



**The Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations
(Comhnascadh Cumann Beachairí na hÉireann)**

FIBKA
HANDBOOK FOR THE GUIDANCE
OF
AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS
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Foreword

As President it gives me great pleasure to present to our member associations a further revision of this guidebook. Arising from changes in personnel at association and Federation level it is necessary to update the guidebook on an annual basis so that it can be used with confidence by association officials. Changes are also necessary in the section dealing with disease guidelines, resulting from a further product being made available for Varroa control.

In it you will find contact details for all members of the Executive Council, the panel of lecturers, honey judges and Practical Beemasters. Members of the various committees who engage in the promotion and education of beekeeping are also clearly set out. It contains an invaluable amount of information on all aspects of Beekeeping in Ireland. Each association is linked to a member of the Executive Council who acts as a go between on Federation business. Due to the recent increase in Affiliated Associations some changes have been made in this area to reduce travel time for Council members.

Also detailed are services provided at Federation level such as a summary of our insurance scheme, availability of sugar at discounted rates, jar labels and of course, the library facilities for books, DVDs and videos.

Over the past few years there has been a large increase in interest in the craft and this handbook is an invaluable guide to those responsible for organising lectures and demonstrations at association level. Membership of Affiliated Associations has recently exceeded 2,500 for the first time ever, resulting in an increasing requirement for lectures at beginner and improver level. Details of our formal education system are well described in the booklet and associations should promote this area of the craft by facilitating study groups.

Compiling information and proofing every phone no, address and email addresses is a major task and on your behalf I thank and congratulate our secretary Mr. Michael Gleeson on producing such a comprehensive booklet.

Seamus Reddy, President FIBKA

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130 years of Organised Beekeeping in Ireland 1881-2011

Formation of the Irish Beekeepers' Association

The inaugural meeting was held at the Royal Dublin Society's rooms, Ballsbridge at 12 noon on April 21 1881. There were thirty persons present. In 1887 Mr. H Chenevix J.P. became Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the I.B.K.A. and continued in that position for a period of thirteen years. He was mainly responsible for its continued progress.

He introduced a monthly circular of notes and hints, which was supplied free to all members. The I.B.K.A. was now well on its way to maturity. The 1881 Land Act gave much assistance to the majority of Irish tenant farmers but it did not improve the plight of small farmers in the west of Ireland.

Eventually the British Government established the Congested Districts Board in 1891. It decided to provide this board with adequate sources of revenue. The idea was to give the families in the poor law electoral divisions of counties Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Mayo, Galway, Clare, Kerry, and West Cork, a better reward for their labour. The board continued its activities for a period of thirteen years from 1891 to 1904 when it was taken over by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

In its first annual report for the year 1892, laid before the House of Commons on February 24 1893, it was recommended that beekeeping be included in the board's work in future, as it deserved encouragement.

The secretary of the board immediately appointed Mr Turlough O'Bryen to be instructor in beekeeping covering the respective area. He proved to be an outstanding success in this assignment and remained in the post until 1924.

In 1894 a special committee under the technical advisor, Mr C.N. Abbott, designed a hive, at the office of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to suit the requirements of the congested districts board.

It was a tremendous success and became known as the Congested Districts Board hive (C.D.B.). The Abbott Brothers, 23 Merchants Quay, Dublin, supplied approximately one thousand of these hives to the board. It was the first standardised beehive to be put on the market in these islands. It was an outstanding hive for the production of section honey.

1897 American Foulbrood outbreak

This disease is as old as time. Aristotle described it as an inertness, which seized the bees and caused a bad smell in the hive. Von Schirach in 1769 was the first authority to give the disease the name of Foulbrood.

It was the introduction of the movable frame hive that showed up its existence in Ireland. It did not readily appear in skep beekeeping as the bees in the skep were destroyed on a regular basis and the honeycombs were all removed.

1901 Cork Beekeeping Association founded

The initial meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms, South Mall on July 5 1901. Mr William Deely, Whites Cross was elected Hon. Secretary, and the Chairman was Mr. R.M. Martin, V.P.

The Cork Exhibition 1902

This was an agricultural exhibition and the members of the newly formed Cork Beekeepers' Association played their part in urging the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to erect a large straw skep focusing public attention on the beekeeping craft.

The skep was twenty feet high. It was constructed with straw ropes wrapped around a frame of timber covered with canvas and felt. The D.A.T.I. flagpole was placed on top.

Inside it had three circular shelves on which exhibits of honey and beeswax were accommodated. In addition a wide shelf was placed around the perimeter to provide for the display of hives and other beekeeping appliances. This was the largest exhibition of the beekeeping craft ever seen in Ireland. There were exhibits on display from all thirty-two counties. The exhibition lasted from May to November 1902.

1904 The Irish Bee Guide Published

The author of this Bee Guide was Rev. J.G. Digges MA and he also wrote the revised edition 'The Practical Bee Guide'. It ran into sixteen editions, totalling seventy-six thousand books published.

In an obituary on his death in 1933, the great English commercial beekeeper and author of three books on the craft, R.O.B. Manley, stated, "*It was a beautifully written book judged merely as a book of literature. In*

addition to this, it is undoubtedly by far the best of the general guides to beekeeping published in the British Isles."

Its sales are sufficient evidence of the truth of this statement. Rev. Digges also published *The Irish Bee Journal* which continued until his death.

1907 Special Course in Beekeeping at Albert Agricultural College

This special course in beekeeping for horticultural instructors was arranged between the department of agriculture and the county committees of agriculture with whom the instructors were employed.

There was a full attendance of the required instructors at the course, at the end of which a stiff examination was held. Following this course every county committee of agriculture in Ireland had qualified instructors in horticulture capable of giving instruction in the beekeeping craft.

1908 The Bee Pest (Ireland) Bill

This Bill was introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. T.N. Russell vice-president D.A.T.I. on June 18 1908. Second reading July 10, third reading July 13 passed through the House of Lords, received Royal assent and became law in Ireland on the 1st January 1909.

1912 Discovery of Isle of Wight disease (Acarine) in County Dublin

Mr. T O'Bryen, Beekeeping inspector, on the instruction of the Department of Agriculture visited the apiary of Mr. Wm. Scaly Gossett, Woodlands, Rochestown Avenue, Blackrock, Co.Dublin and took samples. Within a couple of days a bacteriological examination had been made and it was confirmed to be Isle of Wight disease. It was believed that the disease was introduced into Ireland by means of second-hand appliances from a diseased district in England.

A sub-committee was appointed by the I.B.K.A. to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture in handling the situation. It was too late to contain the outbreak because within the week a second outbreak was discovered at Mr. McDonalds apiary at 1 Burdett Avenue, Off Sandycove Rd., Dunlaoghaire.

The introduction of the I.O.W. (Acarine) was catastrophic, both for the Irish beekeepers and their organisation. D.A.T.I. had no statutory powers to deal with any bee disease except Foulbrood.

Acarine increased rapidly. Thirty-nine cases were reported in 1912/13. By the years 1924/25 it was so prevalent in some counties that it resulted in a complete loss of all bee stocks.

As a result of this degeneration some county committees, especially County Wexford, decided to import Dutch bees which, according to the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, were free from the disease. In some cases they proved not to be immune. It was discovered that where Dutch Bees were crossed with the native black bee larger numbers of stocks survived.

The infestation continued to increase, being very prevalent from 1924 to 1927, and then a virulent form of the disease re-appeared. It completely destroyed all stocks in some counties. Restocking with Dutch Bees began in earnest in 1927 when fifteen county committees of Agriculture adopted a scheme for restocking.

April 20th 1939 Committee Meeting

Mr. M.H.Read was in the chair, also present were Miss Morgan, and Mr. M.J. Bruton. The sole business of the meeting was to consider the advisability of winding up the I.B.K.A. It was therefore decided that this matter be placed before the annual general meeting on May 4 1939 and that the ordinary business of the AGM be made contingent on a decision to continue the I.B.K.A.

This was the last meeting recorded in the minute book. So ended the first phase of the I.B.K.A.

The Federation is born

In 1942 Robert N. Tweedy decided to give a series of talks on beekeeping in the Country Shop, St.Stephen's Green, Dublin as he felt there was a need for a beekeeper's organisation in Dublin.

These talks were very well attended and as a result twelve of the leading enthusiasts met on 14 January 1943 in the offices of Arthur Ganley, 20 Lincoln Place, Dublin and established an association. R. N. Tweedy was elected Chairman and A. Ganley, Honorary Secretary both pro tem. A week later on 21st January 1943 at the same venue the County Dublin Beekeepers' Association was formally launched.

As time went by the membership gradually increased to over two hundred and as a result two other branch associations, Mount Merrion and Balbriggan, were formed.

A short time after this R. N. Tweedy suggested that an effort be made to contact any other beekeepers' associations, which may be still functioning throughout the country including the six counties of Northern Ireland, with a view to forming an all Ireland body.

These associations were located with the assistance of the County Committees of Agriculture and were invited to assist in forming a Federation.

In June 1943 the honorary secretary of the newly formed Ulster B.K.A. informed the County Dublin B.K.A. that there were 23 local associations in the Six Counties and intimated that they would welcome the setting up of an All Ireland Federation. However, when this body was formed they did not associate themselves with it.

On the 9th of August 1943 the officers of the County Dublin B.K.A. with Miss E. Thompson, Dr. W. Sexton and Mr. E. Lemass were constituted a Federation Sub-Committee with power to inaugurate an All Ireland body. After a lot of effort the Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations was duly established on St.Patrick's Day, 1944 at 20 Lincoln Place, Dublin. Such was the birth of the present Federation of Irish beekeepers' Associations and it has stood the test of time right down to the present day with a membership of approximately two thousand five hundred and fifty members in fifty three local associations.



THE FEDERATION OF IRISH BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATIONS

Handbook for the Guidance of Affiliated Associations

AIMS OF THIS HANDBOOK

1. To provide the Officers of Affiliated Associations with simple guidelines for the efficient running of their organisations.
2. To supply information on the services available from the Federation together with useful contact addresses and telephone numbers.
3. To provide information on the Federation examinations, including awards, regulations and examination fees.

COMPOSITION OF ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

Each Association shall be managed by a Committee comprising of: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and six other members. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are key figures in each Association, its success or failure will largely depend on them. They should continually recruit new members to the ranks, follow-up on lapsed members and enlist the co-operation of existing members in this important operation. They should continuously promote the aims of the Federation, the sales of An Beachaire and actively encourage members to sit the Federation examinations.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman is responsible for the smooth working of the Association and should promote the aims of the Federation.

- He/she should have a pleasing personality and a sympathetic understanding of other people's viewpoints
- have the skill to decide when to speak and when to keep silent

- though in command of the proceedings he/she has got to resist the temptation to dictate
- should encourage discussion to ensure that the minority viewpoint gets as much attention as the majority viewpoint
- should ensure the meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion and kept within a time limit.
- shall take the chair at all Association meetings; if unable to do so, he/she will delegate that duty to the Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman will have a casting vote in addition to his/her ordinary vote should voting be equal in any division.

