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1984 EAS CONFERENCE

University of Rhode Island, August 8-11

A moonlight cruise, ladies luncheon at an exclusive private club and a banquet overlooking picturesque Newport Harbor are among the highlights included in the 30th annual Eastern Apicultural Society (EAS) Conference, hosted by the Rhode Island Beekeepers Association (RIBA), August 8-11, 1984.

These activities have been planned as part of the RIBA's goal of not only providing an enriching beekeeping program through lectures, demonstrations and workshops, but of also affording participants an opportunity to enjoy some of Rhode Island's lifestyle.

The Conference will be held at the 1,200-acre main campus of the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. Founded in 1892 as a land grant college, the school is located near some of Rhode Island's 400 miles of shoreline.

The regular Conference will be preceded by the beekeepers Short Course. Tentative topics to be offered include: seasonal apiary management, honey bee diseases and pests, crop harvesting, along with processing and marketing.

Charles "Mac" McKellar, RIBA and 1984 EAS President, has announced speakers and instructors will represent a cross section of the nation's top research and teaching entomologists and beekeepers.

The Conference program is still being formulated, but plans call for covering such subjects as: the impact of the parasitic mite on the beekeeping industry, marketing of honey, update on the African bee and honey from hive to table.

A full schedule of workshops is also being planned for Thursday and Friday of the Conference, according to McKellar.

The Conference will open August 8 at 9 a.m. Governor J. Joseph Garrahy will welcome the conferees.

The RIBA has arranged a moonlight cruise on Narragansett Bay aboard the "Bay Queen" for early arrivals on Wednesday evening. This cabaret-style dinner-dance cruise will include a buffet of steamship round roast beef, turkey and ham. Reservations will be limited and assigned on a first come, first served basis.

The traditional ladies luncheon on Thursday will be held at the exclusive Dunes Club on the shore of Narragansett

Bay. A chicken barbecue will also be held Thursday evening at the University's quadrangle.

Another highpoint of the Conference will be the banquet and awards presentation in the Sheraton Islander, overlooking Newport Harbor.

The banquet will be preceded by a tour of the Breakers, one of the famed Newport mansions built by Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Additional information about the Conference, individuals involved in it and social events will appear in future issues.

However, with more than 700 people attending the Maine Conference in 1983, McKellar has suggested beekeepers consider registering early for the Rhode Island Conference so that they are not disappointed in being left out of certain events.

Those desiring to be included on the 1984 EAS mailing list should send their name and address to: EAS 1984 Committee, 107 Chatworth Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

By Ronald R. Blais
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RIBA Publicity Chairman for the
1984 EAS Conference

EAS MEETING SCHEDULE

1984 MEETING

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI
August 8-11, 1984

1985 MEETING

August 1985
Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

1986 MEETING

August, 1986
University of Delaware at Newark

1987 MEETING

August 5-8, 1987
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & SU
Blacksburg, VA

MASTER BEEKEEPERS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Thirty two (32) people gathered at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York in 1976 for three days of listening to lectures and studying for the Master Beekeepers test given by Dr. Roger Morse. Thirty one (31) were from New York state and one was from New Jersey.

Of the 32 who took the test, 28 successfully completed it and were certified as "Master Beekeepers" by Cornell.

They were as follows: John M. Arleth, Lindenhurst, LI, NY; John Barrett, Plattsburgh; Bernard Beck, Huntington, LI; Peter F. Bizzoso, Ronkonkoma, LI; Freeland Bodgett, Elba; Raymond Churchill, Watertown; Edward & Judith Doan, Hamlin; George Eielitz, Coram; Benson E. Gabbert, Macedon; Roberta J. Glatz, Feura Bush; T.S.K. Johansson, East Berne & Flushing; Ralph Lawrence, Tillson; Sheldon Lounsbury, Tioga Center; Archie Maker, Jr., Latham; Reinhold Meyer, Commack, LI; Gifford Miller, Endicott; Fred Munzer, E. Northport, LI; Max Reidener, Endicott; Gene Robinson, W. Islip, LI; Edward Tutkowski, Buffalo; David Rowe, West Falls; Myron E. Rowe, Kingston; Louis Scott, Kingston; Frank D. Svoboda, E. Islip, LI; Samuel Stein, Kings Park, LI; Thomas J. Webb, Sussex, NJ; and Gary Woods of Delanson, NY.

Chairman of the MBCP for EAS, Dr. Clarence H. Collison of Penn State University has secured the full mailing addresses of the Master Beekeepers certified by Cornell University.

In 1979, EAS formed the Master Beekeepers Certification Program (MBCP) and Dr. Clarence H. Collison was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Committee. After gathering all of the information needed to start the program, the Committee determined testing for the MBCP would be held in conjunction with the annual EAS Conference.

