

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The organizing committee is a very experienced group of representatives from the **Scandinavian** scientific, industrial and beekeeping world. All members have participated in multiple **APIMONDIA** congresses, and we feel belonging as a part of the **APIMONDIA** family. We believe we know what makes a good congress. A congress that will stay as a very special event and as strong memory for the participants. We aim to lift the **APIMONDIA** up to a new level in connecting beekeeping worldwide. We are aiming for the real spirit of **APIMONDIA**.



ARNE HENRIKSEN

President of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- President of the Danish Beekeepers Association (board member since 2011)
- Participated in 10 Apimondia Congresses



CAMILLA LARSEN

Vice President of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- General Sec., Norwegian Beekeepers Association
- Veterinary surgeon. BA in Management
- Several years of experience in organising conferences, meetings and events
- Beekeeper



LEO DE GEER

Vice President of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Board member, Swedish Beekeepers Association
- Member of ISO working groups for Honey, Propolis and Pollen standards



RUNE SØRENSEN

Executive Secretary of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Head of Secretary, Danish Beekeepers Association since 2013
- AP Graduate in Agro Business and Landscape management, Diploma of Leadership.
- 20 years of experience working with NGO's and big events



ASGER SØGAARD

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Consultant, Danish Beekeepers Association
- President of Apimondia 1999-2009
- Several years of experience in organising conferences, meetings and events
- Advice to beekeepers and seed producers, fruit growers on pollination
- Administration of development projects



EVA FORSGREN

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Associate Professor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- 2013-2014: Post-doctoral studies in honeybee pathology and diagnostics at University of Maryland
- 2011-now: Lab manager for the Swedish National reference Laboratory for Honey Bee Health and diagnostic service for Swedish Bee Inspectors
- 2010-2015: Research Scientist, Honey Bee Pathology, Department of Ecology, SLU
- 2004-2009: Research Engineer, Honey Bee Pathology, Department of Ecology, SLU



BJØRN DAHLE

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Senior Advisor, Norwegian Beekeepers Association and Associate Professor at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- National and international RTD projects on various aspects of honeybees such as breeding and mating control, pathology and parasitology and pollinator competition
- Education of beekeepers and beekeeper trainers
- Associate editor of Journal of Apicultural Research



PER KRYGER

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Senior scientist, Aarhus University
- Has published on honey bee biology since 1987 topics include honey bee dance, genetics, behavior, virology, varroa and nosema
- Education of beekeepers on honey bee health and bee diseases



FLEMMING VEJSNÆS

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- MSc, Biology. Adviser since 1991 at the Danish Beekeepers Association. Made more than 1000 practical talks and articles. Cooperating in several international projects, like monitoring winter losses (Coloss) or the use of honeybees as bioindicator (INSIGNIA project). Travelled to all world's continents to study beekeeping and its variety.



BJØRN ANDRESEN

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- CEO & owner, Swienty A/S
- Swienty have won several Apimondia awards
- Exhibitor/Participant at Apimondia since 1999



VIVIAN STØLEN

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Head of The Norwegian Museum of Horticulture (retired)
- Professional beekeeper with a high experience within queen-breeding and lectures about beekeeping for beginners and experienced beekeepers



ALEXANDER DU RIETZ

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Creative and innovative beekeeper from Norway with approx. 472 bee colonies
- Urban beekeeper



ZOFUZ KNUDSEN

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Beekeeper, honey connoisseur and former winner of the WBA Best Honey in the World together with Lars Fischer
- Experienced organizer of beekeeping events and conferences
- International honey judge and experienced organizer of honey competitions



LARS FISCHER

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- BSc in Biology
- Beekeeper and former winner of the WBA Best Honey in the World together with Zofuz Knudsen
- Experienced beekeeping teacher and organizer of beekeeping events



VIKTORIA BASSANI

Committee Member of the 49th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

- Professional beekeeper in the South of Sweden since 2006
- Qualified in honey and sensory analysis from University of Adelaide, Australia and Bologna, Italy – frequently requested for honey sensory projects
- Project leader for a Honey Analysis-project on behalf of the European Union, including the establishment of an extensive database of samples for geographical and botanical origin.
- Involved in ecosystem projects, focusing on sustainability for all pollinators

