



Learning from the Bees

Provisional Conference Programme

January 2018



FRIDAY 31th AUGUST

11:00 - 12:45 **Registration** *Teas and coffee. Light lunch served 11:30 - 12:30*

Art exhibition

Hive display and hive making demonstrations

12:45 - 15:00 **Musical opening and welcome**

*to include
tea & coffee
break*

Astrid Schoots, music and singing teacher; Jonathan Powell, Natural Beekeeping Trust

Setting the scene: Honeybee, Landscape, Human Being

*Professor Thomas Seeley, Cornell University; Professor Johannes Wirz, Mellifera eV
Heidi Herrmann, Natural Beekeeping Trust; Jonathan Powell, Natural Beekeeping Trust*

Keynote Speech: surprise

Plenary Event: Spirit of the Land

Showcasing the work of major Dutch pollinator initiatives

15:30 - 17:00 **Parallel Sessions**

three moderated panel discussions followed by questions from audience

Natural Selection

Respecting the ecology of the honeybee - what does it mean?

*Peter Neumann, Institute of Bee Health; Thomas Seeley, Cornell University &
Leos Dvorsky, SPV*

A Land of Plenty

Habitat and forage restoration

*Deborah Post, Honey Highway; Jaap Molenaar, Bijenstichting; Jos Willemse,
Odin Co-operative*

The Beehive Metaphor

Socially engaged art

*K Evenzur, Bee Time; Nil Ilkbasaran, community artist, Cher & Corina Haurova,
Bienen-Baum-Gut ; Jorge Altamiro, Bee Time*

17:15 - 18:00 **Parallel Sessions Feedback to Conference**

18:00 - 19:00 *Pre-dinner drinks and snacks*

The Hive - Networking & Speakers' Corner

Art Exhibition, hive and hive making demonstrations continue

19:00 - 21:00 Conference Dinner

21:00 - 22:45 **Evening Conference**

The Mystery of Honeybees - Compass point, Enigma and Oracle.

A Constellation. hosted by Michael Joshin Thiele

The Hive - Networking & Speakers' Corner

Art Exhibition, hive and hive making demonstrations continue

SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

08:15 - 09:30 **Registration** *Teas and coffee*

09:30 - 13:00 **Musical opening and welcome**

*to include
tea & coffee
break*

Astrid Schoots, *music and singing teacher*; Jonathan Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

Keynote Speech: *Learning from the Bees*

Heidi Herrmann, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

Keynote Speech: *Following the Wild Bees*

Professor Thomas Seeley, *Cornell University*

Keynote Speech: *Natural Selection & Locally Adapted Bees*

Professor Peter Neumann, *Institute of Bee Health, Berlin*

Keynote Speech: *Feeding the Bees, My Way*

Deborah Post, *Honey Highway & others tbc*

13:00 - 14:30 Conference Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 **Parallel Sessions**

*to include
tea & coffee
break*

three moderated panel discussions followed by questions from audience

Spirit of the Hive

Connecting to the Bees

Johannes Wirz, *Mellifera eV*; Jacqueline Freeman, *Preservation Beekeeping Council*;

Michael Thiele, *Apis Aborea*; Heidi Herrmann, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

Wild Bees/Bees in Trees

Rewilding the Honeybee

J Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*; Thomas Seeley, *Cornell University*; Jenny Cullinan & Karin Sternberg, *Ujubees*; and others

Safeguarding the Earth

Terry Oxford, *UrbanBeeSF*; Karmit Evenzur, *Bee Time*; Shirley Vaughan, *Hines Prop. Management*

16:30 - 17:30 **Parallel Sessions Feedback to Conference**

18:00 - 19:00 *Pre-dinner drinks and snacks*

The Hive - Networking & Speakers' Corner

Art Exhibition, hive and hive making demonstrations continue

19:00 - 21:00 Conference Dinner

21:00 - 22:45 **Evening Conference**

Safeguarding the Earth

Hosted by Terry Oxford, *UrbanBeeSF*

Networking, World Cafe, Art participation . . . you decide!

SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

08:30 - 08:45 **Arrival**

Teas and coffee

09:00 - 13:00 **Musical opening and welcome**

*to include
tea & coffee
break*

Astrid Schoots, *music and singing teacher*; Jonathan Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

Parallel Sessions

Three moderated panel discussions followed by questions from audience

Children and Bees: Bee guardians of the future

Julie Armstrong *Act for Bees*; Yossi Aud, *Urban Centres for Biodynamic Beekeepers*; Rinske Kreukniet and Angélique de Meijer, *Immeke* and others

Spirit of the Land

The future of Bees, Farms and People

Jos Willemse, *Odin*; Karmit Even-Zur, *Bee Time*; and others

Lessons from the Hive

An open floor

hosted by Johannes Wirz and Albert Muller, Mellifera eV

Parallel Sessions Feedback to Conference

Closing Plenary and Conference Conclusions

Jonathan Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

13:00 - 14:30 Conference Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 **In Thankfulness to the Bee**

Creative participatory closing ceremony