

The final conference will be conducted as a multi-day event with pre-recorded scientific presentations from the beekeeping community available on the conference website, a virtual workshop week and the closing event as live web streaming. Please visit our regularly updated conference website Eurbest.eu for the latest information about the program and registration.

Draft program

April 1st, 2021 - Scientific presentations

Overview of the EU market for reproductive material of European honey bees - *Cecilia Costa (CREA-IT)*

Beekeepers appreciation and expectations on breeding stock- *Aleksandar Uzunov (case study coordinator – LLH-DE)*

Selection for varroa resistance: state of the art in resistance breeding - *Marina Meixner (LLH-DE)*

Eurbest expert team and field study design - *Aleksandar Uzunov (case study coordinator – LLH-DE)*

Experience with the performance and results of the Eurbest study in Poland, Greece, France, Italy, Austria and Germany - *Malgorzata Bienkowska (Poland), Michalis Tsigenis (Greece), Melodie Perrin (France), Anna Perner (Austria), Raffaele dall' Ollio (Italy)*

Eurbest field study results: Colony development, Varroa resistance, Economics of queen production - *Cecilia Costa (CREA-IT), Marin Kovacic (Eurbest partner HR), Ralph Böhler (LLH-DE)*

Chemical ecology of host - parasite interactions as basis of honey bee resistance - *Yves le Conte (INRAE-FR)*

Selection for mite resistance in North America - *Pierre Giovenazzo (University Laval, Quebec-CA)*

Honeybee diversity as a source of disease resistance genes - *Per Kryger (University of Aarhus-DK)*

April 12th-16th, 2021 - Virtual workshop week (final dates to be defined)

Commercial beekeeping

- Moderation: *Aleksandar Uzunov (DE/MK)*

Queen production and mating

- Moderation: *Marin Kovacic (HR)*

Breeding programs

- Moderation: *Ralph Böhler (DE)*

Policy and stakeholder implications

- Moderation: *Cecilia Costa (IT)*

April 21st, 2021 – Closing conference – live web streamed (translation provided to DE, FR, IT, ES, EL)

- 10:00 Opening & welcome
Janusz Wojciechowski - Commissioner of Agriculture, DG Agri
Ralph Böhler - Eurbest study coordinator
- 10:30 Summary of the main findings of the study
Cecilia Costa, Ralph Böhler
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Recommendations and outcome of workshops
 - (1) Commercial beekeeping – *Aleksandar Uzunov (DE/MK)*
 - (2) Queen production and mating – *Marin Kovacic (HR)*
 - (3) Breeding programs – *Ralph Böhler (DE)*
 - (4) Policy and stakeholder implications – *Cecilia Costa (IT)*
- 12:00 Discussion - Moderation: *Commission / DG Agri*
- 12:30 Final remarks / Summary of the conference
Kai-Uwe Sprenger - European Commission
- 13:00 End of event

