

Dear beekeeper friends,

The Slovenian Beekeepers Association with the support of the Republic of Slovenia will in 2016 propose to the United Nations (UN) that May 20<sup>th</sup> be declared as WORLD BEE DAY. To date we have, for the initiative, much support from different organisations and important people. Therefore we are very glad that the initiative is focused with good emotions.

At this time we would like to inform all global beekeepers' associations about the initiative. Therefore we are sending you some short brochures with basic information. Regarding support we already have support from the Balkan Apicultural Federation, from the Federation of the Beekeeping Organisations "Apislavia", and from a number of European beekeepers' associations. At the 44<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress in South Korea in September 2015, this initiative will be presented to all the members in attendance. We believe that on this occasion all the delegates will recognise that World Bee Day would be of benefit for World Beekeeping and that they will enthusiastically support it. We are very pleased that this initiative is also approved and supported by the president of Apimondia, Mr. Gilles Ratia, as well as Mr. Philip McCabe, President of European Commission of Apimondia, and Mr. Etienne Bruneau, President of the Apimondia Scientific Commission "Beekeeping Technology and Quality".

We are very glad also that the Apimondia Executive Council put the initiative on the General Assembly meeting agenda for the 44<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress. With this decision Apimondia creates an opportunity for the beekeeping world to support the initiative unanimously, which would have an unambiguously good influence on the future decision of the UN.

Aside from the presentation about the initiative, we are going to highlight the organisations and companies who are supporting our efforts. We believe that the initiative is good and needed in today's world, in order to make people aware of the honey bee's situation in different countries and also to give rise to opportunities for all beekeeping sectors in the world.

Therefore we will be very glad if your organisation will support this initiative, by sending us a short statement. It is possible to do this electronically on the webpage: <http://www.pravapeticija.com/wbd>.

We believe that the initiative will connect beekeeping associations and that together we can do something good for the bees.

With Best Regards,

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