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## **OSBA Fall Conference to be Held in Salem Oct. 31-Nov. 2**

The Fall Conference Committee has been hard at work putting together an outstanding slate of speakers and ironing out details to make this Conference well worth attending. Scheduled for Thursday October 31 through Saturday November 2, the Conference will be held in Salem at the New Kings Inn Best Western.

Dr. Eric Mussen, Pat Heitkam, President of American Beekeeping Federation, Bonney Woodworth, Board Member of the National Honey Board, Dr. Mark Feldlaufer, Dr. Diana Sammataro, Dr. Michael Burgett, Harry Vanderpool, Dr. Marion Ellis and Dr. Steve Sheppard will be speaking on a variety of topics of vital interest to beekeepers (see Agenda on page 3).

Don't forget to bring items for the famous (?) auctions – the silent auction and the Friday night dinner auction. It's always fun to see some new items. Each and every one is greatly appreciated.

A registration form is enclosed. Please get it filled out and back to Phyllis as soon as possible.

See you at the Conference!

## **President's Message**

By Ray Varner

This will be my last message to you as President. Thank you for letting me represent the Oregon State Beekeepers Association these last three years.

Priorities change and life goes on for everyone, and it has become clear to me that I would not be able to give the OSBA the attention it needs and deserves in the coming year. I'm not going to disappear – I will continue to be involved at some level. I just cannot continue to be the “go to” person at this time. Right now I need to keep bees, manage my own business, spend time with my family and live life (not necessarily in that order!).

I look forward to seeing you at the Conference in Salem.

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## Beekeeping in Western Oregon

By Harry Vanderpool, WVBA

### October

- Remove miticide strips on schedule. Remove Apistan® strips when they have been in the hive between 42 and 56 days. Remove Check-mite® strips when they have been in the hive between 42 and 45 days.
- Do not place honey supers back on the hives for cleaning of the wet comb until Apistan® strips are removed. With Check-mite®, you must wait for 15 days after the strips are removed to plop the honey supers on for cleaning.
- Feed all light colonies with a saturated sugar solution (two parts sugar to one part water). Get this done soon during the remaining warm

weather to avoid dysentery and other problems. Also, never feed poor grades of honey in the fall.

- You can still medicate with Fumidil-b® if the weather is warm enough for the bees to consume the feed quickly.
- If you do not have auger holes in your supers for ventilation, place a small twig about 3/16" in diameter, under the rear of your covers after any inspections.
- Consider drilling auger holes in your supers for ventilation.
- As the weather cools, limit your number of hive inspections to the bare minimum and as brief as is necessary.
- Hive covers must be secured in one fashion or another. Fiberglass straps are cheap and strong. Most shipping/receiving departments throw armfuls of these away on a regular basis. Ask them to save them for you. Consider returning the favor with a dab of honey once in a while.
- Continue to take precautions against robbing. Smaller colonies may need an entrance reducer for the next month to effectively defend their hive. Remember to replace the reducer with a mouse guard when things cool down.
- Store comb in a cool, dry place and use paradichlorobenzene to fumigate, not old-fashioned mothballs.
- Make a to-do list for fall and winter. Your truck, trailer, extractor, apiary, marriage, etc .all need attention. Make a list and review it often.
- Yard-rent honey is due. You may consider delivering this honey in decent containers this year instead of the cheapy jugs. 2 ½ pound plastic queen-line jars with no label would be an inexpensive upgrade.
- Get your lumber and woodenware in hand before the cold weather sets in. The cool mornings ahead are perfect for hive construction. Stock up on coffee!
- Make plans to attend the O.S.B.A. Fall Conference. You are an important member in the agricultural community of beekeepers. Do not pass up the opportunity to reunite with your friends in an atmosphere of sharing and education. This life is not a dress rehearsal, dear friends. This is your life; and it is a good one! Don't pass it up.

## Conference Agenda

Saturday, November 2

### Thursday, October 31

**7 pm** Kick-off wine and cheese social, Best Western Conference Center

### Friday, November 1

**8:30 am** “No Nucs is Bad Nucs” by George Hansen, Foothills Honey Company. Some uses of nucleus colonies in year-round colony management.

