

Conference Programme 2018. Draft

"Improve Your Bees and Beekeeping"

Please check against notice board for possible changes.

Thursday 6 Sept

6.30 Dinner

7.30 Opening presentation with remarks by BIBBA President

Presentation

Room 1: Jim Ryan: *"The History of Beekeeping in Ireland"*

Friday 7 Sept

10.00 – 11.00 Presentations

Room 1: Michael Collier: *"Large Scale Queen Rearing"*

Room 2: Andrew Abrahams: *"Another way to predict Swarming?"*

Room 3: Anne Rowberry: *"Honey Bees; Foraging and Feeding"*

Workshop: Bee Inspectors: *"Bee Health" 1. (Continued after break)*

Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"External view of the honey bee" 2 (if needed) (Continued after break)*

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 12.30 Presentations

Room 1: Tony Jefferson: *"Never waste a queen cell"*

Room 2: Gavin Ramsay: *"Communication in Honey Bees"*

Room 3: Pete Sutcliffe: *"Beekeeping kit you don't need"*

Workshop: Bee Inspectors: *"Bee Health" 1. (Continuation from before break)*

Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"External view of the honey bee" 2 (if needed) (Continuation from before break)*

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 Presentations

Room 1: Dylan Elen: *"What is left from the Welsh Dark bee? - An upcoming study at Bangor University"*

Room 2: John Donoghue: *"The Importance of Good Spring Management"*

Room 3: Colin Pavey: *"That looks different, what is it? How serious and what can I do?"*

Seminar: Nick Bentham-Green: *"BIBBA, Aims and Aspirations – What do you as a member want from BIBBA?"*

2.30 – 2.45 Changeover

2.45 – 3.45 Presentations

Room 1: Jim Pearson: *"The Use and Maintenance of Apideas and Other Mini-nucs"*

Room 2: Willie Robson: *"Marketing Hive Products"*

Room 3: Steve Rose: *"A Personal View of Swarm Prevention"*

Workshop: Bee Inspectors: *"Bee Health" 2 (if needed) (Continued after break)*

3.45 – 4.30 Break

4.30 – 5.30 Presentations

Room 1: Mike Saunders: *"Problems and solutions related to evaluation and selection of breeder queens in a bee improvement programme"*

Room 2: Andrew Abrahams: *"Supersedure a Darwinian alternative to Swarming"*

Room 3: Graham Kingham: *"Fat bees, thin bees. Reflections on a good diet"*

Workshop: Bee Inspectors: *"Bee Health" 2 (if needed) (Continuation from before break)*

Seminar: Tony Jefferson: *"Queen mating in simple 3 compartment, 3 frame nucs"*

6.30 Dinner

8.00 Presentation

Room 1: Kevin Williams: *"History and Traditions of Bee Keeping in Wales"*

Saturday 8 Sept

9.30 – 10.30 Presentations

Room 1: Gavin Ramsay: *"DNA Methods For Honey Bee Breeding: Where Are We Now?"*

Room 2: Jim Pearson: *"Variations on Demaree - more than just for swarm control"*

Room 3: Daisy: *"General Anatomy - Do bees really smell through their legs?"*

Workshop: Michael Collier: *"An Introduction to Instrumental Insemination" 1(Continued after break)*

10.30 – 11.15 Break

11.15 – 12.15 Presentations

Room 1: Roger Patterson: *"Small Scale Queen Rearing"*

Room 2: Tony Jefferson: *"Heather Honey Production"*

Room 3: Malcolm Blake: *"Bees need Beespace but how is it provided?"*

Workshop: Michael Collier: *"An Introduction to Instrumental Insemination" 1 (Continuation from before break)*

12.15 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 Presentations

Room 1: Andrew Abrahams: *"Overwintering mini-nucs"*

Room 2: Willie Robson: *"Working Bees For Comb Honey"*

Room 3: Peter Jenkins: *"The KISS Approach"*

Seminar: Kevin Thorn: *"Some Opportunities For Bee Improvement Groups: A Case Study"*

2.30 – 2.45 Changeover

2.45 – 3.45 Presentations

Room 1: Grace Mc Cormack: *"Ireland: A significant reservoir for Apis mellifera mellifera both managed and wild"*

Room 2: Jess Kevill: *"The Role of Resistance to Varroa destructor and Deformed Wing Virus in European Honey Bees"*

Room 3: Lynfa Davies: *"Comb - how and why bees make it and how to manage it"*

Workshop: Graham Kingham: *"Pollen Under the Microscope" 1 (Continued after break)*

Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"Internal view of the honey bee" 2 (if needed) (Continued after break)*

3.45 – 4.30 Break

4.30 - 5.30 Presentations

Room 1: Dylan Elen: *"Professional breeding, the importance of standardized performance testing"*

Room 2: John Chambers: *"The use of honey in the management of skin wounds"*

Room 3: Jim Ryan: *"Beekeeping without too many mistakes, How I manage my bees and why"*

Workshop: Graham Kingham: *"Pollen Under the Microscope" 1 (Continuation from before break)*

Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"Internal view of the honey bee" 2 (if needed) (Continuation from before break)*

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Sunday 9 Sept

9.30 – 10.30 Presentations

- Room 1: Dylan Elen: *"Controlled mating, the key for conservation and breeding"*
- Room 2: Willie Robson: *"Siting Colonies Especially for Winter"*
- Room 3: Roger Patterson: *"Keep Control of Your Colony Numbers"*
- Workshop: Graham Kingham: *"Pollen Under the Microscope" 2 (if needed) (Continued after break)*
- Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"External view of the honey bee" 1(Continued after break)*

10.30 – 11.15 Break

11.15 – 12.15 Presentations

- Room 1: John Chambers: *"Basic honey bee genetics for beekeepers"*
- Room 2: John Donoghue: *"Bringing Nucs Through the Winter"*
- Room 3: Lynfa Davies: *"The mystery of mating"*
- Workshop: Graham Kingham: *"Pollen Under the Microscope" 2 (if needed) (Continuation from before break)*
- Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"External view of the honey bee" 1(Continuation from before break)*

12.15 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 Presentations

- Room 1: Dorian Pritchard: *"Geordie Bees Bite the Mite"*
- Room 2: Paul Cross: *"Long distance drone tracking of key pollinators in agricultural and natural landscapes: Achieving sustainable use of natural resources"*
- Room 3: Margaret Murdin: *"Becoming a proficient Beekeeper"*
- Workshop: Michael Collier: *"An Introduction to Instrumental Insemination" 2 (if needed) (Continued after break)*

2.30 – 2.45 Changeover

2.45 – 3.45 Presentations

- Room 1: Jo Widdicombe: *"Improving bees - what works for me"*
- Room 2: Clive Hudson: *"Has Varroa Lost its Sting? - My Experience of Treatment Free Beekeeping"*
- Room 3: Brian P. Dennis: *"Winter through to Spring"*
- Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"Internal view of the honey bee" 1 (Continued after break)*
- Workshop: Michael Collier: *"An Introduction to Instrumental Insemination" 2 (if needed) (Continuation from before break)*

3.45 – 4.30 Break

4.30 - 5.30 Presentations

Room 1: Gavin Ramsay: *"Identifying Dark Native Honey Bees"*

Room 2: John Donoghue: *"Managing Bees For the Honey Crop"*

Room 3: Daisy: *"The Rise and Fall of the colony throughout the year"*

Workshop: Jim Pearson: *"Internal view of the honey bee" 1 (Continuation from before break)*

5.30 Room 1: Closing remarks from BIBBA President.

6.30 Dinner