SECRETARY

The Secretary's duties include:

1. Attendance at all Association Meetings.
2. Recording the Minutes of Committee Meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

Before each meeting he/she should:

- a) Draw up agenda in consultation with Chairman.
- b) Check meeting venue.
- c) Notify members in good time. (Usually a minimum of 7 days).
- d) On meeting night, arrive in good time at venue.
- e) Read to the meeting, minutes of previous meeting.
- f) Read relevant sections of correspondence.
- g) Record accurately and briefly the minutes of each meeting.
- h) After each meeting, write minutes in minute book.
- i) Answer correspondence immediately.
- j) Notify Treasurer of any expenses.
- k) Get feedback from members and inform Chairman.
- l) Check on forthcoming events.
- m) After AGM notify any change of Officers to Secretary, FIBKA.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for all funds received and disbursed on behalf of the Association together with the keeping of records and accounts in respect thereof.

He/she should:

Provide the Federation Treasurer with a listing of all paid-up members accompanied by cheque for:

- a) Affiliation fees. (€10 for year 2010)
- b) Insurance Premium (€8 for year 2010)

Subscriptions (currently €25) for *An Beachaire* should be sent to the Manager.

Receipts should be issued for all funds received; this is particularly important in the case of the membership subscription, as a member is considered to be insured from the time that the subscription has been paid and a receipt has been issued for it.

It is recommended that the membership subscription should be set at a level sufficient to cover the cost of:

- a) Association administration expenses.
- b) Affiliation fee.
- c) Insurance.
- d) *An Beachaire*

Members should be encouraged to pay accordingly.

The Treasurer should forward the insurance and affiliation fees to the Federation Treasurer as soon as practicable after collection.

Beginners Course

In recent times there is renewed interest in beekeeping by the general public with many aspiring beekeepers seeking to undertake beginner s course. Without new and enthusiastic members associations will not survive. It is vital that associations conduct a Beginner s Course at local level during the late autumn or early spring to cater for new beekeepers. Generally the expertise to run such courses is available from within the local association. The FIBKA Preliminary Syllabus should be covered, such that by the end of the lecture series and Apiary demonstrations, participants are ready to sit the Preliminary Exam. The different areas of the syllabus should be divided so as to give a balance across 6 — 8 Lectures. It may also be a worthy objective that all participants round off their course by sitting the Preliminary Examination, however this should not be compulsory.

New Members

Special attention should be paid to new members. They should be encouraged to pursue their interest in the craft. An experienced or neighbouring beekeeper might invite and encourage the novice to accompany him/her on a visit to an apiary or offer to go along with the new recruit to look after his/her bees.

Outdoor demonstrations should be a feature of every Association's activities and at these the beginner is taught how to manipulate bees effectively.

Winter lectures illustrated with slides, films or videos, will keep up their interest and satisfy their thirst for knowledge. They should all be encouraged to subscribe to *An Beachaire* so they will keep up-to-date with the latest information.

Constitution

It is advisable that each Association would draft its own Constitution. The Federation's Constitution is available towards the rear of this booklet. Other FIBKA literature, such as this handbook, handouts for public exhibitions, Summer Course Brochures are obtainable from the FIBKA Secretary.

Example of an Agenda for a Local Association AGM held in Oct/Nov/Dec

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last Annual General meeting
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. Secretary's Report
5. Accounts and Treasurer's Report
6. Apiary report
7. Election of Officers (List the various Officers)
8. Election of Committee Members
9. Subscriptions for coming year
10. Activities planned for the year ahead
 - (a) Indoor Lectures
 - (b) Outdoor Demonstrations
 - (c) Possible Summer Outing

- (d) A Honey Show
 - (e) Beginners Course
 - (f) Examinations
 - (g) Completion of Motion and Nomination form for Congress
 - (h) Delegates to Congress
 - (i) Social occasion
11. Presentation of Certificates to successful candidates
 12. Purchase of equipment for members by bulk order to be organised in - Feb/March
 13. Any Other Business
 14. Date and place of next Annual General Meeting.

THE SERVICES ON OFFER FROM FIBKA

1. Annual Summer Course - Gormanston College: Mid-late July - details from the Summer Course Convenor.
2. Annual Congress - AGM held on Wednesday of Course Week send Association Delegates as per FIBKA Constitution.
3. Annual Beekeeping Proficiency Examinations, Course Week Gormanston, and also provincial centres. Consult the Examination Coordinator.
4. Annual National Honey Show - Course Week, Gormanston College.
5. Members of Associations affiliated to FIBKA are fully insured against third party liability. Particulars from: FIBKA Secretary.
6. Annual supply of sugar, for bee feeding, at reduced price.
7. The FIBKA publishes monthly Journal - "*An Beachaire*" (Official Organ of Federation). For details contact the Editor or Manager.
8. Comprehensive library of beekeeping books and videos. Books and videos on loan free, borrower pays return postage. Contact the Librarians.
9. Arbour Week - week following first Sunday in March. Tree plants (nectar bearing) are available at reduced price.
10. Special attractive Federation honey jar tamper proof labels, complete with bar code are available to members of Affiliated Associations who are also listed on the insurance register

- . The Federation label acts as a seal over the cap of the honey jar and has a number on it and also the Federation s Logo.
A record of the numbers is held by Michael Woulfe, who also administers the scheme. The labelling scheme is confined to FIBKA members who pack only Irish honey and whose names and addresses appear on the honey jar.
- 11. Lecture Notes -A series of lecture headings, suitable for Beginners Courses may be obtained from Peter Whyte Tel. (067) 21237.
- 12. Maintains a panel of lecturers/instructors to talk to associations
- 13. Working closely with DAFF to promote the good health of bees.
- 14. Working closely with UBKA and BBKA for the benefit of beekeeping

DIRECTORY OF LECTURERS AND DEMONSTRATORS

- It is important that you make contact with your future speaker well in advance as many are booked out well in advance
- Don't forget to send them reminders a week or so prior to the engagement with clear details of the venue
- Arrange with the speaker to have the necessary equipment available screens, projectors extension cables etc. Nowadays many speakers have their own laptop and projector.
- If a speaker has to travel a long distance he or she would probably appreciate some light refreshment prior to the meeting.
- It is good practice to follow up an engagement with a letter of thanks, even when a vote of thanks has been made at the meeting.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES

All persons, whose name appears on the panel of speakers/instructors in the list in this Handbook as well as Honey Judges, normally receive a contribution for visiting and lecturing to any affiliated Association of FIBKA; the primary responsibility for this payment shall lie with the local Association and the sum paid shall be a matter for the Association. In addition the Federation will pay a €0.50 per mile travelling allowance on receiving a request in writing stating the name of the Association

visited the purpose of the visit, the date of the visit and the mileage travelled. The Federation will not be responsible for any other charges. If overnight accommodation is necessary, it will be the responsibility of the local Association. Expenses as set out above are not allowed where the lecturer is visiting his/her own Association. The Federation mileage allowance shall only be allowed for lectures within the State. Any Speaker residing outside the State shall be entitled to payment from the Federation provided they are servicing an Association Affiliated to the FIBKA

FIBKA PANEL OF LECTURERS/INSTRUCTORS

Connaught

Ó'Cochláin Breandán, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL

Ard na gCloch, Corcullen Galway, Co Galway

Tel. No. 091-555211/087-9185698,

email:b.ocochlain@irishbroadband.net

Topics: The Irish Beekeeping Tradition, Beekeeping — as Easy (or as Difficult) as One, Two, Three

Travel Requirements: None

Leinster

Browne Lorna Dr, CFL, Oriel, Kildermot Lane, Ballymoney, Gorey, Co Wexford

Tel. No. 053-9425534/087-2514154, email: lornabrowne@eircom.net

Topics: Gastrointestinal System of the Honey Bee, The Circulation of the Honey Bee, The Nervous System of the Honey Bee, The Hive Produce and Medicine.

Donohue Jim, Beemaster, 11 New Ballinderry, Mullingar, Co Westmeath

Tel. No. 044-9340771/086-2555729. E-mail jd@eircom.net

Topics: Practical Beekeeping lectures with equipment and demonstrations

Travel Requirement: Will accommodate Associations within 1 hour travel of Mullingar

Donoghue John, Honey Judge, Bunnagappa, Walsh Island, Geashill, Co Offaly,

Tel. No. (057-8649579) & (086-8290119)

email: beesandwood@gmail.com

Topics: Will speak on any Beekeeping Topic

Travel Requirements: None

Flavin Bea, CFL, Dangan, Kilmacow, Co Kilkenny Via Waterford

Tel. No. 087-2263529/051-885477, email: flavin2@eircom.net

Topics: Hygiene including Apiary and Food Hygiene, Swarm Control, Workshop: Basic Microscopy and External Anatomy and dissection of the Honey Bee.

Harden Ben, NatDipSc (Apic), NDB, Ballinabanogue The Rock Arklow Co. Wicklow.

Tel. No. 0402-24878/086-8807651, email: benharden@ireland.com

Topics: Willing to speak on whatever is required by the Invitee

Travel Requirements: None

Kelly Joseph, CFL, 46 Wynberg Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin

Tel. No. 01- 2804050/087-2213401, email: joseph.kelly29@gmail.com

Topics: Pollination, Keeping a Healthy Apiary, Honeybee Behaviour.

MacGiolla Coda, Eoghan, Beemaster, Trean, Dunleer, Co Louth

Tel. No. (041-6861884), email: eemac@eircom.net

Topics: The Native Irish Bee, Hive Records and Colony Evaluation, Swarm Prevention and Control

Magee Eamon, CFL 222 Lower Kilmacud Road, Goatstown, Dublin 14.

Tel. No. 01-2987611/ 087-2549033 email:eamonmagee222@gmail.com

Topics: Any topic on request - to name three - Ling heather honey production, Thinking outside the super in Spring, Turning the swarming instinct from a problem to an advantage. ?

Travel Requirements: none.

McCabe Philip, CFL, Sherdara Beaulieu Cross, Drogheda, Co Louth.

Tel. No. 041-9836159/087-2554854, email: philipmccabe@eircom.net .

Topics: Oil Seed Rape — its Importance to Beekeepers,

Multi-Tasking in May, Spring and Summer Management

McMullan John, B.Sc. (QUB), Ph.D. (TCD), CFL, 34 Ard na Mara Crescent, Malahide, Co Dublin. Tel. No. 01-8450193/086-6039133.

email:: jmcmullan@eircom.net

Topics: Bee diseases general or specific, Seasonal bee management, Personal approaches to beekeeping

Travel Requirement: No travel restrictions

O Byrne William, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL, Beemaster, Carrick View , Moneystown, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.

Tel. No. 0404-45209 / 087-2495228, email: wobee@eircom.net

Topics: AFB and EFB, Hygiene from hive to Jar, Honey from plant to pot, Honeybee Anatomy, Aethina Tumida.

Pierce Keith, Beemaster, 16 Roselawn Rd. Castleknock Dublin 15.

Tel. No. 087-2818759, email: keithpierce@eircom.net

Topics: My Beekeeping Year, Operating and Maintaining Mini Mating Nuclei

Travel Requirement: Up to an hour and a half travel from home.

Rees Simon, CFL, 105 Weirview Drive, Stillorgan, Dublin.

Tel. No. 087-240 5999, email: simon@simonrees.com

Topics: Honeybee flight, Colony defence, Langstroth: an appraisal, Dance language of the honeybee, and the eyes of the honeybee.