**9:15 am** “Use of Fungi as Biocontrol of Varroa” by Dr. Eric Mussen, UC Davis

**10 am Break**

**10:30 am** “American Beekeeping Federation Update” by Pat Heitkam, President of ABF. Annual report on 2002 Bee Politics.

**10:50 am** “National Honey Board Annual Report” by Bonney Woodworth, Board Member. Annual report on the current focus of the NHB.

**11:15 am** “Current Research at the Beltsville Bee Lab” by Dr. Mark Feldlaufer, Research Leader, Beltsville Bee Lab USDA ARS.

**Noon – Lunch on your own**

**1:15 pm** “The Origins of the Apple in Kazakstan” by Dr. Steve Sheppard from Washington State University.

**2 pm** “Physical Removal of Varroa Mites from Honeybees Hives” by Harry Vanderpool, Willamette Valley Beekeepers Assn. Report on his ODA grant.

**2:45 pm** “Woodworth’s Honey and Bee Company” by Brent and Bonney Woodworth. Keeping bees and selling honey in Halliday, North Dakota.

**3:15 pm** “The Carl Hayden Bee Research Center Update” by Dr. Diana Sammataro. Report on current research at Bee Lab in Tucson, Arizona.

**4-5 pm OSBA Business Meeting**

**6:30 pm Social Hour**

**7:30 pm Dinner and Auction**

### Agenda for Pest and Disease Workshop

**8:30 am** “Detection and Control of Foulbrood” by Dr. Mark Feldlaufer, Research Leader, Beltsville Bee Lab USDA ARD. Covers both American Foulbrood and European Foulbrood.

**9:15 am** “Detection and Control Options for Varroa” by Dr. Mike Burgett, Oregon State University.

**10 am** “Integrated Pest Management” by Dr. Marion Ellis, Associate Professor of Entomology and Extension Specialist, University of Nebraska

**10:45 am Break**

**11:15 am** “Demonstrations and Question/Answer Session – Brood Diseases”

**Noon: “Research Luncheon”** Dr. Mike Burgett, Oregon State University

**1:15 pm** “Detection and Control of Nosema” by Dr. Eric Mussen, UC Davis

**2 pm** “Tracheal Mites” by Dr. Diana Sammataro, Research Scientist, Carl Hayden Bee Research Lab, Tucson, Arizona. Detection, thresholds and controls of tracheal mites.

**2:45 pm** “Essential Oils in Control of Acarine Pests” by Dr. Steve Sheppard, Washington State University.

**3:30 pm Break**

**4 pm** “Integrated Pest Management of Adult Honeybee Pests and Diseases” by Dr. Marion Ellis, University of Nebraska

**4:45 pm** “Demonstrations and Question/Answer Session – Adult Bee Pests and Diseases”

## Conference Business Notice: Constitution Amendment

In accordance to Article VIII – Amendments of the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the following amendment will be submitted to members for approval at the Fall Conference Business Meeting:

### Article VIII – Dissolution

**Section 1. The Oregon State Beekeepers Association is formed to unite the beekeepers of Oregon in an effort to improve beekeeping in the state and is organized exclusively for charitable, education and/or scientific purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Upon the dissolution of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association, assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.**

The original Article VIII – Amendments would become Article IX – Amendments, with no change in language. It would read:

### Article IX – Amendments

**The Constitution of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association may be altered or amended only at an annual convention by a three-fourths vote of the total membership present, providing notice of the proposed changes be sent to members at least one month (30 days) before said meeting.**

The change is required by the IRS to maintain our non-profit tax status.

## California Almond Stats

From Dr. Eric Mussen's "From the UC Apiaries"

### Almonds – Five Year Stats

Year	Acres	Production (Million pounds)
1998	460,000	520
1999	480,000	833
2000	500,000	703
2001	525,000	830
2002	530,000	980

Our bees must be doing something right!

