



anMariBee – a Bee- and beekeeping conference,

Organised by UNIDO, University of Maribor, and University of Ljubljana

14-15 Sept. 2026 in Maribor/Slovenia

Monday, 14 September 2026

8.30 – 9.20	Registration, mingling
9.30 – 9.50	Greetings: • Dean: prof. Dr. Aleš Gregorc • UNIDO: Mr. Kjell Sundin, project leader • Ministry of agronomy: Ms Andreja Komel, M.Sc., head of the Division for structural policy and rural development • Dr. Janez Rogelj Ministry of Economy, Labour and Sport
9.50 – 10.00	Organisational issues
10.00 – 10.20	First keynote speaker: Dr. Peter Kozmus , acting president of Apimondia . Beekeeping development: importance and roles of beekeepers' associations- and organisations.
10.20 – 10.40	Second keynote speaker: Dr. Victoria Soroker . Challenges in management of honeybee colonies
10.40 – 11.00	Q&A
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 11.50	Legal issues regarding beekeeping – what needs to be settled; Siniša Sošić , Ministry of agronomy
11.50 – 12.10	Honeybee selection and queen rearing, Dr. Aleš Gregorc
12.10 – 12.30	A beekeeping platform established during the project on Beekeeping knowledge and skills exchange, UNIDO
12.30 – 12.50	Q&A
12.50 – 13.45	Lunchtime, mingling



Working sections from 13.45 – 15.25

Section A: Sustainable beekeeping – management and healthcare (chairs: Dr. Lucija Žvokelj, Dr. Nouredine Adjlane).

- 13.45 – 14.05: *First keynote speaker:* Strategies for controlling Varroa destructor: Evidence from field trials in Slovenia, **Dr. Lucija Žvokelj**
- 14.05 – 14.25: *Second keynote speaker:* Emerging and endemic bee pathologies in Algeria, **Dr. Nouredine Adjlane**
- 14.25 – 15.10: 3 participants' 15-minutes' addresses
- 15.10 – 15.30: Q&A

Section B: Beekeeping related services (e.g. apitherapy, apitourism, api-wellness). Chairs: Dr. Sonja Sibila Lebe, Tanja Arih Korošec

- 13.45 – 14.05: *First keynote speaker:* Apitourism: the crown of adding value to beekeeping, **Dr. Sonja Sibila Lebe**
- 14.05 – 14.25: *Second keynote speaker:* From hive to experience: Marketing bee products and apitourism experiences, **Mrs. Tanja Arih Korošec**
- 14.25 – 15.10: 3 participants' 15-minutes' addresses
- 15.10 – 15.30: Q&A

Section C: Bee products and general beekeeping (Chairs: Dr. Mojca Korošec, Dr. Janko Božič)

- 13.45 – 14.05: *Keynote speaker:* Honey under the prism of food quality and safety: Impacts of adulteration and regulatory challenges, **Dr. Mojca Korošec**
- 14.05 – 14.50: 3 participants' 15-minutes' addresses
- 14.50 – 15.20: Q&A

15.45 Departure (on foot) from the premisses of the FALST through the Faculty's Botanical garden: underway, visit to the observation apiary and to the honey plant corner.

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Bus to the venue departs at 8.30

- 8.30 – 8.55 Gathering
- 9.00 – 9.40 Plenary session
First keynote address: What science can do for beekeeping, **Dr. Robert Brodschneider**, Coloss & IBRA
Second keynote address: Improving knowledge transfer in bee health: Understanding the roles of researchers and beekeepers, **Dr. Linde Morawetz**
- 9.40 – 10.40 **Round table:** Knowledge transfer in beekeeping: let's talk about bees and about communication to- and with beekeepers. Participants: Dr. Robert





Brodschneider, Dr. Janko Božič, Dr. Victoria Soroker, Mrs. Regina Ciira.
Moderation: Dr. Linde Morawetz

10.40 – 11.00

Q&A

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.30

Presentation of the beekeeping sector by continents& countries (10 min per country) Afrika (*Algeria*, Kenya, Mozambique, Zambia), Americas (Peru), Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan), Europe (Albania, Norway, Ukraine, Slovenia)