Williams Gerard, CFL. Carrigbeg House, Carrigbeg, Gorey, Co Wexford,

Tel. No. 053-9421823/086-3634134, email: gerardandvera@eircom.net .

Topics: Will speak on any beekeeping topic reasonable notice required, will speak to school groups ICA etc.

Travel Requirement: None

Munster

MacGiolla Coda Micheál, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL, FIBKA Honey Judge, BBKA Senior Honey Judge, Glengarra Wood, Burncourt, Cahir, Co Tipperary.

Tel. No. 052-7467205 email: galteehoneyfarm@hotmail.com

Topics: Conserving and Improving Local Bees, Establishing a Bee Improvement Group, Colony Evaluation and Recording, Simple Methods of Queen Rearing, Honeybee Flora and Planting for Bees, Preparation of Honey for Show and Sale.

Travel requirement: Will travel up to 60-70 miles.

O Donoghue Gerard, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL Alama , Balinvuskig, Burnfort, Mallow, Co Cork, Tel. No. 022-29315/087-9681862,

email: godonoghue@ymail.com

Topics: Removing of Honey Crop and Preparing Honey for Sale and Show, Production of Comb Honey, Nuclei and their Uses.

Travel Requirement: None

O'Callaghan Michael J, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL, "Sayonarah",
Riverstown Bridge, Glanmire, Co Cork, Tel 021-4822183,
email: ghs170@yahoo.com

Topics: Equipment, Removing and extracting honey as well as labelling requirements, Bee diseases and pests.

Travel Requirements: Will travel to adjoining Associations.

O'Sullivan Edward, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL, St Ives, Kilcrea Park,
Magazine Road, Co Cork,

Tel. No. 021-4542614/087-2261330, email: eddie@indigo.ie

Topics: Will lecture or demonstrate on any beekeeping matter, will speak to school groups.

Travel Requirement: Would prefer not to exceed 50 miles in the evening time, unless overnight accommodation can be arranged.

Lee David, Beemaster Scart, Kildorrey, Co Cork,

Tel. No. 022-25595/087-0904646, email: davidleej@eircom.net

Topics; Year s Work, Swarm Control, Simple method of Queen Rearing, Preparing for winter including Varroa control, Mead Making, Harvesting the Crop and Preparation for sale i.e. EU regulations. For Beginners - Talks to include Equipment, Year's work including Assembling Frames, Occupants of the Hive, Diseases, Swarm Control, Harvesting the Crop and Preparing for Sale.

Travel requirement: None

Maunsell Michael, Intermediate Certificate, Clonegannagh, Dunkerrin,
Birr, Co Offaly.

Tel. No. 0505-45340/087-4131622, email :michaelmaunsell@gmail.com

Topics: Colony Evaluation and Record Keeping, Parasite and Diseases of Honey Bees, Record Keeping and Selection of Better Bees.

Travel Requirement: None

Power Jim, Honey Judge, Beemaster, Advanced Bee Husbandry
Certificate CSL,

The Old Hill, Carrick-Beg, Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary.

Tel. No. 051-640448/087-7908870, email: theoldhill@eircom.net

Topics: Varroa, Preparing Honey for Sale and Showing, Harvesting the Honey Crop, A Year in the Apiary, For Beginners — The Inhabitants of the Hive, Spring Management, Setting up an Apiary.

Power Noel, CFL, British Wax Chandlers Winner, Westcot,
Ballincollig, Oriel Park, Co Cork. Tel. No. 021-4870954,
email: powernoel@eircom.net .

Topics: Controlling Bees and working for Honey, Queen rearing to increase Honey Production, A Busman s Holiday (Working with Bro. Adam at Buckfast Abbey), and Integrated Swarm Control.

Travel requirement: None.

Prendergast Thomas, CFL, Ballypatrick, Clonmel, Co Tipperary
Tel. No. 087-9109360. email: Tom.Prendergast@medite-europe.com

Topics: Preparing for the honey flow, Diseases and maintaining healthy bees, Successful over wintering, Summer management of your bees

Travel Requirement: Prepared to travel up to 120 miles

Ryan Dennis, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL, Mylerstown, Clonmel, Co Tipperary.

Tel. No. 052-6125600/086-3370228, email: dryan266@eircom.net

Topics: Queen Selection and Queen Rearing, Bee Health Management, Preparation of Honey and Wax for Show

Travel Requirement: Prepared to travel up to 130 miles.

Ryan Gerry, Senior Certificate Holder, Deerpark, Dundrum, Co Tipperary

Tel. No. 062-71274/087-1300751), email: ryansfancy@gmail.com

Topics: Apidea Management, Wax Recovery and Usage, The Causes of Winter Losses

Travel Requirements: None

Ryan Jim, CFL “Innisfail”, Kickham Street, Thurles, Co Tipperary.

Tel. No. 0504-22228/087-9718494, email: jimbee1@eircom.net.

Topics: Beekeeping History, Wax and its uses, Practical Beekeeping.

Travel Requirements: None.

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Topics: Bee Magic, Bee Anatomy, Simple Genetics for the Beekeeper.

Travel Requirements: None

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Topics: Microscopy in general and Pollen Analysis, Acarine, Nosema, American Foul Brood, European Foul Brood, can give lectures on all these subjects with knowledge and authority but microscopy is best suited to workshops and would require 2-3 hour sessions.

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Topics: Bee Plants, Bees and Water, Bee Foraging Behaviour, The role of drones in Honey Production

Travel Requirements: None.

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Topics: Any practical beekeeping topic, Preparation and Exhibition of Honey and Honey Bee Products, Instrumental Insemination of Honey bee Queens.

Travel Requirements: None

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Fletcher Jim, CFL, FIBKA Honey Judge, 26 Coach Road, Comber, Co Down, BT23 5QX

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Topics: Climate Change and Honey Bees, It's not in the book", Peaking for performance, Winter Survival, Other topics as requested

Travel Requirements: None

Irvine Ethel, CFL, 2 Laragh Lee, Ballinamallard BT94 2JT, Co Fermanagh

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Topics: Swarm control, Role of the drone, Any seasonal management, having taught the intermediate course, I am happy to respond to requests.

Travel Requirements: Prepared to travel up to 2 hours from home on an evening. Anything else I would have to stay overnight.

McBride Lorraine, CFL, 11 Ballyloughan Park, Ballymena, Co Antrim, BT43 5HW Tel. No. 028-25640872, email: kilconriola@care4free.net .

Topics: To queen, with which queen, Nucs, nucs, nucs, Hives and Frames, Hive configuration and choice of frames.

Travel Requirements: None

Millar Rev S J, MA, CFL, 41 Rectory Park, Garvagh, BT51 5AJ
Tel. No. 028-29557097, email: sj.millar@btinternet.com
Topics: How to Raise Early Replacement Queens,
History of Great Beekeepers of the Past,
The Geographical Search for a Better Black Bee (in Summer).
Travel Requirements: None

O Connor Seamus, NatDipSc (Apic), CFL, Corrleena , 4 Monaghan
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Topics: Life of the honeybee, Diseases of the honeybee (a) Brood
Diseases (b) Adult bee diseases, Pollination and Bee Flora.
Travel Requirement: 40 miles from Armagh.

Young Michael, FIBKA, BBKA Senior, Welsh, Scottish Honey Judge,
Master Beekeeper from Georgia University, "Mile Away", Carnreagh,
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Topics: Encaustic Art-Workshop, African Killer Bee, Apitherapy.
Travel Requirements: None

FIBKA EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

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A unique feature of our examination system is that although the exami-
nations are of the highest standard, there is no time limit on completing
a particular examination.

There are seven levels of examinations for proficiency certificates; these
and their eligibility requirements are as follows:

Preliminary Examination: for beginners.

Intermediate Apiary Practical Examination: Prerequisite: the
Preliminary Certificate of the FIBKA and at least three years' beekeeping
experience satisfactory to the Board. This is a new grade of examination and
is intended to lead to the Practical Beemaster's Certificate.

Intermediate Certificate: Prerequisite: the Preliminary Certificate of the FIBKA or the BBKA Basic Certificate must be held for at least one year.

Senior Certificate: Prerequisite: Intermediate Certificate and at least five years beekeeping experience.

Practical Beemaster's Certificate: Prerequisite: Intermediate Apiary Practical Certificate and at least five years' beekeeping experience satisfactory to the Board. For further details please contact the Examination Coordinator.

Honey Judge: Prerequisite: Intermediate and Practical Beemaster Certificates, successful showing, having obtained a minimum of 200 points (copies of prize cards must be submitted) at major shows and a record of stewarding under at least four FIBKA Honey Judges.

Lecturer: Prerequisite: Senior Certificate.

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Practical Beemaster's Certificate: Successful candidates will be entitled to teach and examine beginners.

Senior Certificate: The holder of this certificate is an expert beekeeper, competent to advise on all aspects of beekeeping and to teach modern methods.

Lecturer's Certificate: Holders will be known as Certified Federation Lecturers (C.F.L) and their names will be included in the panel of lecturers.

Written Examinations

Preliminary: Twenty questions, requiring short answers.

Time Half an Hour.

Intermediate: Practical Paper - Six questions on the paper — Five to be answered. Time - three hours.

Scientific Paper - Six questions on the paper — Five to be answered. Time - three hours.

This examination is held at the Gormanston Summer Course and at Provincial Examination Centres where the Practical and Scientific papers are held in alternate years.

Senior: Practical Paper - Six questions on the paper — Five to be answered. Time - three hours.

Scientific Paper - Six questions on the paper — Five to be answered.

Time - three hours.

As part of this examination there is a separate Practical Microscopy and a separate Senior Apiary Practical examination.

Apiary/Oral Examinations

Preliminary: Five parts 20% each part: colony control, and four parts with oral answers to questions on very basic beekeeping such as castes, cells, brood diseases and adult bee diseases. This examination is held at the Gormanston Summer Course or at Provincial Examination Centres.

Senior Apiary Practical Examination: The examination is held at the candidate's apiary, usually on a Saturday in June or by arrangement on a convenient date between the Examiners and the candidate; there will be two Examiners. The syllabus may be viewed on the Federation web site. Apiary and Equipment 40%, Practical Beekeeping 40%, Hive Products and Plants 10%, General Topics 10%. Candidates must present their apiary/hive record notebook containing records for at least three years for inspection; they must also present evidence of queen rearing and exhibiting at honey shows.

As the Practical Syllabus is the same, holders of the Practical Beemaster certificate are exempted from this part of the examination.

The Microscopy component of the Senior Certificate Examination is held during the Summer Course and application must be made before May 1st. The examination involves the proper setting up of microscopes, dissection and making slides of bee parts, slides for diagnosis of acarine, nosema and AFB and pollen analysis.

Intermediate Apiary Practical Examination: The syllabus is available on the Federation web site. Apiary and Equipment 20%, Practical Beekeeping 20%; Oral under six headings (consult syllabus) - 10% each part. 20% of the marks gained in this examination may be carried forward to the Practical Beemaster's Examination. Candidates must present their apiary/hive record notebook containing records for at least two years for inspection.

Practical Beemaster: The syllabus is the same as that for the Senior Apiary Practical. Carry forward marks from the Intermediate Practical

Examination, 20%, Apiary and Equipment 20%, Practical Beekeeping 20%; Oral answers to questions (consult syllabus) 40%. The arrangements are the same as for the Senior Apiary Practical Examination. Candidates must present their apiary/hive record notebook containing records for at least three years for inspection; they must also present evidence of queen rearing and exhibiting at honey shows.