In 1981, the first EAS MBCP testing was held during the N.J. EAS Conference at Rutgers University. A total of 130 persons (from many states) requested application forms, 85 completed and returned them, but 32 withdrew before the test was given.

On August 5, 1981, 53 applicants took the 3-phase tests and 11 applicants successfully completed them. The testing consisted of: 1) Written test, 2) Practical Lab test and, 3) The Apiary field experience test. The 11 applicants who were certified as Master Beekeepers by EAS were: A. Norman Bantz, 82 Vermont Terrace, Tuckahoe, NY 10707; Richard E. Bonney, Mohawk Trail, Charlemont, MA 01339; Marc Caputo, P.O. Box 207, Fredericksburg, OH 44627; Ping Sun Chun, 49 Junard Drive, Morristown, NJ 07960; Wille Robert Cole, RT. 1, Box 175, Blowing Rock, NC 28605; Craig Foster, 8434 Park Rd., Riviera Beach, MD 21122; David T. Hampton, 276 St. George St., Apt. 904, Toronto, Ont. Canada M5R 2P6; Ann W. Harman 6511 Griffith Rd., Laytonsville, MD 20879; Fred Harris, 3 Oakwood Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871; Richard T. May, 17 Pensaukee Ave., No. Providence, RI 02911; and Ernest D. Miner, Jr. 9933 Kelly Rd, Walkersville, MD 21793.

In 1982, 33 persons requested application forms, and on August 4, 1982, 5 new and 14 retake applicants for a total of 19 took the testing. Of the 19, Clarence H. Hansen, 37 Meadow Lane, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 was the only person who successfully completed a retake test and he was certified by EAS as a Master Beekeeper.

On August 10, 1983, there were 7 new and 10 retake applicants for the MBCP testing. There was a revision of the written exam prepared by a Committee of 2 EAS Master Beekeepers and 1 member of the EAS Board of Directors. It was reviewed by 3 College professors and the changes were very minor. The Committee graded the tests. Robert Schongall, R.F.D. #1, Osgood Rd., Franklin, NH 03235 was certified as the 13th Master Beekeeper by EAS.

Certificates and Lapel Pins were distributed to the 13 EAS and 28 Cornell Master Beekeepers. Red Badges were also distributed to all of the Master Beekeepers.

All Master Beekeepers certified by EAS receive a teaching syllabus and resource manuals. The 28 certified by Cornell University will have to purchase theirs if they should want one. The cost is \$15 plus shipping costs.

Anyone who qualifies (see related article for more information) can request an application for the MBCP testing. The deadline for filing is 3 months prior to the opening of the EAS Conference. Write to EAS Secretary, Liz Rodrigues for application forms.

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MASTER BEEKEEPERS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Purpose and Goals. There has been a growing interest in beekeeping in North America, particularly in the past decade among hobbyists. Because of the continuing growth in this interest, there is a need for competent bee masters to provide education and assistance to beginning beekeepers and serve in other capacities in the community as experts in beekeeping. The Master Beekeeper program has been developed to certify qualified beekeepers to serve this need. Initially this program was developed by Dr. Roger A. Morse at Cornell University. The program has now been expanded by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to other areas.

The purpose of the Master Beekeeper certification program is to identify and certify people who have a detailed knowledge of honey bee biology, have expertise in the proper practices of beekeeping, and can present this information to the beekeeping and non-beekeeping public in a detailed, accurate, clear and authoritative manner. The certification program includes a series of three tests, a certificate and a resource manual. The goal of this program is to certify that those who are awarded the Master Beekeeper Certificate are competent at a college level in the three areas where they are tested.

The certification program will be conducted in conjunction with the annual EAS Conference. Certification will be coordinated by personnel who are designated by the EAS.

Eligibility. Any experienced beekeeper is eligible to apply for certification as a Master Beekeeper. Persons interested in applying should have a minimum of 5 years of experience as a serious beekeeper in some aspect of apiary management such as a very dedicated hobbyist, a commercial beekeeper, working for a commercial beekeeper or apiary inspection. Also, it is recommended that applicants have completed the equivalent of a college level course in beekeeping. An applicant should be well read in the apicultural literature.

Application. Persons wishing to apply for certification should send a letter to the Secretary of EAS, Mrs. Liz Rodriguez, 157 Five Point Road, Colts Neck, NJ 07722, stating his/her intention and request an application form for the Master Beekeeper program. This letter should list as least one well respected beekeeper or a Master Beekeeper who can

attest to the applicant's experience in beekeeping. The deadline for application is 3 months before the annual conference. The number of applicants accepted may be governed by the facilities available for testing. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served, basis. (1983 Deadline, May 10, 1983).

References. Master Beekeeper applicants will be provided an outline of examination subjects and a list of references to study in preparation for the examinations.

Fees. Applicants who are accepted as candidates for certification are charged a fee which covers the cost of a Master Beekeepers manual, other supplies and expenses for testing.

