



**Apimondia International Symposium 2018,**  
**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**  
(Nov. 30 - Dec. 04, 2018)  
**'The Role of Bees in Food Production'**



A honeybee colony in a natural forest in Ethiopia

APIMONDIA is the International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations. It aims to facilitate links between beekeepers, scientists and all involved with apiculture through the organization of international symposia and congresses.

The Ethiopian Apiculture Board in collaboration with the APIMONDIA Secretariat and other apiculture sector stakeholders will organize the APIMONDIA symposium 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The symposium is the 2nd in its kind for Africa and the first in Ethiopia.



Honeybee collecting pollen

Organized By Apimondia and Ethiopian Apiculture Board in Collaboration with Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries of Ethiopia

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The objective of the Symposium is to facilitate exchange of information and discussions between beekeepers, scientists, honey-traders, development practitioners and policy makers, NGOs, bilateral agencies and regional organizations. The title of the symposium is **'The Role of Bees in Food Production'** with the theme: **'Significance of Bees' Pollination for Improved Food Production'**. This is meant to highlight the less understood and underexploited role of bees in crop pollination in Africa. Their role in ecosystem services and poverty reduction will also be given due attention.

#### **WHY THE TITLE FOR THE SYMPOSIUM**

The world keeps bees for their pollination service. Because bees contribute about 200 billion USD per annum for the global economy. But this golden service of bees is not recognized in Ethiopia and even in Africa as well.

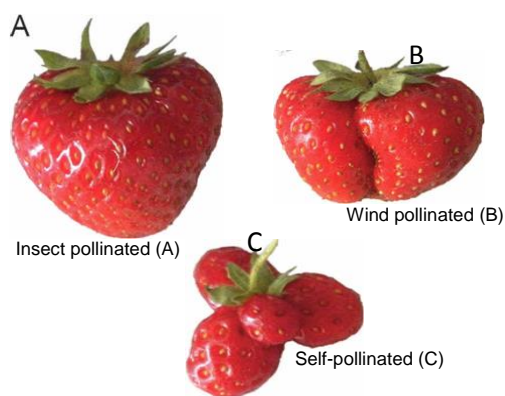
The ApiMondia symposium is designed to introduce and promote the nexus of beekeeping – pollination - crop productivity – biodiversity improvement - and food security of the smallholder farm households - to convince and win interest of development partners for their fully fledged engagement to harness the golden advantages of the sector and to protect the bee resources. It is meant to highlight the less understood and underexploited role of bees in crop pollination in Africa.

The Symposium dwell on the following topics and subtopics:

#### **Topic 1: Pollination and Food Production**

- Addressing the food supply gap through better pollination of crops (including model calculations of how food security can be improved by better pollination)
- Potential of beekeeping and insect pollination for

food production & food security: global impact of pollinators on food security



Strawberries pollinated in different ways

## Topic 2: Threats to Pollinators or to their Performance

- Threats to pollinators and food security by anthropogenic disturbances: environment, chemicals, GMOs, diseases & parasites.
- Environmental health, bee health, pollination and food security.
- Social & institutional factors for apiculture value chain promotion
- Technology transfer and apiary management



Honeybee on flowering fruit tree

## Topic 3: Environmental Services and Climate Change

- Insect pollinators for Ecosystem Services: the challenges
- The role of beekeeping in natural resource conservation and sustainable development

## Topic 4: Commercialization and Transformation of Beekeeping

- Contributions of beekeeping in poverty reduction
- Intensification and diversification of hive products for better income and livelihood
- Beekeeping for youth employment and economic empowerment of women.

## WHY TO HOLD THE APIMONDIA SYMPOSIUM IN ETHIOPIA?

Ethiopia is a natural home of bees. The country has launched development efforts to unleash its huge potential and improve gains in food security and economic development. The APIMONDIA Symposium is designed to fuel up development efforts in the

beekeeping sector and accelerate desired sector improvement.

As Ethiopia is good source of organic hive products, both producers and consumers of hive products will benefit from the development efforts and the sector improvements in Ethiopia. The strategic geographic position of the country makes it easy for participants of the Symposium to travel directly and easily to Ethiopia from all over the world. Addis Ababa being the main hub of one of the most successful airlines in the globe - Ethiopian Airlines -; availability of suitable conference facilities in Addis Ababa; the most admired hospitality of Ethiopians; current economic growth performance of the country and its political stability are other factors that make Ethiopia a natural host to the APIMONDIA Symposium. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit a country known to be an origin of the human race as well as *Coffea arabica*, some of the active and accessible volcanoes, as well as the historically rich rock hewn churches.



Honeybee on sunflower

## VENUE AND DATE

The APIMONDIA Symposium event will be held from 30 November to 04 December 2018, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Symposium will be held at the United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) conference centre in Addis Ababa. The UNECA Conference Centre is located next to the historic Africa Hall and the offices of the UNECA and other UN specialized agencies. In the vicinity of the UNECA, a number of the city's best hotels, restaurants and shopping centres are found.

## INVITATION

The National APIMONDIA Symposium Organizing Committee (NASOC) and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia - represented by H.E. the Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Development - wholeheartedly invite you to participate in the Symposium and at the same time visit historic and momentous landmarks in human history.

To participate in the Symposium please register via [registration@apisymposium2018.org](mailto:registration@apisymposium2018.org) or using the symposium website ([www.apisymposium2018.org](http://www.apisymposium2018.org))

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