Lecturer: Candidates will be examined by a panel of three Examiners, one of whom is the Senior Summer Course Lecturer.

Marking scheme: Lecture Content 30%, Presentation 30%, Visual Aids 10%, and Handling of questions 30%.

Honey Judge: Candidates must obtain at least 60% in each of the following five sections and 75% overall of the aggregate marks to pass the examination: Equipment, dress etc; samples and report; judging liquid and comb honey + one other class; judging other categories (oral interview); questions on syllabus, schedule and legal regulations.

Pass Standard in FIBKA examinations: 70% for all examinations except Honey Judge (75%).

PROVINCIAL EXAMINATIONS

Preliminary and Intermediate examinations will be held at provincial centres, where normally at least 10 candidates apply to sit one level of examination (some flexibility in this number is left to the Examination Co-Ordinator); neighbouring Associations may combine in order to reach the minimum number of 10. Consult your Association Secretary to see if there is a Centre available near where you live and to find out who is the Local Examination Organiser (all applications must come through the Local Organiser). The current examination fee (non refundable) is available on the website. Notice of the date of Provincial Preliminary (held on the Saturday, closest to the 23rd of May) and the Provincial Intermediate held on the Saturday closest to the 6th of April subject to avoiding Easter are normally published in the March issue of *An Beachaire*. A candidate may sit one Intermediate paper at the Provincial Examination and the other paper at the Summer Course.

Only one intermediate paper is available at Provincial centres. In 2012 the scientific paper is available and in 2013 the practical paper is available and so on.

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR LOCAL EXAMINATION CENTRE ORGANISERS

1. The FIBKA examinations are carried out under the same strict rules as public examinations.
2. An up-to-date Provincial Application Form, which also lists the closing date and exam fees etc, is downloaded from the Federation website, copied and given to the candidates to fill out; the completed Application Forms must be returned to the Examination Coordinator well before the closing date: see 5 below.
The local Organiser collects the exam fees, types the candidates' names (watch out for mistakes!), addresses and contact details into an Excel file obtained by emailing the Examination Co-Ordinator; please use the same format as the example provided and then return the file as an attachment by email well before the closing date - this database file forms part of the examination record and will be used untouched by the Examinations Officer to print the certificates.
3. All applications for the Provincial Examinations shall be made via the Local Organiser — any that are not shall be returned. The Local Organiser of a Centre may allow candidates from other associations to sit the examination at his/her Centre; responsibility for all the examination arrangements and communication with the Education Officer rests with the Local Organiser of the Centre.
4. In the case of the Intermediate examination, the Practical paper and the Scientific paper will be examined at Provincial Centres in alternate years. For example, only the Scientific paper will be examined in May 2012 while only the Practical paper will be examined in 2013. A candidate may of course sit one paper at the Provincial examination and the other at the Summer Course.
5. If there are candidates sitting the Intermediate examination, make sure that these are clearly listed separately from the Preliminary candidates on the Excel sheet. The closing date is April 20th for Provincial Preliminary and Friday 2nd of March for Provincial Intermediate - however, the late closing date with a late application fee payable as indicated on the Application Form is April 27th for Provincial Preliminary and March 9th for Provincial Intermediate. Applications received after April 27th (Preliminary) and March 9th (Intermediate) will not be accepted and will be returned. The candidates' signed Application Forms and the Excel sheet must be with the Examination Coordinator by April 27th (Preliminary) and March 9th (Intermediate), who will post out the exam papers etc to the Local Organiser on May Day.

6. The Examination Co-Ordinator will send the examination papers and the apiary marks sheets to the Organiser in a sealed envelope. This envelope will also contain another wax sealed envelope enclosing the examination papers and a Declaration Form. The Declaration Form must be signed and witnessed on the day of the examination that the envelope containing the examination papers was opened not earlier than five minutes before the examination.
7. The local Organiser is responsible for arranging the exam hall, choosing the invigilators (who on the day of the examination will tick off the names of the candidates as being either present or absent); giving out the exam papers and answer books at the correct time.
8. On the advice of a local Federation Lecturer, the Organiser will appoint the practical apiary examiners and oversee the exam.
9. In due course all the exam material (scripts, apiary marks sheets and Declaration Form) is returned to the Examinations Officer.
- 10 After the Examination Board meeting the local Organiser will be sent the examination marks on the data base file by email: and he/she will inform the candidates of their results and will help with distributing the certificates to the successful candidates.

EXAMINATION DETAILS

The examination fees are non-refundable and are valid for the year of application only; they are listed on the Federation website; Application Forms for the examinations may be downloaded from the Federation website. Fees for Repeat Examinations are the same as for the original examination.

All the examinations, with the exception of **Practical Beemaster, Intermediate Apiary Practical** and the **Provincial Examinations** are held at Gormanston College during the FIBKA Annual Beekeeping Summer Course.

Applications to sit the Examinations should be sent to the Examination Coordinator, **before the 20th of April** (Preliminary) and **March 2nd** (Intermediate) for the Provincial Examinations (applications are however acceptable up to **April 27th** (Preliminary) and **March 9th** (Intermediate) on payment of a **late entry fee** equal to **double** the original fee) and before **May 4th** for the Summer Course Examinations; applications after **May 4th** are not acceptable; however applications for the Summer Course, Preliminary Examination are also accepted at the Summer Course.

Past Papers and Syllabi:

The syllabi may be viewed on the Federation web site and copies of the examination papers may be obtained from the Examination Coordinator by email. Note that the syllabus is a general guide to the material that needs to be studied in order to cover most of the examination paper but examination questions may also be set on material that a candidate is likely to encounter at Association meetings, lectures and general reading.

Preparing for the Examinations: Candidates should study well in advance, using as many up-to-date texts as possible and consult the internet; study examination papers for the previous five years and practise writing out the answers under examination conditions; wherever possible, include diagrams in your answers. Remember that the Summer Course alone is not an adequate preparation. Candidates are advised to take only one paper per year and are warned that where writing of answers is illegible, the Examiner may refuse to award any marks.

Repeating Examinations: Candidates repeating exams (there are no repeats in the same year as the original examination) need only repeat the part they failed, whether written or practical.

The following publications are intended as a general guide and are recommended to examination candidates for suitable reading:-

1. Anatomy and Dissection of the Honeybee - HA Dade
2. Guide to Bees and Honey - T Hooper
3. The Honey Bee Inside and Out - C Davis
4. The Honey Bee Around and About - C Davis
5. Study Notes (Various) - JD & BD Yates
6. Breeding Techniques and Selection for Breeding of the Honeybee - F Ruttner
7. Plants and Beekeeping - FN Howes
8. The Biology of the Honey Bee - M Winston
9. The Humble Bee - Sladen
10. Managing Varroa - FERA(UK)
11. Foul Brood Diseases of Honey Bees - FERA(UK)
12. Control of Varroa - Goodwin and Eaton
13. Beekeeping in Ireland A History - JK Watson
14. The Buzz about Bees - J Tautz
15. Bee, Hives and Honey - E O'Sullivan (FIBKA)

FIBKA EXAMINATIONS 2012

Provincial Examinations 2012

The Provincial Intermediate Scientific Examination will be examined in 2012 and will be held on Saturday 31st of March 2012. The closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 2nd of March 2012. The minimum number of candidates for a centre is five; neighbouring associations may combine in order to reach this minimum number of five.

The Provincial Preliminary Examination will be held on Saturday 19th of May 2012. The closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 20th of April 2012. The minimum number of candidates for a centre is ten; neighbouring associations may combine in order to reach this number .

For those wishing to sit the Senior Apiary Practical Examination, the Intermediate Apiary Practical Examination, the Practical Beemaster Examination, the Microscopy Examination and the Lecturer Examination the closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 4th of May 2012. For those wishing to sit the Honey Judge s Examination the closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 3rd of February 2012.

The Senior Apiary Practical Examination, the Intermediate Apiary Practical Examination and the Practical Beemaster Examination are held at the candidate's apiary, usually on a Saturday in June or by arrangement of a convenient date between the Examiners and the candidate, there will be two Examiners.

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The Microscopy Examination, the Lecturer Examination and the Honey Judge s Examination will take during the 2012 Summer Course.

For those wishing to take the Intermediate and Senior paper during the 2012 Summer Course the closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 4th of May 2012. Those wishing to take the Preliminary paper during the 2012 Summer Course may apply at the Summer Course.

Full details and guidance including all application forms are available on the website www.irishbeekeeping.ie All fees are listed on the application forms and can be downloaded from the website.



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GUIDELINES ON VARROA DESTRUCTOR

The following Guidelines have been reviewed. There has been good feedback from beekeepers that find them easy to use and effective in dealing with the varroa threat. The Executive Council has again re-affirmed their confidence in them at their meeting on 12th of December 2009. Those Guidelines are subject to review on an annual basis.

1. Open Mesh Floor: The hive should be placed on an OMF with top insulation in roof of the hive. OMF helps to lower mite population as well as assist in the early build up of the stock in spring. The insert should be used for monitoring the average daily mite drop throughout the year.

2. The average daily mite drop level determines whether treatment is required as follows:

Month	Average Daily Mite Drop (<i>monitor over 1 week</i>)	Action Needed
Nov-Jan		Above 2
Rest of the Year		Above 8

3. Control using approved treatments:

There are only two chemical treatments licensed for use in Ireland. They are **Bayvarol** and **Apiguard**. (see note Page 47). Bayvarol has been a most efficient treatment for Varroa. However, there are signs of resistance to Bayvarol developing in the Island of Ireland. In order to retain Bayvarol within the armoury of treatments total reliance must no longer be made on it.

This means that Apiguard must be used more frequently:

(a) Irish experience has shown that Apiguard can be very effective if the proper conditions are used:

A shallow eke of 20 mm should be placed above the brood box to accommodate the tray. Two applications of one tray of 50g Apiguard gel per colony at a two-week interval. The user should adhere strictly to the label instructions.

Maximum of two treatments per year. Treat in early autumn, as the maximum ambient temperature should be above 15°C.

(b) Average daily mite drop should be checked after any treatment to find out if the treatment has been effective.

Biotechnical control methods should be undertaken in late spring as a follow up to Apiguard. Some commonly used biotechnical methods are as follows:

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Drone Brood trapping for heavy infested colonies during the foraging season.

1. Place two shallow combs in the brood chamber in spring and allow the bees to build natural drone comb beneath them. A good time to put these in the colony is when the queen first begins to lay up drone brood. Place the combs in the colony one at a time and alternate at 9-day intervals (a run of alternating pair of frames). Another option is to use an empty deep frame fitted with a starter strip of foundation to avoid possible misshapen comb.

2. When a drone comb is full of sealed drone brood (infested with varroa), cut it from the frame before it emerges and destroy it. Failure to do this will breed more mites. The frame can be re-used immediately.

3. Repeat the process several times in the season for maximum effectiveness.

Comb Trapping

1. Confine the queen to a worker Comb "A" using a purpose-made comb-cage (available commercially).
2. After 9 days confine her to a new, empty comb 'B' and leave comb 'A' in the brood chamber to become infested with mites.
3. After a further 9 days remove comb 'A' (now sealed). Confine the queen to a new comb 'C', leaving comb 'B' in the brood chamber.
4. After 9 more days remove comb 'B'. Release the queen (or re-queen by introducing another queen) leaving comb 'C' in the brood chamber.
5. After 9 more days, remove comb.

