher Bee Farm will have plating, cutlery and napkins on hand.

The location is right beside a nice creek that anyone is allowed to play in. They also have a small zoo of a farm for anyone wishing to see live animals.

The PSBA Executive Board will meet at 10:00 AM with lunch to follow at 12:30PM. All clubs are encouraged to send a representative.

Make a queen to swap from your really great colony. A queen swap will take place among anyone that wishes to share that great genetics.

Penn State’s Center for Pollinator Research will present a tutorial for weighing hives for those registered and accepted to the “Landscapes for Bees” study. PSBA and Burgh Bees have donated educational funds for this research project.

!! The PSBA needs your Help at Ag Progress !!

Volunteers needed to scoop and serve honey ice cream at Ag Progress. The proceeds from this event go directly to support the Pennsylvania Honey Queen program.

Pennsylvania State University Ag Progress Days State College PA **August 16-18 2016**

please contact Aaron Fisher aaron@fisherbeefarm.com 717-242-4373 today!

2016 Beekeeper of the Year

Nominations Requested

Nominations are requested for the 2016 Beekeeper of the Year Award. This award is presented annually to a beekeeper that the committee feels meets the guidelines listed below. If you would like to nominate a fellow beekeeper, please write a letter of recommendation and send to Stewart Mathias, 514 Earlys Mill Rd., Hummelstown, PA 17036.

2016 PSBA Special Edition to be Featured

The *Bee Culture Magazine* will be sharing our story of the 2016 Pennsylvania Farm Show with their readers in the August 2016 magazine.
PSBA CONFERENCE

DAYS INN, STATE COLLEGE Friday, Nov 11 and Saturday, Nov 12

Audacious Ideas for the Future of Beekeeping

Key Note Speakers

Mark Winston, author most recently of ‘Bee Time’ Keith Delaplane, currently featured in the American Bee Journal

Presentations by

Karen Roccasecca Dr. Christina Grozinger Dr. Juliana Rangel Dr. Zachary Huang Dr. Eric Lonsdorf

Guest speaker at the Banquet: Dr. Deb Delaney

New this year: Beekeeping 102  Friday, November 11, 2016
9:00 AM – Noon A special offering for newer beekeepers, facilitated by Jim Bobb and Deb Delaney

Break out sessions to include

Building a Honey House Speaking to Children about Honey Bees
The Pollinator Stewardship Council

NOTE: Call 844-703-8082–(814) 238-8454 to reserve a room at the Days Inn and mention the PSBA Conference for a reduced rate.

Honey Queen Program Accepting Candidates...

Do you know a young lady, 18-24 yrs old, that could be the 2017 Pa Honey Queen?

Contact Rachel Bryson at honeyqueen@pastatebeekeepers.org or (717) 300-0146.
Find more information and application on the website at http://pastatebeekeepers.org/queen.htm

The Waggle is not intended to be used for editorials, but rather specific activities or information that may be of interest or value to PSBA membership.

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