

Programme. Tuesday 20 Sept

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10.30 Opening

Room 1: Welcome by BIBBA President, Manx Beekeepers Federation
President and Conference Organiser
Opening of conference by Richard Ronan. Manx Minister of the Department
of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA)

11.15 – 12.15 Presentations

Room 1: **Paul Cross:** "Development of a miniature vibration energy harvester for
battery-less tracking of honey bees"
Room 2: **Clive deBruyn:** "BIBBA in the Isle of Man 40+ years ago"

12.15 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Margaret Murdin:** "Bee Genetics Explained - Simply"
Room 2: **Phil Chandler:** "Balanced Beekeeping: Top Bars, Eco Floors and Black
Bees"

2.30 – 2.45 Short break

2.45 – 3.45 Presentations

Room 1: **Randy Oliver:** "Randy Oliver--The Keeping of Bees in California"
Room 2: **Mike Saunders:** "A current attempt to recover *Apis mellifera mellifera* from
mongrelised stocks in the Welsh Borders"

3.45 – 4.30 Refreshment break

4.30 – 5.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Jeroen Vorstman:** "Queen Rearing Simplified"
Room 2: **Trisha Marlow:** "(The) Status Quo: Rocking all over the Hive"

5.40

Room 1: "Bee improvement and bee breeding groups - some experiences and ideas"
Johnny Kipps: Manx Bee Improvement Group (MBIG)
Jim Ryan: Galtee Bee Breeding Group (GBBG)
Nick Bentham-Green: Bee Improvement Programme for Cornwall (BipCo)

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9.30 – 10.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Randy Oliver:** "Understanding Colony Build-up and Decline"

Room 2: **Tony Maggs:** "Bee Farming with Native/Near Native Bees"

10.30 – 11.15 Refreshment break

11.15 – 12.15 Presentations

Room 1: **Roger Patterson:** "The Patterson Unit"

Room 2: **Dorian Pritchard:** "Selective breeding without inbreeding; where's the happy medium?"

12.15 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Jo Widdicombe:** "The Principles and Practice of Bee Improvement"

Room 2: **Margaret Murdin:** "Understanding the Queen – her physiology, characteristics and behaviour"

2.30 – 2.45 Short break

2.45 – 3.45 Presentations

Room 1: **Randy Oliver:** "Understanding Varroa"

Room 2: **Steve Rose:** "My Approach to Bee Selection"

3.45 – 4.30 Refreshment break

4.30 - 5.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Eoghan Mac Giolla Coda:** "Producing Honey Under Difficult Conditions"

Room 2: **Philip Denwood:** "Towards a History of the Dark Bee in Britain"

7.30 Conference Dinner (Ticket holders only)

Programme. Thursday 22 Sept

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9.30 – 10.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Pete Sutcliffe:** "The hive as a processing centre"

Room 2: **Keith Pierce:** "Apideas. Their operation and maintenance"

10.30 – 11.15 Refreshment break

11.15 – 12.15 Presentations

Room 1: **Irene Power:** "Beekeeping and a full time job "

Room 2: **Jim Vivian-Griffiths:** "Mating Biology of Honey Bees"

12.15 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Nick Bentham-Green:** "Bee Improvement in Cornwall, Achievements and Aspirations"

Room 2: **Jim Ryan:** "Beekeeping - If the bees wrote the book"

2.30 – 2.45 Short break

2.45 – 3.45 Presentations

Room 1: **Michael Maunsell:** "The Drone - More to its life than we may think?"

Room 2: **Jim Pearson:** "Myths, Legends and Lies"

3.45 – 4.30 Refreshment break

4.30 - 5.30 Presentations

Room 1: **Randy Oliver:** "A Biologist/Beekeeper's Practical Perspective on Breeding the Ideal Bee for your Area"

Room 2: **Huw Evans:** "Electronic monitoring as a tool for better beekeeping and queen breeding"

5.30 Room 1: Closing remarks from BIBBA President.