Artificial swarm

1. Move parent colony to one side of the original site, at least 4 metres away.
2. Place a second hive containing newly drawn combs and the queen (alone) on the original site to house the artificial swarm. Foragers will return to this hive creating the artificial swarm.
3. After 9 days remove all but one queen cell from the parent colony. The cell can be protected in a queen cell nursery cage which prevents the virgin queen from leaving the hive to mate, but allows worker bees access to care for her.

4. After 3 weeks all brood in the parent colony will have hatched. Transfer two bait combs of unsealed brood from the artificial swarm to the parent colony, and when they are capped, remove and destroy them. At this stage, cull the virgin and introduce a new queen to the parent colony
5. The old queen in the swarm can later be removed and the two colonies reunited.

Open mesh Floors

1. Fit a mesh varroa-monitoring floor (without a collection tray) to the hive.
2. Many of the mites falling from the colony are alive. The mesh floor allows these to drop out of the hive rather than returning to the colony.
3. Used in conjunction with other control methods this method helps keep mite numbers down.

Placing hives in a Sunny Location

There is evidence that by simply placing an apiary in a sunny instead of an additional shaded location, a beekeeper can expect significantly reduced rates of varroa mite population growth

Dusting with Icing Sugar

1. Have the hive on a Varroa screen or preferably and Open Mesh Floor.
2. Use pure icing sugar
3. Sift 225 gm of icing sugar before use and place it in a container and take to the hives.
4. Close the monitoring screen so that the icing sugar does not fall to the ground.
5. Sift the icing sugar into the hive over the top bars of the frames and onto the bees in the 'seams'. A sugar sifter is an ideal tool for this or a CLEAN talcum powder container whereby the sugar can be puffed onto the bees. There is no need to remove the frames from the brood box.
6. After a day remove the insert sheet and destroy.
7. Another method is by attaching a screened box with solid floor to the front of a hive and using a commercial bee repellent to run bees into the box. The box with bees is then removed, closed and the bees dusted with 225 g powdered sugar and gently rolled to ensure an even distribution of sugar.

After 20-30 minutes, during which bees are grooming themselves, the box is gently bounced over white paper to dislodge and remove mites from the mix. Then the bees are returned to their colony by dumping them into an empty hive body placed over the brood nest. The authors report a mite removal rate of over 76% with this method

Adapted From an Article by Keith Delaplane in Bee Craft

4. Monitor by using the uncapping fork on drone brood.

Uncap 100 drone cells. If level of infestation exceeds 10% then treat immediately

THE NEEDLESS REMOVAL OF DRONE BROOD SHOULD BE AVOIDED AS DRONES ARE NEEDED FOR QUEEN MATING.

5. Oxalic acid can be a useful mid winter treatment when there is no brood in the hive.

The recommended dosage of oxalic acid dihydrate for Northern Europe according to the European Group for Integrated Varroa Control, 2000 is 4.5% oxalic acid dihydrate in a sugar water solution (1:1 mixture). Add 45 grams of oxalic acid dihydrate to one litre of the sugar water solution.

Dosage rate is: 20-25 ml on a small colony, 25-30 ml on a medium colony and 30-35 ml on a large colony.

Note: Molecular formula of oxalic acid dihydrate is: $C_2 H_2 O_4 \cdot 2(H_2O)$
Relative Molecular Mass = 126.06

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DO THIS WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION FROM A VETERINARY SURGEON WHO IS PREPARED TO USE THE CASCADE METHODOLOGY.

6. Change three or four frames in the brood box annually to avoid the build up of residue in the wax.

7. DO NOT IMPORT QUEENS OR PACKAGE BEES for fear of introducing a resistant strain of varroa mite or other bee diseases and pests e.g. Kashmir bee virus or Small Hive Beetle into Ireland.

8. When resistance becomes widespread you will have to stop using pyrethroids and rely on alternatives. Keep up to date with new developments in the control of varroa — as the situation develops you need to make sure you have the latest information to help you respond appropriately.

Note:-

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food have recently sanctioned the use of Api-Bioxal as a medicine for bees. The product, which is based on Oxalic Acid, must only be used as a supplementary treatment during the broodless period in winter as it has a detrimental effect on unsealed larvae. Beekeepers must continue to use either Bayvarol or Apiguard as a primary autumn treatment and follow up with Api-Bioxal where mite drop is excessive in winter.

The product may be administered using the trickling method or by vaporization with a suitable apparatus.

Supplies of the medicine may be obtained from Ben Harden Beekeeping Equipment or Mac Eoin Honey Farms who are the only Irish appliance dealers licensed to sell the bee medicines

GUIDELINES ON AMERICAN FOUL BROOD DISEASE

1. MAKE SURE YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SIGNS OF FOUL BROOD AND OTHER BROOD DISORDERS.
2. Inspect your colonies every spring and autumn specifically to check for brood disease. If in doubt seek expert advice.
3. Never transfer combs between colonies, or divide colonies, without first checking for signs of brood disease.
4. Never bring colonies, combs or beekeeping equipment into the apiary unless you are sure they come from a disease-free source.
5. Never buy old combs. Always sterilise second-hand hives by thoroughly scorching with a blowlamp before use.
6. Control robbing in the apiary. Never leave combs or honey exposed to robbing bees. Never feed honey from another source to your bees.
7. If a colony of bees dies out at any time, seal the hive to prevent the remaining stores being robbed out, pending examination of the brood combs for signs of disease.
8. If any colony appears not to be thriving and the reason is not already known, examine the brood for signs of disease.
9. Be suspicious of stray swarms, hive them on foundation rather than drawn comb. Do not feed for three days. Inspect them for disease once they have become established.
10. Regularly and systematically replace old brood combs in the apiary by melting them down or burning them and replacing them with frames fitted with foundation. CHANGE AT LEAST THREE BROOD FRAMES EACH YEAR.

11. Any beekeeper that suspects the presence of either American Foul Brood (A.F.B.) or European Foul Brood (E.F.B.), in a colony of bees should send a sample for analysis to:
Dr Mary Coffey, Bee Diagnostic Service, Teagasc, Oakpark, Carlow, Co Carlow. Tel. No. 059-9170200 (*Fee: €5 per sample*)
12. If the presence of A.F.B. or E.F.B. is confirmed the beekeeper should close the hive entrance as soon as the bees have ceased flying and ensure that the hive is absolutely bee-proof.
13. Pour a half litre of petrol through the feedhole in the crown board to smother the bees. Ensure OMF is closed. All bees are dead in minutes. Thoroughly test all other hives in the apiary for Foul Brood.
14. Dig a hole in the ground and burn the contents of the hive: dead bees, frames, combs and honey. All wooden parts should be blow torched to coffee brown with particular emphasis on all crevices.
15. A.F.B. and E.F.B. can survive in a dormant state in unused equipment for very many years.
16. **WE SHOULD NOT CONSIDER USING ANTIBIOTICS IN ANY CASE** The use of antibiotics in beehives in Ireland is illegal.

Note: - All cases of AFB must be reported to the Local Authority who is the statutory body responsible for dealing with it. Beekeepers who suffer the loss of their hives as a result of AFB are entitled to compensation from the local authority for the loss incurred. Earlier this year the Ombudsman ruled in favour of a beekeeper when his local authority refused to pay compensation.

THE FEDERATION INSURANCE SCHEME

It has come to the notice of the Executive Council that there is some misunderstanding about the above scheme. Below we set out details of the cover under our policy

Who is covered?

All beekeepers who are members of an affiliated association and who pay the contribution towards the insurance premium, and all beekeepers, who reside in Northern Ireland and who subscribe to our Journal and who also pay the contribution towards the insurance premium have full cover under the terms of our Policy.

A list of all those insured is kept by the Treasurer.

What is covered?

All insured members are covered in respect of any injury or loss sustained by a third party as a result of the insured's beekeeping.

In addition the land owners on whose lands members may keep their bees is indemnified in respect of any damage or loss caused by beekeeping activity.

The owners of halls or offices in which Association meetings are held are also indemnified against any third party claims.

In addition to the foregoing the policy covers the Federation and Officers in respect of events attended by the Federation such as The National Ploughing Championships, National Country Fair, and RDS etc.

HONEY

The policy also covers honey sold by members in respect of any injury caused by the sale of such honey provided that such honey is produced in Ireland.

It is important to state that only Irish honey is covered under this heading. Any honey imported into Ireland is not covered. It is essential that any beekeeper that buys honey satisfies himself that the honey bought is the bone fide produce of the vendor.

Irish honey is covered in Ireland, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. This means that members', honey is covered while members attend the London Honey Show or similar event. The amount of cover under the policy is €6.5M

If proof of Insurance is required contact the *Secretary*
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BEEKEEPERS CODE OF CONDUCT

All Beekeepers should be aware of the beekeeper's code of conduct and make every effort to adhere to the guidelines.

I hereby undertake as follows: -

1. To site my hives and apiaries away from places frequented by the public where they are likely to cause nuisance to neighbours or those in the vicinity and to ensure that the general public cannot easily access them.
2. To ensure that my apiary sites are stock proof and not close to areas where Bloodstock are worked, trained or exercised.
3. To ensure as far as possible that my bees are of docile temperament and to work towards this by eliminating bees that show undesirable characteristics and to take all reasonable steps to control swarming.

4. To manipulate my bees in a responsible manner and in suitable weather conditions, especially in urban areas so that no nuisance is caused to neighbours or those in the vicinity and especially at the time of removing the honey crop.
5. To ensure that the honey crop is removed in a responsible manner, extracted and stored in suitable containers free from all contaminants especially moisture odours and chemicals.
6. To present honey for sale in a proper clean container free from all debris and labelled in accordance with current legal requirements
7. To participate as an active member of my Local Association where I can acquire the skills and knowledge to become a competent and responsible beekeeper and to encourage other beekeepers to do likewise.
8. To strive to ensure good neighbourly relations at all times

APIARIES SITES

On the 8th of November 2007, the President and Secretary of FIBKA met with representatives of Coillte to discuss the continued provision of apiary sites for beekeepers. Coillte have agreed to continue to provide sites where possible for bees and agreed the terms for the following 5 years.

- (1) The cost per site is €40 per annum for association members
- (2) They will permit up to 15 hives per site.
- (3) Coillte ask members to use secluded areas as far as possible and avoid areas of known public use.
- (4) No signage is necessary.
- (5) Arrangements for keys should be made with the local Forest manager details available from their website www.coillte.ie.

CRITERIA FOR PRODUCTION AND SALE OF NUCLEI

The Executive Council meeting on the 28th of May 2011 approved a directive as to the criteria for a standard nucleus for the information of both producers and purchasers as follows:-

The production and availability of nuclei is paramount to the success of the beekeeping industry in Ireland. Without the constant availability of nuclei, beginners cannot enter the craft and may be tempted to import. It is therefore very important that nuclei are of a certain standard before being offered for sale especially to the unsuspecting and often over enthusiastic beginner. Bees should always have the following characteristics:

- Good honey producers
- Non swarming strain
- Disease resistance
- Docile

Bees with the above traits are suitable for the breeding of queen and the production of nuclei. Nuclei are usually classed as *Over-Wintered* or *Summer/Autumn* produced.