13.30 – 14.15

Lunch

Work in sections from 14.20 – 15.20)

Section D: Honeybee health care (chairs: Dr. Victor Lopez, Ms. Leticia S Ansaloni)

14.20 – 14.40

First address: Effects of four fungal extracts on longevity and midgut histology of newly emerged Carniolan honey bees (*Apis mellifera carnica*), Ms. **Leticia Salvioni Ansaloni**

14.40 – 15.00

Second address: The hygienic behavior of *Apis mellifera* in relation to the infestation level of *Varroa destructor*, **Dr. Victor Lopez**

15.00 – 15.20

Q&A

Section E: Beekeeping technology (chairs: Dr. Janko Božič, Mr. Brane Kozinc).

14.20 – 14.40

First keynote address: Presentation of best and worst practices (Bangladesh, Africa): why innovations are crucial for successful beekeeping, **Mr. Brane Kozinc**

14.40 – 15.00

Second keynote address: New technologies in contemporary beekeeping, **Dr. Janko Božič**

15.00 – 15.20

Q&A

Section F: Knowledge transfer (chairs: Dr. Victoria Soroker, Mrs. Karen W. Mwangi).

14.20 – 14.35

First address: A case study of imparting knowledge, skills and attitudes in a specialised training institute for the beekeeping sector to promote sustainable livelihoods in Kenya, Mrs. **Karen W. Mwangi**

14.35 – 14.50

Second address: Rescue, multiplication and conservation of native bees in the BIOAY, Oxapampa, Peru, **Dr. Elisa M. Romero Simón**

14.50 – 15.20

Q&A

15.20 – 15.45

Conclusion of the conference





PRESENTERS' TIMETABLE (*not listed by name and title in the programme above*)

Time	Presenter	Title
Monday	Section A: Sustainable beekeeping – management and healthcare	
14:25-14:40	Imrich Szabó	Delayed mortality of honeybees following chronic acetamiprid exposure beyond the OECD 245 observation period
14:40-14:55	Milagros Luz Calumani Quilca	Prevalence and infestation rate of Varroa destructor in Apis mellifera colonies in five departments of Peru
14:55-15:10	Krzysztof Rutkowski	Molecular persistence of Melissococcus plutonius and Paenibacillus larvae in thermally processed beeswax
	Section B: Beekeeping related services	
14:25-14:40	Blerina Pupuleku	Apitourism in Albania, current dynamics and future perspectives for sustainable rural development
14:40-14:55	Dilbara Muratova	Diversifying beekeeping income through organic product production: Ecobee Ltd. (Kyrgyzstan)
14:55-15:10	Nchimunya Mweemba	Determinants of hive occupation and colony establishment in community-based beekeeping in the miombo woodlands ...
	Section C: Bee products and general beekeeping	
14:05-14:20	Nazgul N. Ishenbaeva	Safety indicators of Kyrgyz honey and its compliance with international standards
14:20-14:35	Elisa M. Romero Simón	Impact of the use of castor bean-based bioinsecticides and ozone on reducing pollinator mortality in Quito ...
14:35-14:50	Mukhlisakhon Mukhammadjonova	Effect of intensive beekeeping technology on the development and productivity of honey bee colonies under the conditions...
Tuesday	Presentations of countries	
11:30-11:40	Noureddine Adjlane	Honey bee sector in Algeria: Health, diversity and sustainability
11:40-11:50	Regina Ciira	From Beekeeping to a Resilient Bioeconomy
11:50-12:00	Carla Marina Manjate	Beekeeping in Mozambique: Current situation, production factors and good practices
12:00-12:10	Mary Kabemba	Strengthening Zambia's beekeeping sector
12:10-12:20	Milagros Luz Calumani Quilca	Overview of beekeeping in Peru
12:20-12:30	Nazira Rysbekova	Beekeeping sector in Kyrgyzstan
12:30-12:40	TBA	Beekeeping in Uzbekistan
12:40-12:50	Alkida Salliu	Beekeeping in Albania
12:50-13:00	Krzysztof Rutkowski	Beekeeping in Norway
13:00-13:10	Tetiana Senchuk	Institutional, Economic, and Ecological Aspects of Beekeeping Development in Ukraine: Challenges and Transformation