

**The American Association of Professional Apiculturists  
Call for Papers for the  
American Bee Research Conference**

**Greenbelt, MD**

**February 7-8, 2012**

The American Association of Professional Apiculturists (AAPA) will conduct the 2012 American Bee Research Conference (ABRC) at APHIS Headquarters, Riverdale, Maryland from February 7-8, 2012. This place is near the USDA-ARS bee lab at Beltsville, MD. Lodging will be available in hotel Holiday Inn, Greenbelt, MD. All apiculture specialists and apiculture students are invited to attend and present papers at this conference. Our meeting will be held together with the annual meetings of the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) and the Managed Pollinator CAP (Coordinated Agricultural Project).

The purpose of the ABRC is to provide an opportunity for scientists to present their current work to those present as well as to a worldwide audience via the *American Bee Journal*. A second objective is to provide an opportunity for all of us to get to know other honey bee researchers in an informal social setting in addition to the traditional meeting format. Scientists from all countries are welcome.

**Registration**

Registration for speakers and attendees at ABRC is \$100. Please find details of the expenses covered with registration fee on the last page of this announcement. There might be an additional abstract publishing fee if we decide to publish the abstracts in the *American Bee Journal*.

**Lodging and Transportation**

Details on lodging and transportation are provided on the last page of this announcement.

**Procedures for titles, abstracts and presentations**

1. Subjects: Presentations and abstracts are restricted to research involving the genus *Apis*. Previously published work is not acceptable. Presentations of current research and of articles submitted for publication are encouraged. Abstracts will be published as the "Proceedings of the 2012 American Bee Research Conference" in the May issue of the *American Bee Journal*. Publication of an abstract does not preclude later publication in a journal requiring unpublished work.

2. Title deadlines and scheduling: Send titles, author list and institutional addresses for presentations by email to Ramesh Sagili no later than **December 23, 2011**: sagilir@hort.oregonstate.edu. (Phone 541-737--5460, Fax 541-737-3479).

Abstract deadline: Authors are encouraged to e-mail their abstracts before the meeting to Ramesh Sagili by January 31, 2011. Alternatively, abstracts may be delivered at the meeting. Please submit a double-spaced hard copy, and a copy on a USB stick or disk.

**All students who plan to present should submit a title and names of authors.**

3. Student paper competition: Students attending the meeting are encouraged to enter the student paper competition. When submitting titles, students should indicate that they wish to participate in the student paper competition, and they should bring three printed copies of their abstract to the meeting. A plaque and a check for \$50 are awarded to the winner.

4. Abstract format: The maximum length of an abstract is 540 words. An abstract may have one table or figure. If a table or figure is included, the text and figure caption are limited to 350 words. A graph, photograph, or table will be printed in a single column width of 3 1/4" (8.5 cm). When preparing the manuscript, use the format from a previously published proceedings or the included example as a guide. There should be no more than four coauthors per abstract. Abstract guidelines for oral, poster and written presentations are the same.

5. **Oral presentations:** Each speaker will be allotted 15 minutes for a presentation and is limited to only one presentation. Participants are encouraged to consider poster presentations if they plan on more than one presentation at the ABRC. The actual talk should be 10-12 minutes to allow time for discussion and the speaker must be an author. All presenters should bring their presentation (MS PowerPoint) to the meeting on a CD or USB-storage device. Presentations should be saved as a .ppt or .pps file (.pps preferred). If you prepared your presentation on a Mac, please make sure to save it in a format that can be read by a PC. All presentations will be loaded onto one computer to make efficient use of time. All presenters should submit their presentation to the program chair by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

6. **Poster presentations:** Poster presentations are encouraged at ABRC and there is no limit on number of posters that each participant can present. Posters should be no larger than 4 feet x 4 feet, much like posters for other scientific conferences.

7. Written presentations: An additional one or two written presentations will be accepted on condition that the senior author of a written paper presents a senior-authored oral or poster presentation (see #5 and #6, above). The written paper is limited to two pages, but may be single spaced and arranged with figures or tables in any way the author chooses. The author should bring 50 copies of the paper to the podium before the beginning of the meeting. Preferably, the two pages will be copied onto two sides of a single sheet of paper. A written paper will be listed as such in the program and printed as an abstract (in the abstract format) in the Proceedings of the ABRC.

A sample abstract for the American Bee Research Conference

Please type your abstract (double spaced) in the following format:

Williams, J.L., W. Bruce & J. Pettis - TITLE IN CAPITAL LETTERS - Leave 4 spaces before the author so I can assign a number to the abstract. Do not include a title page. If you have a figure or table, refer to it as figure or (table) or (see figure) not as Table I or Figure I because no paper will have more than one figure or table.

Subsequent paragraphs should be indented as usual. Any references should be cited in the text using the official abbreviation of the journal. Use only last names, list no titles, and give no more than two authors per citation. Examples: (Harris, *J Apic. Res.* in press), (Hall *et al.*, 1995 *Am. Bee J* 121:61-62) or (Delaplane & Guzman, 1998 *Science* 108:217).

Addresses of authors will be footnoted as in previous Proceedings, so be sure that you include the address of each author (complete but as brief as possible) as you want it to appear in the journal. This will be compiled on a separate sheet, so you can put it at the end of the abstract or on the back of the text. Also, in case there are questions from the editor, include telephone, FAX numbers and an e-mail address.

Please make a special effort to have your abstract understandable by nontechnical readers. Since a figure or table often helps explain results and attract reader interest, authors are encouraged to use a figure or table and less text.

## **Meeting Location**

APHIS Headquarters  
4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD 20737

Directions:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/general\\_info/directions\\_riverdale.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/general_info/directions_riverdale.shtml)

There is a \$5.00 per day parking fee.

## **Room Accommodations**

Holiday Inn Greenbelt  
7200 Hanover Drive  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

\$129.00 + 11% tax = \$143.19 per night includes free full hot breakfast buffet.

Free shuttle service to meeting site from the hotel, free parking at hotel

Shuttle available Greenbelt Metro Station

## **How To Get There**

Reagan National Airport (DCA) 19 mi

Super Shuttle - \$28.00

Metro (subway) from DCA to Greenbelt - \$2.75-\$5.20 depending on time of day

Greenbelt Metro Station to Hotel – free – call hotel

Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) 21 mi

Super Shuttle - \$33.0

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) 31 mi

Super Shuttle - \$39.00

<http://www.supershuttle.com>

800-258-3826

## **Other Area Hotels and Information for Greenbelt, MD**

Marriott Courtyard – 301-441-3311 - \$129 + tax – no shuttle

Marriott Residence inn – 301-982-1600 - \$183 + tax – shuttle fits 10 people and runs every ½ hour)

Hilton Garden Inn = 301-474-7400 - \$183 + tax – No Shuttle

Hampton Inn (College Park, MD) – 301-345-2200 - \$159 + tax

## **Registration: \$100.00**

1. Covers - 6 Coffee Breaks (Mon.-1, Tues.-2, Wed.-2, Thurs.-1), 3 Lunches (MTW)
2. Shuttle service back and forth from hotel to conference center (APHIS Headquarters)
3. Conference Center and Meeting Rooms
4. Pre Registration up to January 25, 2012