Criteria for an Over-Wintered Nuclei

Over-Wintered nuclei offer many advantages to the buyer. Firstly the colony is well established with a queen that is proven and the possibility of collecting a crop of honey with proper management. The risks associated with over wintering are no longer an issue if purchased in late April and the first inspection is completed by the seller assuring that all is within the necessary standard. The following should be considered when purchasing:

- Queen must not be more than one year old, bred from good quality native stock.
- Queen should be clipped and marked.
- Queen egg laying viability should be greater than 95%.
- Queen should be laying in a minimum of 2/3 of at least 2 frames.
- Frames should be standard Hoffman type all of the same design.
- No frames should be broken or damaged in any way.
- All combs should be in a good and clean condition, preferably less than one season old.

- Comb containing excess drone or unusable cells should be rejected.
- Combs should where possible be free of chalk brood.
- All cells should be checked for AFB and the nuclei rejected if any signs or symptoms of AFB are found.
- Nuclei should be checked for signs and symptoms of EFB in April and rejected if found.
- At least four combs should be covered by bees.
- Bees should be free of Nosema & Acarine.
- Adequate stores should be present to last the colony at least 7 days.

Colonies will vary from season to season. However the importance of not selling underperforming bees cannot be over emphasized. It is better for the seller to keep nuclei an extra two weeks rather than off loading to a beginner who discovers that there is no return from his investment and commitment at the end of the year.

Criteria for Summer/Autumn Nuclei

Many beekeepers make up nuclei as a swarm control method during late May/June. This is quiet an acceptable method of beekeeping and can produce good quality nuclei. The same criteria applies to these nuclei as to the over winter one but the following should also be taken into consideration.

- Queen should not be raised from a colony that exhibits traits that are not specified at the start of this document.
- Queens should not be raised from eggs or larvae in the nuclei.
- Point of hatching queen cells, virgin queens or mated queen from a breeder queen should be used to head up the nuclei.
- Nuclei should only be sold after the queen is laying showing sealed brood, preferably on several frames in order to assess her viability.
- It may not be practical to clip a young queen but the option of marking her for ease of identification should be considered.

The summer nuclei should be ready for sale end of July/early August. There is still adequate time for the beginner to manage it to an adequate size colony without too much difficulty.

Nuclei made at the end of or after the honey flow will again build up but the possibility of losing them over the winter is greater. Often there is inadequate time to assess the queen. If the season is drawing to a close it is more prudent for the purchaser to get the seller to over winter the nuclei and then purchase it the following spring. Order your nuclei in August/September.

All sales of nuclei should include an advisory leaflet as to what is needed as the colony expands. Seller should keep records of all sold nuclei for traceability.

Guidelines on Bee Stings

There are a number of actions that a beginner can take to make the transition into beekeeping both smooth and successful. Joining a beekeepers association is high on the list and thereby avail of the many services it provides including the effects of bee stings and the wearing of protective clothing. It is inevitable that at some stage a beekeeper will get stung and for that reason a tub of antihistamine ointment should be kept at hand. If the beginner is in any way allergic to stings he/she should not contemplate taking up beekeeping without seeking medical advice.

What to do in the apiary:

If a beekeeper has a severe reaction to stings —

1. Move the person away from the hives.
2. Scrape out the stings.
3. Get the person to sit down and place in the recovery position so that he/she is as comfortable as possible to help breathing.
4. Always have a charged mobile phone near at hand and ring for an ambulance — give the address of the apiary and say it is a bee sting reaction.

The patient's doctor might have prescribed an Epi-pen adrenaline injection to carry, for an emergency. Only the patient or a trained colleague who has been given prior permission by the patient may use this injection.

HONEY LABELLING REGULATIONS

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A Typical Label

(each section box has a number in the top left hand corner; look up the relevant number below for the regulations pertaining to each section)

(1) The name provided for in Community Provisions

HONEY sub types are

- a) Blossom or Nectar Honey
- b) Honeydew Honey
- c) Comb Honey (includes cut comb honey)
- d) Chunk honey or cut comb in honey
(honey containing one or more pieces of comb honey)
- e) Drained honey (Honey obtained by draining decapped broodless combs)
- f) Extracted Honey (obtained by centrifuging decapped broodless combs)
- g) Pressed Honey (obtained by pressing broodless combs with or without the application of moderate heat not exceeding 45°C)
- h) Filtered Honey (obtained by removing foreign organic or inorganic matter in such a way as to result in significant removal of pollen)
- i) Baker's Honey, which is suitable for industrial use or as an ingredient in other foodstuffs and may have a foreign taste

or odour; and/or have begun to ferment or have fermented and / or have been over heated. In this case the words 'intended for cooking only' shall appear in close proximity to the product name. Except for Categories c); d) h); and i) above these names may be replaced by the simple product name **'honey'**.

Except in the case of Filtered Honey or Baker's Honey the product names may be supplemented by information referring to:

1. (options)
 - (a) Floral or vegetable origin if the product come wholly or mainly from the indicated source and possesses the organoleptic, physico-chemical and microscopic characteristics of that source.
 - (b) Regional, territorial or topographical origin, if the product comes from the indicated source.
- 2) The net quantity using the kilogram (kg) or gram (g) as appropriate
 - (a) Weights for liquid honey must be 57g, 113g, 227g, 340g, 454g or multiples of 454g for imperial units or 62.5g, 125g, 250g, 500g 750g, 1kg, 1.5kg or multiples of 1kg for metric.
 - (b) The minimum height of lettering for weight indications is 4mm for both 'half pound' and 'pound' weights of honey.
- 3) The country or countries of origin where the honey has been harvested. If the honey originated in more than one country the following may be used:
 - (a) 'blend of EC honeys'
 - (b) 'blend of non EC honeys'
 - (c) 'blend of EC and non EC honeys'
- 4) The date of minimum durability, which shall:
 - (a) Be preceded by the words 'best before end...' as the date will not include an indication of the day.
 - (b) Consist of the month and year in uncoded chronological form.
- 5) The name or business name of the manufacturer, packager or seller.
- 6) The Lot Number. Lot means batch of sales units of a food stuff, manufactured or packaged under practically the same conditions.

Lot number is preceded by the letter 'L' except, when it is clearly distinguishable from the other indications on the label.

In general the Minimum Size of Lettering

(excluding the weight lettering) is:

If no dimension greater than 120mm = 1.5mm in height

If one or more dimensions greater than 120mm but none greater than 300mm =2.5mm

If one or more dimensions greater than 300mm but none greater than 450mm =4mm

If one or more dimensions greater than 450mm but none greater than 600mm =2.5mm

Dimensions mean height, length, and breadth of rectilinear container and height and maximum diameter of curvilinear containers.

Fractions are deemed a single letter with height measured from the top of the upper figure to the bottom of the lower figure.

FIBKA TAMPER EVIDENCE LABEL FOR IRISH PRODUCED HONEY

FIBKA operates a tamper proof label to help identify Irish Produced Honey. The label costs €30 per 1,000, with a once off registration fee of €5. They are available in rolls of one thousand from the Controller Mr Michael Woulfe, Railway House, Midleton, Co Cork 021-4631011 email: glenanorehoney@eircom.net.

The labels are available to anybody who fulfils the following conditions:-

1. The Federation labels will be available to persons who are members of an Affiliated Association and whose name is on the Insurance Register.
2. Producers own label must conform to current legislation on labelling of foodstuff.
3. Specimen of Producers own label to be supplied to the Controller Mr Michael Woulfe, Railway House, Midleton, Co Cork 021-4631011 email: glenanorehoney@eircom.net
4. The labels sold to members are non-transferable.
5. Labels are available to members who produce Irish Honey exclusively.
6. A member whose affiliation lapses will be required to pay the registration fee on rejoining.
7. Honey presented for sale with the Federation attached must be of a high standard in every respect. Poorly presented honey may be used as grounds for expulsion from the Scheme.
8. The Federation reserves the right to expel any member from the Scheme on being satisfied that the rules have been broken.
9. On joining the Scheme members must sign the attached
Consent Form .

I _____

of _____

agree to accept the above regulations and conditions governing the use of the Federation label on Irish Produced Honey.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



IRISH HONEY JAR LID

Mr Tony Lord of Alpack Ltd has sponsored the artwork in designing a new honey jar lid. The lid, which will be common to the eight, twelve and sixteen ounce jars, is similar to the current cover. It has the Federation Logo printed in colour and also the words "Irish Honey Direct from the Beekeeper". Those lids are only sold to those producers who are entitles to use the Federation Tamper Proof Label and whose names are registered with the Controller Michael Woulfe.

LIBRARIES

FIBKA operates a Book Library and a DVD/Video Library.

Book Library

The book library is maintained by Librarian Jim Ryan. The books are set out in the usual format used in the book trade. The author, then the title

followed by the edition, the date and the number of pages, follows the number of each volume. There are other abbreviations used: - CAB refers to the lectures delivered to the Central Association of Beekeepers.

The initials IBRA after an entry indicate those published by the International Bee Research Association. Where possible the country of origin is given. All Irish publications are indicated as are those published in the US. The bulk of the books are in the English language.

When ordering books please order by number. This makes it easier to send on the right book.

Borrowers are allowed to borrow two books at a time for a period of one month. Those who have not borrowed previously from the Library should furnish a letter from their Association secretary confirming their current membership. Books must be ordered by post or email: not over the telephone. A full list of books is available on the website.

Available from Librarian **Mr Jim Ryan,**

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DVD/VIDEO LIBRARY

Video Librarian: **Mr Redmond Williams,**

Tincurry, Cahir, Co Tipperary maintains the FIBKA library of Videos/DVD's Tel. No. 052-7442617-email: emwilliams@eircom.net.

They are available to both Associations and individuals as follows: -

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

- (1) The Librarian will post DVD's out to Association Secretaries on request and the Association concerned will pay the return postage.
- (2) Associations can borrow a maximum of two DVD's at any one time.
- (3) Associations can hold a DVD for a period of two weeks and must return it within this time period.
- (4) DVD's are the property of FIBKA and must be replaced if lost or damaged.

INDIVIDUALS

- (1) An individual borrower must be a member of an association affiliated to FIBKA.
- (2) A letter from the Secretary of the borrowers Association confirming their membership must accompany the first application.

- (3) Individuals are limited to one DVD at any one time.
- (4) Individuals must undertake to replace any damaged or broken DVD's
- (5) A borrower must return the DVD within two weeks; failure to do so will disqualify the borrower from obtaining further DVD's.
- (6) The borrower must pay €3 towards the cost of posting out the DVD and this fee can be enclosed in the return envelope.

SCHOOLS ETC

Schools or other organizations if interested should contact the Librarian and arrangements can be made to accommodate if at all possible.

SLIDES

The following sets of slides on Beekeeping topics are available to Federation Lecturers and Association Secretaries. Each set comes with explanatory notes.

