

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
& CALL FOR PAPERS

2ND INTERNATIONAL BEEKEEPING CONGRESS

August 19-21, 2008, Thimphu, Bhutan.



Hosted by: Ministry of Agriculture, Royal Government of Bhutan



Organized by: Century Foundation, India

Scope of the Congress:

The conference objective is to showcase research and development activities in bees and bee products.

Asia has long been well known for its glorious tradition of beekeeping and honey hunting, rich and diversified bee flora and fauna and suitable climate for beekeeping almost throughout the year. Asia is one of the leading continents in beekeeping research and training. Beekeeping is now established and developed as a profitable agro- forest based industry providing basic employment, supplementary income and nutritious food to a large rural population besides enhancing crop productivity through pollination.

Judicious planning and meticulous implementation of different innovative programs of Government departments, research institutions, private organizations, Universities and NGOs have paved the way for the modernization of beekeeping. In view of the availability of vast honey potentials, there is tremendous scope for further expansion, extension and diversification of beekeeping for sustainable livelihoods.

Beekeeping plays a crucial role in the present context of commercialization of agriculture and liberalization of economy. It covers entire scope of honeybee resources, bee products,

beekeeping practices, pollination services and their interface with business systems and environment integrity. There is a significant unknown diversity of scientific and practical knowledge available in different countries which need to be disseminated properly. Due to lack of coordination amongst different implementing agencies little information is available on the overall status of research, training and extension systems.

The International Beekeeping Conference will provide a forum for reorienting the policies and programs for more productive and sustainable apiculture. The theme of the congress “**Beekeeping development and its relevance in mountain agriculture**” is most apt in the present context.

The three day conference organized by Century Foundation, Bangalore, India in association with Ministry of Agriculture, Royal Government of Bhutan will help to develop an agenda to ensure sustainable livelihood, natural resource use optimization and eco-system protection through income generating activities like beekeeping. It will bring together the international scientific community involved in the study of bees and a unique opportunity to deepen our understanding of the diversity of bees in the Himalayan Kingdom bees and experience the wonderful hospitality of Bhutan.

Conference Venue:

Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu

Official Language: The official language of the congress will be in English.

Topics / Technical Sessions:

Biology and Management of Honeybees
 Bees and Crop Pollination
 Honey Flora and Migratory Beekeeping
 Bee Pests, Diseases and Enemies
 Bee Products: Processing and Marketing
 Honey quality, safety and International trade issues
 Beekeeping Technology and Equipment
 Bees and Environment
 Beekeeping Training and Extension
 Apitherapy
 Organic Honey Production and its importance

Call for paper and posters:

Participants who intend to submit contributed papers or posters are requested to complete and return the accompanying form indication. Please provide a title for your paper and an abstract of no more than 500 words. After the review by the scientific committee, you will be informed the acceptance. **The Last date for submission of abstract (s) is May 30, 2008.** The abstracts may kindly be sent in an MS word file through email: ibcbhutan@gmail.com

Registration*

Conference Registration Fees

	Early Registration Before 30th May 2008	Registration After 30th May 2008
Participant	US\$ 300	US \$ 350
Accompanying Person / student	US\$ 200	US \$ 250
Participants from SARRC countries	INR 4000	INR 4500

*registration fee includes participation in the conference, luncheons, coffee breaks, conference bag, abstract book, welcome reception and closing ceremony

Terms and Conditions:

- Registration will be confirmed if payment is received with the registration booking form
- If you have not received details within 15 days of bookings please contact the conference organizer
- The **Century Foundation** and the Organizing committee of the Conference can not be held responsible for the non-arrival of information.

- Cancellations:

- Cancellations should be made in writing to the Century Foundation
- Refund of registration fees will be as follows;
 - Before 10th June 2008 refund of 50%
 - After 10th May 2008 no refund is available.

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www.bhutan.gov.bt

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Registration Form

(Please Type or print and tick appropriate boxes)

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Payment instructions: Payment should be made by bank transfer to:-

Name of Bank: State Bank of Mysore

Bank Address: 384/1, 100 Feet Road, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038, INDIA

Account Name: Century Foundation

Account No. : 54020996265

SWIFT Code: SBMYINBB007

Registration fee by Bank Draft in favour of **CENTURY FOUNDATION, BANAGLORE** and send it to the conference secretariat.

**Please attach a copy of the bank receipt. *All bank charges are to be paid by the sender.*

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