

APIMONDIA 2005

Bees for Development Trust is delighted to be here at the Apimondia Congress: a great opportunity to meet friends and supporters. On Friday and Saturday before the Congress, Bees for Development was running a two-day Workshop on Honey Trade. Its purpose was to enable producer groups learn the steps necessary for honey export. We wish the participants every success in their future endeavours, and extend a warm greeting to all Congress delegates.

Trust Patrons Bill Turnbull and David Bellamy, Chairman Paul Smith, and Trustees Bob and Elaine Spencer represent the Trust here at the Apimondia Congress. And from Bees for Development, Nicola Bradbear and Helen Jackson.

Please support the Trust in its work. We welcome your help, either financial or in other ways. If you would like to know more, or become further involved with the Trust's work, please meet with us this week.

During the Congress, the Trust is hosting a Reception at Jury's Ballsbridge Hotel on Wednesday 24th August, 6.00-7.30pm. Tickets are available at €15.



Tsunami Appeal

So far we have raised over £11,000. The funds are being disbursed to projects in Sri Lanka and Banda Aceh in Indonesia. In Sri Lanka, the money will be used for beekeeping development under the care of Dr Punchihewa of the University of Ruhuna. In Banda Aceh, the funds will be used for mangrove reforestation ~ mangrove is a key element of beekeeping in coastal areas.

Thanks to the many individuals and beekeeping associations that have contributed so far. Further donations to the Tsunami appeal are still welcomed by the Trust.

Bees and the BBC.....!

Bill Turnbull, a BfDT Patron, although better known as BBC Breakfast television presenter, completed the 2005 London Marathon in April.

Bill was wearing a beekeeper's suit complete with veil and completed the marathon in just over four and a half hours.



The total raised is over £3,500 ~ a significant contribution to Trust funds.

Bee Beard World Record Attempt

In June the President of Apimondia Ireland 2005, Philip McCabe,



attempted to set a new world record for the greatest number of bees in a bee beard.

In spite of being coated with more than 200,000 bees, the record proved elusive! However Philip generated



worldwide publicity for Apimondia, the Irish charity Bóthar, and BfD Trust. Very well done!

News from Bees for Development

In 2005 **Bees for Development** continues to provide information and advice to beekeepers worldwide. For various reasons, beekeeping does not fall within the remit of other organisations, or tends to be neglected, and good information on this subject can be difficult to obtain.

Every day at **BfD** we are responding to enquiries from new beekeepers, from groups that want to help their members, expand their marketing, or move into export. While it is relatively easy to assist these people with the information they need, it is difficult to find funding to support this work and ensure that **Bees for Development** continues to exist.

We are a small organisation and we depend upon the generous support of many like-minded people who appreciate the true potential and value of bees. Thank you for your continued support!

Nicola Bradbear, Bees for Development

Looking ahead in 2005.....

September 11

Lake Vyrnwy half marathon, North Wales Trust supporter, Sue Tonelli, runs a half marathon as training for next year's Hamburg marathon. Follow Sue's sponsorship at www.justgiving.com/runningbee

October 21-23

The National Honey Show, Hendon, London. The greatest honey show in the world with international classes. www.honeyshow.co.uk

November 12

Bees for Development Trust Meeting, Monmouth, Wales, UK trust@beesfordevelopment.org

A few words from the people we are helping

'The issues in this magazine have broadened my knowledge.

Outstanding was the cement hives article. Thanks for being there for us.'

Christopher Saboi, Beekeeper, Eldoret, Kenya, July 2005

'...it looks like a candle in a dark forest since it is the only magazine we have received in so many years' Abdalla Mohamed Ali, Dept. of Crop Protection, University of Khartoum, Sudan, July 2005

'...I find the journal very useful to learn beekeeping technologies.'

Bhim Suwal, Nirmal Bee Farm, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 2005

Please support the Trust in its work. We welcome your help. Financial donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/bees or at the contact address below. If you would like to become further involved with the Trust's work, please meet us during the Apimondia Congress.

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