1. Activities of Worker Honeybees	8 Slides.
2. Composition of the Colony	12 Slides.
3. Activities within the Colony.	12 Slides.
4. Foraging Bees.	12 Slides.
5. Bumble Bees Life History.	8 Slides.
6. Queen Rearing /Introduction	12 Slides.
7. Seasonal Management of Honey Bees.	18 Slides.
8. Bumble Bee Life Cycle Colony.	8 Slides.
9. The Honey Bee.	8 Slides.
10. Hive Types and Other Equipment.	18 Slides.

Please contact the Video Librarian to arrange to hire them.

PUBLICATIONS

FIBKA has four publications for sale:-

BEES, HIVES, & HONEY

Published by FIBKA — Edited by Eddie O Sullivan

This book has been compiled from writings by some of Ireland's most prominent beekeepers of the present day. It is an instruction book on beekeeping published as a millennium project and should prove a modern treatise on the craft of beekeeping and its associated products.

There are over 200 pages, also many photographs and illustrations.

Price €12 (Paperback) or €18 (Hardback). Please add €5 p & p

Available from Eddie O Sullivan, Phone: 021-4542614,

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THE IRISH BEE GUIDE — by Reverend J.D. Digges.

First published in 1904, It was proclaimed as an excellent book on bee-keeping. It also won a place as a notable production in the literary context. It eventually ran to sixteen editions and sold seventy-six thousand copies overall.

The name was changed in the second issue to *The Practical Bee Guide*. One hundred years later, a decision was taken to honour this great work. What better way to do it than to re-issue the book as it was in 1904 when it first entered the literary world. The re-print is an exact replica of the original first edition.

The price per copy are Hardback €20 and Paperback €10.).

Please add €5 p & p

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BEEKEEPING IN IRELAND —A HISTORY — J.K.Watson

This book gives the history of the craft from time immemorial to 1981. It is well bound, hard backed and excellently presented. There are 293 pages of valuable information and 53 pictures of prominent beekeepers past and present. Price €7.00.

This book is now out of print.

THE BEE MAN OF COUNTY CLARE by J.K.Watson

This book covers the life of Turlough Butler O'Bryen 1853 — 1928 who was employed by the Department as a Beekeeping advisor and travelled the country advising and assisting beekeepers.

A limited number are available at €7. Please add €3 p & p

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AN BEACHAIRE —The Irish Beekeeper

An Beachaire is the monthly organ of FIBKA. The subscription is €25 and £25.00 Stg to Northern Ireland or Great Britain post-free.

An Beachaire will keep you up to date with developments in modern bee-keeping from at home & abroad. Contents include:

Editorial

Jim Ryan

Comment

Philip McCabe

Hints for Beginners ‘

Eddie O Sullivan

Cribbage
Tasks for the Month
Queen Rearing
Examination Questions answered
A Diary Section
A variety of other articles

Noel Power
Michael Woulfe
Micheál MacGiolla Coda
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Mary Ryan
Various contributors

The journal also welcomes articles and photographs from beekeepers relating to any aspect of the craft.

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In addition to the regular contributors there will be periodic reports by **Dr. Mary Coffey** on her research work and many more interesting articles.

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NATIONAL HONEY SHOW LONDON

Irish beekeepers have attended and exhibited at the National Honey Show since it's inception in 1923. In order to assist members to get their exhibits to the venue FIBKA will organize transport there and back. Generally two vehicles travel, one from the south of the country and the other from the midlands regions.

If you wish to sent exhibits contact

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PRESIDENT'S CUP

The FIBKA President presents this trophy, known as The Beekeeper of the Year trophy, together with a Certificate annually to a member who has excelled in some aspect of beekeeping or who has given exceptional service to the Federation; any Association can recommend a member for the award. The Association Secretary should submit the recommendation (in a form suitable for subsequent publication in *An Beachaire*) to the FIBKA Secretary before the 1st of April; the Federation secretary will place the recommendation before the FIBKA Executive Council, which will make the decision. The winner's name will be engraved on the cup.

SUMMER COURSE 2012

The Annual Summer Course in 2012 will take place at the Franciscan College Gormanston, Co Meath from **Sunday, July 22nd to Friday, July 27th.**

The Guest Lecturer is **Jennifer Berry** from the University of Georgia, USA. She is Apicultural Research Co-Ordinator and Laboratory Manager at the University. She is actively involved in all aspects of honey-bee research and education for the state of Georgia. Her primary areas of research have been a queen breeding program and Integrated Pest Management work for varroa mite control. The breeding project is a long term program in which resistant stock is continually selected for as well as traits for honey production, brood production and gentleness. Jennifer travels extensively and speaks to local, state, national and international beekeeping associations. She was 2006 President of the Eastern Apicultural Society, USA

The range of lectures and workshops has universal appeal both for the beginner and the advanced enthusiast covering a wide programme in the practical and scientific areas.

TERMS

En suite rooms	€405
Single Rooms	€335
Rooms with three cubicles	€320
Dormitory	€305

€20 reduction if full fee is paid before 1st of July, children under 13 years 15% reduction

Deposit:- €50 (non-refundable if cancelled after 1st July)

B&B € 30

Non-Residents Attending

Lectures only (per day)	€16
Lectures, lunch and evening meal	€43
Lectures and lunch	€27
Lectures and evening meal	€32
Lunch	€11
Evening meal	€16

Send reservation form with deposit or full fee to

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Closing date: Friday, July 6th 2012.

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QUEEN MARKING

The internationally agreed code of colours for queen marking is:

GREY or WHITE for any year ending 1 or 6

YELLOW for any year ending in 2 or 7

RED for any year ending in 3 or 8

GREEN for any year ending 4 or 9

BLUE for any year ending in 5 or 0

The colour for 2012 is YELLOW

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012

29th January	GBBG AGM Cahir, Co Tipperary, at 2 p.m. Venue to be confirmed.
5th February	Improving your Bees , The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co Clare.
24th March	Bee Health Symposium Citywest Hotel, Dublin. www.beehealth2012.ie
24th/25th February	2012 UBKA 2012 Conference at Greenmount Campus, Antrim.
20th /21st April	BBKA Spring Convention Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire.
31st May/4th June	Bloom 2012 Phoenix Park, Dublin, TBC, visit The FIBKA Beekeeping Stand.
22nd /27th July	Annual Beekeeping Summer Course Gormanston, Co Meath.
12th August	Co Offaly BKA Honey Show in conjunction with Tullamore Agricultural Show at Butterfield Estate, Blueball, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.
20th/22nd September	National Ploughing Championships at Heathpark, New Ross, Co Wexford, visit The FIBKA Beekeeping Stand.
28th/29th September	South Tipperary Annual Honey Show at The Central Technical Institute, The Mall, Clonmel, Co Tipperary.
5th /6th October	Fota Annual Honey Show at Fota, Co Cork.
14th October .	The Royal County Annual Honey Show at the Community Centre, Navan, Co Meath.



The Federation of IRISH BEEKEEPERS Associations

(Comhnascadh Cumann Beachairí na hÉireann)

Established 1881 Reconstituted 1943

CONSTITUTION

July 2011

1. The Association shall be known as The Federation of Irish Beekeepers Associations (FIBKA)
(Comhnascadh Cumann Beachairí na hÉireann)
2. The Federation shall be non-political and non-sectarian.
3. The objects of the Federation shall be:
 - (a) To unite the Beekeepers of Ireland for their mutual benefit.
 - (b) To encourage and participate in research in problems of Apiculture and generally to foster efficient beekeeping, honey production and marketing.
 - (c) To co-operate with the State and Public Authorities in all matters affecting the industry.
 - (d) To provide helpful educational facilities through: -
 - (i) The publication of *An Beachaire* (The Irish Beekeeper).
 - (ii) The publication of informative leaflets.
 - (iii) The promoting and holding of community lectures.
 - (iv) Conducting examinations in the science of apiculture and the art of beekeeping.
 - (e) In general to undertake all measures to promote the welfare of beekeeping and Beekeepers in Ireland.
 - (f) To promote the conservation of the native dark bee, *apis mellifera mellifera*.
4. The Association shall be a Federation of Beekeepers Associations in Ireland and any Association of Beekeepers in Ireland may be affiliated on acceptance of the Constitution of the Federation.

5. The Federation shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) Congress
- (b) Executive Council
- (c) Affiliated Associations

CONGRESS

6. The Annual General Meeting of Delegates (hereinafter called Congress) shall be the supreme authority within the Federation, subject to the Constitution and shall be held each year at a venue and date which shall be determined by the preceding Congress or subsequently selected by the Executive Council on the authority of Congress.

7. Congress shall consist of:

- (a) The officers of the Federation
- (b) Members of Executive Council
- (c) Delegates from Affiliated Associations who shall be selected as follows:

One delegate for the first 10 paid-up members.

One delegate for the next 15 paid-up members

(or part thereof, such part being not less than five)

One delegate for every succeeding 25 paid-up members

(or part thereof, such part being not less than five).

8. Four clear weeks prior to Congress, the Federation Secretary shall issue the Agenda to Officers of the Federation, members of the Executive Council and Affiliated Associations.

9. In order to place any matter on the Agenda for Congress, Secretaries of Affiliated Associations shall forward such matters, in writing, including nominations for Officers of the Federation and members of the Executive Council, to the Federation Secretary at least eight clear weeks prior to Congress.

10. The President, or in his/her absence the Vice-President, shall take the chair at Congress.

11. Any alteration or amendment to this Constitution shall be made only on a resolution of Congress of which due notice shall have been given in accordance with Rule 9 and which has been passed by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present and voting, subject to a valid quorum. Such notice aforementioned shall specify that the matter relates to the Constitution and it shall be so described on the Agenda.

12. Should any matter arise concerning the interpretation of the Rules of the Federation, Congress shall interpret the particular Rule or Rules or article(s) of the Constitution in question, in what it considers to be the fit and proper manner and in accordance with the Constitution.

13. Special meetings of Congress shall be called by or on the instructions of the President, on a decision of the Executive Council, or on written requisition of at least five Affiliated Associations.

Announcements giving time, venue, date and agenda shall be sent to Associations and members of the Executive Council at least four weeks before the date of the meeting. The business to be transacted shall be confined to that for which the meeting was called.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

14. The direction and administration of the Federation affairs shall be vested in the Executive Council.

15. The Executive Council shall comprise:

- (a) The Officers of the Federation
- (b) Ten members elected at Congress

16. The Executive Council shall meet at least once quarterly and the Secretary shall send a provisional agenda of the business to be transacted by the Executive Council giving a minimum of fourteen days clear notice to Federation Officers and members of the Executive Council.

17. Special meetings of the Executive Council shall be called by or on the instructions of the President, or on written requisition of a least five members of the Executive Council.

18. The Executive shall be empowered to:
- (a) Transact all routine business of the Federation.
 - (b) Convene all meetings, Congresses and Summer Courses.
 - (c) Appoint Boards and Committees for such purposes as it may deem necessary from time to time.
 - (d) Pay administration expenses out of Federation funds to any Officer or member in recognition of services rendered to the Federation, such sums to be decided in the absence of those involved.
19. Six shall constitute a quorum at Executive Council meetings.
20. At the first meeting of the Executive Council following Congress, a Committee shall be elected comprising The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four other members of the Executive Council to be elected by secret ballot. The Committee shall be known as the Executive Council Committee and shall meet at regular intervals to deal with such matters as shall be delegated to it by the Executive Council.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

21. (a) An Association, applying for affiliation shall be a group of not less than ten persons.
- (b) An Association on affiliation to the Federation shall accept the Constitution of the Federation which shall be supplied free to each Association seeking affiliation and /or to any group or groups desirous of forming an Association.
- (c) Each application for affiliation shall be made in writing and shall be considered by the Executive Council which may either allow the application or place it before Congress which may, in the exercise of its proper discretion:
- (1) Elect the Applicant for affiliation.
 - (2) Defer consideration of the application until next Congress.
- or
- (3) Reject the application.
- Any Association whose application for affiliation has been placed before Congress shall have the right to be represented there and to be heard before the application is determined.