Testing. Tests for certification will be conducted in conjunction with the annual EAS Conference or at a location designated by the Chairperson of the EAS Master Beekeeper Committee. Testing will consist of 1) a written examination on knowledge of all aspects of beekeeping, 2) a laboratory practical examination on recognition of diseases, equipment and proper practices and 3) an apiary performance test on the proper explanation of beekeeping practices and on the handling of bee colonies.

Certificate. Each candidate who is qualified and passes the EAS Master Beekeeper tests will receive a certificate suitable for framing and a lapel pin showing certification as Master Beekeeper.

Resource Material and Teaching Syllabus. A manual on beekeeping in Eastern North America and a course syllabus will be given to each individual upon certification. The manual contains outlines and supporting materials on subjects ranging from "How to Start" to "Raising Queens" to "Movies, Books and Bulletins." Much information on how to conduct class, give tests and handle teaching evaluations is given in this manual.



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JAMES I. HAMBLETON AWARD

Purpose: To recognize and encourage outstanding research in apiculture conducted in North America.

Nature: The annual award shall consist of a suitable inscribed plaque to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society.

Establishment and Support: The Award was established in 1973 in memory of James I. Hambleton. Up to \$400 travel reimbursement and meeting expenses will be provided for the recipient to attend and give an honorary lecture of his work at the annual meeting of the Society. The funds will be available from Conference expenses.

Rules of Eligibility: A nominee must have accomplished outstanding research which has a direct relation to Apiculture. Special consideration shall be given to independence of thought and originality. Previous recipients of the Hambleton award will not be eligible for future nomination.

Nominations for Award: The nominees should be selected on a merit basis through a review of recently published work. Individual nominations can be made by any member of the Society, although nominations through a University or other research institutions are encouraged. The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 1, of each year.

Supporting Information: Each proposal must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the nominee, a list of his publications, specific identification of the research work on which the nomination is based and an evaluation and appraisal of the accomplishments of the nominee, especially of work in the last 5 year period. If the nominee is not the sole author of publication/s cited, his/her contribution should be specified. The biological sketch and evaluation of the research accomplished should be no more than two typewritten pages.

Reprints of the specific research on which the nomination is based are desirable. Only published research will be acceptable to the Hambleton Award Committee as part of the recommendations or listed in the bibliography will be considered.

The Award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Society. The recipient must be present to receive the Award and to present an honorary lecture. Up to \$400 expenses will be made available to the recipient for travel and conference room and board expenses.

Renomination of candidates other than awardees is encouraged; nominations are not automatically extended

from year to year. A formal letter of renomination must be submitted by the sponsor each year prior to the March 1 deadline if the candidate is to be considered. Previously submitted documentation will be retained by the Committee for one year and only information for the new year need be forwarded with a letter of renomination.

Nominations and supporting information must be submitted to the J. I. Hambleton Award Committee C/O The Eastern Apicultural Society by March 1 in order to be considered for the current year.

Selection of the Hambleton Award Committee: The award committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall consist of two scientists, one who shall be Chairman and a third person selected from among the Board of Directors of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. Appointment will be for a term of 3 years.

Committee Procedure: Members of the Hambleton Award Committee will individually evaluate the annual list of nominees by April 1, each submitting a rank order of their evaluation to the Chairman of the Committee. The three top-ranked nominees as averaged from the Committee list will be resubmitted to the Committee for reevaluation. The Awardee will be made known to the Chairman of the Board by the Committee Chairman on or before July 1.

No award need be made in a year when no outstanding research can be found, or such a nominee presented to satisfy the high caliber of the James I. Hambleton Memorial Award.

Revised and adopted by the EAS Board of Directors, October 7, 1978.

Recipients to date: 1973 Dr. Rolf Boch, Canada; 1974 Dr. Norman E. Gary, California; 1975 Dr. Basil Furgala, Minnesota; 1976 Dr. Walter C. Rothenbuhler, Ohio; 1977 S. E. "Sam" McGregor, Arizona; 1978 Dr. Hachiro Shimanuki, Maryland; 1979 Dr. S. Cameron Jay, Manitoba, Canada; 1980 Dr. Jonathan W. White, Navasota, Texas; 1981 Dr. Elton W. Herbert, Jr., Maryland; 1982 Dr. Thomas E. Rinderer, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and 1983 Dr. Thomas A. Gochnauer, Ontario, Canada.

Please send the information to any one of the following: Dr. Robert Berthold, Chrmn. (84) Delaware Valley College, Biology Dept., Doylestown, PA 18901; Mr. Clayton E. Knepley (85) 1471 Fullen Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229; Dr. Thomas E. Rinderer (85) USDA Research Leader, R.R. #3, 82-Ben Hur Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 and Dr. T.A. Gochnauer (86) 14 Trinity Drive, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2H 6H2.

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