## Uganda Mission Seeks Help

Richard Turanski of GloryBee in Eugene is working with a non-profit Christian organization and will be making a mission trip to Uganda in February 2003. The purpose of the trip is to help beekeepers in Uganda establish a beekeeping enterprise in the northeast regions of that country. If you'd like to participate in this mission by sending donations of beekeeping equipment (only small items, please, such as smokers, hive tools, books, suits, gloves, etc.) please contact Richard or Shannon toll free at 800-456-7923 or by email at [shannon@glorybee.com](mailto:shannon@glorybee.com). All items need to be shipped by the end of November 2002. Receipts for donations are available upon request.

## News from Alaska Beekeepers

From the Southcentral Alaska Beekeepers Assoc. Newsletter

**Sugar prices:** Lowest prices around are Fred Meyer's and KMart at \$9.99 for 25 lbs.

### Excellent web site:

[balder.prohosting.com/~starrier/beeschool.html](http://balder.prohosting.com/~starrier/beeschool.html)

Be sure to click on "Bee School and Learning Page" for some good information on northern overwintering.

**State Fair Results:** In the Junior Division, ages 12 and under, there were five young people who entered in six categories (two entered in more than one category). Eight ribbons for first and second places were awarded for extra white honey, white honey, extra light amber honey, deep frames, medium frames and an educational display. In addition, one member won a Grand Prize in the Junior Division for her frame of honey. Wow!

In the adult division, the list runs for two pages in water white honey, extra white, white, extra light amber, light amber, amber, deep extracting super frame, medium extracting super frame and bee pollen. No less than forty-two entries were listed and each category listed two or three ribbons. In addition, a Grand Prize was awarded for a pollen display.

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## NHB News

**Mead:** During September the National Honey Board's new products page [www.honey.com/products/index.html](http://www.honey.com/products/index.html) was devoted to meads. This new page, added to honey.com last month, received over 1,000 visitor sessions in its first month. Incidentally, to make one gallon of mead approximately two pounds of honey are needed.

**Magazines Highlight Honey:** Check out two tantalizing articles about honey that emphasize the "life-sweetening gift of the bees" (in "naturally healthy honey," *Victoria*, September 2002 and in "Savory and Sweet Treats," *Taste*, Fall 2002). The *Victoria* article was adapted from Stephanie Rosebaum's new book, "Honey from Flower to Table," Chronicle Books. Order via their web site at [www.chroniclebooks.com](http://www.chroniclebooks.com) or by phone at 800-822-6657.

**USDA Offers Science for Kids:** The USDA's Agricultural Research Service Websites for kids age 8-13 ([www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids](http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids)) are designed to nurture an interest in science by explaining, often in playful ways, how science affects everyday life and why it can make an interesting career. Science for kids (including a section on insects) also can be accessed in Spanish language version ([www.ars.usda.gov/is/espanol/kids](http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/espanol/kids)).

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**OREGON STATE BEEKEEPERS FALL CONFERENCE 2002**  
**New Kings Inn Best Western, Salem, Oregon**  
**October 31, November 1 and 2**

Attendee's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing or Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Pre-Registration for Individual Days	Full Conference Pre-Registration
Thursday Night hospitality room	complimentary	complimentary
Friday Conference Only @ \$40 (see item 1) Family registration fee @ \$55	\$	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sat. Conference Only @ \$40 (see item 1) Family registration fee @ \$55	\$	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Full Conference @ \$75 (see item 1) Family registration fee @100	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
Friday Evening Banquet @ \$25	\$	\$
Saturday Noon Lunch @ \$15	\$	\$
OSBA Membership (includes Bee Line) \$20	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$

If exhibiting, num. of tables @\$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Total plus exhibitor's table fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Attendees qualify for pre-registration rate if application form (with registration fee) is postmarked on or before October 1, 2002. Late or on site registration rates are: One day \$45, full conference \$85.
- Make checks payable to OSBA.
- Mail completed registration form and payment to: Phyllis Shoemake, 1702 Toucan St. NW., Salem OR 97304.
- Hotel reservations are not included in these rates. Make your reservations at New Kings Inn Best Western, Salem, OR: 1-800-528-1234 and ask for the OSBA Fall Conference special rate.