(d) Secretaries of Affiliated Associations shall send to the Federation Secretary the names and addresses of their Officers. They shall send to the Federation Treasurer the names and addresses of their officers and members not later than December 31 each year together with the Capitation Fee, as fixed by preceding Congress and, in default of doing so by that date, the defaulting Association shall have no voting rights at the ensuing Congress. No newly affiliated Association shall have voting rights at Congress following its admission unless such affiliation took place before the 31st December preceding that Congress.

(e) Any Congress meeting may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the delegates present and voting terminate the affiliation of any association which commits a breach of the Rules of this Constitution or whose conduct is, in the opinion of the delegates unbefitting an Affiliated Association of the Federation.

Provided that:

(1) not less than three months notice shall be given to the Association concerned of the intention to consider a resolution for disaffiliation under this clause.

(2) The Association concerned shall be furnished with the reason for the proposed disaffiliation and shall be given the opportunity of attending and stating its case if so desires.

22. The Capitation Fee for members of Associations shall be fixed annually by Congress for the following calendar year.

23. The Capitation Fee shall be paid by December 31 each year and shall be calculated on the membership of the Association.

24. No Officer of the Federation and no Affiliated Association member shall have any financial responsibility beyond Affiliation Fee.

OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

25. The Officers of the Federation shall be the President, Life Vice-Presidents, the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Manager, Editor, Education Officer, Public Relations Officer (PRO), the Outgoing President shall ex-officio be a Vice-President for the succeeding year, that is to say in addition to the elected Vice-President.

26. A Candidate to be eligible for office shall have fulfilled the following conditions:

(a) he or she shall have been a member of an Affiliated Association for at least the two preceding years.

(b) His or her nomination shall have been sent to the Federation Secretary at least eight clear weeks before Congress.

27. Not more than one person shall be nominated by an Affiliated Association for each office.

28. All offices other than life offices shall be deemed vacant or dissolved at Congress but holders of such offices, boards and committees shall hold office until their successors are installed in office at a time decided by said Congress.

29. The Annual Congress of the Federation may admit to Life Vice-Presidency a person whom the Federation desires to honour because of having rendered signal service to the organization. The number of Life Vice-Presidents shall not at any time exceed two except in the case of the existing incumbents who will hold their offices during their lifetime.

30. On matters of extreme urgency the President and Secretary shall be empowered to act forthwith.

31. Out-of-pocket travelling expenses (a) of the Federation Officers (b) of members of boards and committees acting on authority of Congress of the Executive Council or (c) of members of the Executive Council or Congress acting on the authority of the Executive Council or Congress in organising associations may when claimed, and subject to the discretion of the Executive Council, be payable out of funds of the Federation; the expenses of the Congress delegates should be met by arrangement with their respective Associations.

32. All Officers shall attend to the duties set out, particularly in the Rules and Constitution and in general such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Executive Council or Congress.

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

33. (a) A President may not hold office for more than three successive years and may not be a candidate for election to the office of Vice-President for a period of five years following his/her period of Presidency.

(b) The primary responsibility of the President shall be the promotion and advancement of the Federation objects together with the exercise of general supervision over the Federation administration, and for this purpose he/she shall be entitled to call for the production of all records, books and documents. He/she may at any time depute some or all of those duties to the Vice-President.

(c) The President shall take the chair at all meetings of Congress and the Executive Council.

(d) If voting is equal at any meeting the chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her deliberative vote.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

34. The duties of the Secretary shall include:

- (a) Attendance at all Federation meetings as far as practicable and recording the minutes of all Executive Council meetings and Congresses.
- (b) The conduct of correspondence.
- (c) Keeping of all records, books and documents of the Federation relating to his/her office.
- (d) Accounting to the Treasurer for all monies received.

OFFICE OF TREASURER

35. The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

- (a) To keep a record of the membership of the Federation.
- (b) To keep in a proper manner all books and accounts of the Federation relating to his/her office.
- (c) He/she shall at any time on request by the Executive Council or other authority on its direction produce all books and accounts relating to the Federation.
- (d) Gather all Capitation Fees from Affiliated Associations and discharge the liabilities of the Federation.

- (e) Lodge all monies received to the credit of the Federation's bank account.
- (f) Submit to the Executive Council at each ordinary meeting a statement of receipts and payments since the previous meeting.
- (g) The accounts of the Federation shall be maintained so as to conform with good business practice and in such a manner as will readily facilitate inspection and check of any or all items of expenditure and/or income by the Executive Council at its ordinary and special meetings.
- (h) All expenditure as authorised by the Executive Council for any purpose or by one or more officers acting on the authority of the Executive Council shall be defrayed out of the Federation funds only by cheque unless otherwise ordered or directed by the Executive Council. All cheques drawn on the funds of the Federation shall be signed by the President and Treasurer.
- (i) The accounts shall be prepared by an independent firm of practising accountants at least once a year. The cost of such will be deemed a proper charge on the funds of the Federation.

OFFICE OF MANAGER

36. The duties of the Manager shall include:

- (a) The collection of readers' subscriptions and proceeds of advertisements in the Journal.
- (b) The making arrangements for the printing and issue of such Journal as well as for sale and distribution thereof.
- (c) Accounting to the Treasurer for all monies received.

OFFICE OF EDITOR

37. The duties of the Editor shall be:

- (a) To carry out any suggestions and/or recommendations of Congress or the Executive Council in compiling the Journal.
- (b) To be responsible for the literary content of the Journal.
- (c) To use discretion in refusing to publish any article or letter of a controversial nature in the Journal.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION OFFICER

38. The Education Officer of the Federation shall have responsibility for all matters pertaining to beekeeping education within the Federation and in particular for the administrative duties necessary in the setting and general organisation of the FIBKA examinations.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

39. (a) The Public Relations Officer of the FIBKA shall at all times promote the development of beekeeping.
- (b) Prepare publicity documents for the promotion of beekeeping. Organize and arrange publicity relating to various beekeeping events through all modern media such as press releases, printed publications, exhibitions etc.
- (c) Maintain press relations, through the issue of press notes, press briefings and also arrange press conferences where necessary to promote beekeeping.
- (d) Be the spokesperson to the media on any matters of public interest regarding beekeeping.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

40. Nominations by Affiliated Associations of candidates for membership of the Executive Council shall be sent to the Federation Secretary at least eight weeks prior to Congress and in making such nominations regards must be had to the availability of the candidate to attend meetings. If unable to attend at Congress, nominated candidates must have indicated their consent to stand by phone call, letter or email: to the Federation Secretary. In the absence of such confirmation the candidate will be deemed to have declined the nomination. No Affiliated Association may nominate more than four candidates.

These nominations need not be confined to the Association's province.

- (a) The first four members of the Executive Council shall be elected on a regional basis that is to say one for each province, namely the candidate being a member of an Association within that province and getting the highest vote amongst those proposed by Associations in that province. The electorate for each province shall comprise the delegates of the Associations within that province.
- (b) The next six members shall be elected on a non-regional basis that

is to say those getting the highest vote amongst the remaining candidates on a non-regional basis. For a vote to be valid the delegate must have voted for six candidates. Should there be a failure to elect a candidate on a regional basis for a particular province an extra member shall be elected on a non-regional basis so as to bring the total of members up to ten.

41. All accredited delegates, Officers of the Federation (except Life Vice-Presidents) and members of the Executive Council shall be entitled to vote. No person may vote in more than one capacity.

42. Congress or the Executive Council may appoint any committee from their own body and subject to the provisions of this Constitution, they may delegate any of their powers to such committee but the proceedings of such committee shall be subject to confirmation by Congress.

43. All Boards and Committees for specified purposes shall be empowered to add to their number by co-option. The President and Secretary of the Federation are ex-officio members of all Boards and Committees. Such Boards and Committees shall have the power to elect their own Officers.

44. This revised Constitution shall come into effect immediately on being passed by the requisite two-thirds majority.

45. Congress may from time to time make such standing orders as it shall consider convenient and needful for the good management of the Federation. Provided that such standing orders shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and that the same may be rescinded, altered and amended from time to time by Congress for the good management of the Federation. The standing orders annexed hereto shall come into force on the adoption by Congress of this amended Constitution.

STANDING ORDERS

1. No speaker shall speak for more than five minutes except with permission from the presiding Chairman.
2. No motion or amendment shall be spoken to except by the mover until it has been seconded and no other discussion shall take place on a motion unless and until any amendment is moved and seconded.
3. If there is more than one amendment to the original motion the Chairman shall put the first amendment against the original motion. If the amendment is defeated the original motion stands and the second amendment may be moved to it and so on until all are disposed of. If the amendment is accepted or incorporated in the original motion, that now becomes the substantive motion to which all other amendments must be proposed and so on.
4. No delegate shall be permitted to speak more than once to the same motion or amendment except the proposer who shall have the right to reply.
5. Each motion before Congress shall be decided by a simple majority on show of hands or by poll at the discretion of the Chairman except Rule 11 and 21 (e). The election of officers, and members of the Executive Council will be by secret ballot only.
6. A member may express a desire for a secret ballot vote on any issue. The question so challenged shall thereupon be decided by a secret ballot vote of those present and voting.
7. The decision of the presiding Chairman on any question of procedure shall be final.
8. Twenty-five shall constitute a quorum at Congress.

9. The order of business at Congress shall be:
- (a) Formal opening of Congress by the President.
 - (b) Minutes of previous Congress and Correspondence.
 - (c) Presidential Address.
 - (d) Secretary s Report.
 - (e) Statement of Accounts and the Accountant s Report.
 - (f) Editor of Journal s Report.
 - (g) Manager of Journal s Report.
 - (h) Education Officer s Report.
 - (i) Public Relations Officer’s Report.
 - (j) Election of Officers, Executive Council members and the appointment of a Firm of Practising Accountants.
 - (k) Appointment of Capitation Fee.
 - (l) Consider Motions.
 - (m) Motions of Notice. That urgent matters (not included on the agenda) may be considered, provided always that such matters may only be raised on the Suspension of Standing Orders. An urgent matter shall be deemed to be of vital importance which for one reason or another could not be placed on the agenda in the ordinary way.
 - (n) The President may decide to place a motion for consideration before item (j) where the outcome of such motion may affect the conduct of business under items (j), (k), and (l).
 - (o) The Secretary shall on the instruction of the Executive Council place on the Agenda for Congress such matters as the Executive Council may desire.
- (10) For the avoidance of doubt, any alteration or amendment to this constitution shall be made only in accordance with Article 11 of this Constitution.

Adopted by resolution of Congress

Wednesday 27th July 2011

Dennis Ryan — President

Michael G Gleeson — Secretary

July 2011



*“Nature never did betray the heart that loved her”
(William Wordsworth 1770-1850)*