
ANNOUNCEMENT

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BEE PRODUCTS, 3RD EDITION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HONEY COMMISSION (IHC)**

Opatija, Croatia, September 28 – October 1, 2014

The International Symposium on Bee Products 3rd Edition, together with the Annual meeting of the International Honey Commission (IHC) 2014, will be held at the “Grand Hotel Četiri opatijska cvijeta” in Opatija, Croatia.

It will be organised by the University of Rijeka Faculty of Medicine, Department of Environmental Health in collaboration with the following Croatian institutions: International Honey Commission; Teaching Institute of Public Health, Primorsko-goranska County; “Biopčela”, Association for Promotion and Application of Organic Beekeeping Ethics, Rijeka; Beekeeping Association “Učka”, Opatija; Croatian Institute for Rural Development; Beekeeping, Game-keeping and Ecology, Velika Gorica; Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, Zagreb; and “Marko Marulić” Polytechnics of Knin.

The 2014 Symposium has gathered a wide array of institutional support reflected in the support of the following bodies: Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia, Primorsko-goranska County, Croatian Apitherapy Society, Croatian Beekeeping Federation, Croatian Chamber of Commerce, County Chamber Rijeka, City of Opatija, City of Kastav, and Opatija Tourist Office.

Due to past IHC activities and efforts, the Symposium has become an event of first class international significance for the promotion of scientific and professional achievements in studying beehive products. The organisers aim to assure a top-notch platform for the presentation of the most recent scientific achievements at international level as well as to distinguish the position and importance of

research, control, and analytical and professional organisations in the sector. The four-day programme of the Symposium and IHC meeting will provide a unique opportunity for discussion and exchange of important scientific achievements, ideas, and information.

The 2014 Symposium will focus on the following topics:

- New challenges in honey quality and standardisation;
- Innovative analytical tools for bee product evaluation;
- Standards and regulations for bee products other than honey;
- Non-conventional uses of bee products;
- Biological and functional properties of bee products;
- Impact of climate changes on bee products.

Researchers from all areas relevant to the Symposium topics are invited to submit abstracts of their research. The deadline for submitting abstracts is April 28, 2014. Registration at a reduced fee can be completed before June 20, 2014. Upon presentation at the Symposium, authors of selected works will be invited to submit full papers into the thematic issue of *Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology*. More information about the Symposium and the IHC 2014 meeting in Opatija is available at:

<http://www.ihc2014opatija.com>

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