



PROTOCOL
Of the Balkan Federation meeting
March 30, 2007
Istanbul, Turkey

The meeting of the Balkan Federation Beekeeping Associations was convened during the first Balkan Federation Beekeeping Congress in Istanbul, Turkey (March 29-April 1st, 2007). The following member representatives took part at the meeting:

Bulgarian Beekeeping Association-1899; *Kosta Kostov & Stefan Stefanov*
Federation of Beekeeping Associations in Greece; *Stella Papanastasiou*
Beekeeping Association of Republic of Macedonia; *Petko Zlatev*
Romanian Beekeeping Association; *Eugen Zorici*
Serbian Beekeeping Association; *Jivoslav Stoianovic*
FIITEA Apimondia; *Cristian Constantinescu*

The Following Agenda of the meeting was adopted:

1. Discussions concerning the next Balkan Federation Beekeeping Congress in Bulgaria together with Apislavia Congress;
2. Suggestions of programme for the next meeting of Balkan Federation to take place in June 2007 in Greece;
3. Suggestions of programme for the Balkan Federation meeting in Belgrade, Serbia in October 2007;
4. Debates on new members' admission in Balkan Federation of Beekeeping Associations

The following decisions have been adopted after discussions:

1.
 - The Balkan Federation Secretariat in Sofia has the task of preparing the programme schedule of joint Second Balkan Federation and 18th Apislavia Congress, "100 years' anniversary" in autumn 2010. Term: by end of 2007
 - Keeping in touch with Apislavia President and Secretariat on all stages of Congress organization and documents drafting. Responsible: Balkan Federation Secretariat in Sofia
 - By end of January 2008, the Draft programme schedule of the joint Congress of Balkan Federation and Apislavia should be sent to all organizations member of the two regional Federations. Responsibility: Balkan Federation Secretariat in Sofia
 - The final programme schedule will be adopted during the 17th Apislavia Congress to take place in Kiev, Ukraine, in the summer of 2008

2.
 - Beekeeping Federation of Greece is kindly requested to provide information and share its experience in accessing E.U. financial resources for the development of beekeeping in the countries members of the Balkan Federation and the Turkish Central Beekeeping Association to provide a report on marketing for Balkan Federation members. These two reports will constitute the subject of a Balkan Federation paper to be distributed to all member countries, translated into their own languages and published in their beekeeping magazines.
 - Discussion on possibility of joint control of beekeeping products quality for the members of Balkan Federation
 - Discussion on possibility of joint participation with a stand of Balkan Federation at the at the “Green Week” in Berlin, Germany, an yearly international fair in March starting from 2008
 - Discussion on possibility of Balkan Federation’s scientist participation with reports on beekeeping technology and with stands at the time of national fair organized by Serbian Beekeeping Association in Tashmaidan park in Belgrade in October 2007.

3.
 - A Organize the following meeting of the Balkan Federation in Belgrade, Serbia in October 2007 with the following Agenda:
 - Begin discussions on a pre-draft schedule of the Second Balkan Federation and 17th Apislavia Congresses in Bulgaria in 2010. