

Good News from the BBKA Annual Delegates Meeting

Our Essex motion which moves the UK towards re-applying for Apimondia membership was passed with 93% of votes in favour. It was good to see the BBKA President and Chair being supportive. They have already started moving things forward. Hopefully the embarrassing years of the UK being the only European country which is not a member will come to an end at the 2021 Apimondia conference in Russia which is the next time an application can be considered.

The award for the association with the best performance in Basic Assessments went to Tyneside, a small association with many entering. The prize for the best performing association in other BBKA assessments and module exams was awarded to Yorkshire. Steph Green stephgreen711@gmail.com can tell you all about BBKA assessments and exams. Why not have a go?

We learnt that the BBKA is in the final stages of arranging insurance for members of AHATS (Asian Hornet Action Team) who try to locate nests by following hornets prior to the Bee Inspectors destroying them. Salma Attan and Katy Langley, our Essex Bee Health Secretaries, will know more.

For the 4th year running there will be no increase in BBKA capitation and their accounts show a reasonable surplus. The income of the BBKA is amazingly now just exceeds £1,000,000.

A new teaching apiary is being built at the BBKA HQ at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire for use in educating and informing all sections of the public from schools to retirement homes about the wonders of beekeeping. If successful BBKA hope to replicate it in the North and South.

It's time Essex contributed to the running of the BBKA again, there are lots of opportunities from being a trustee and running the Spring Convention to helping at public events.

Just email me if you have any questions about the BBKA.

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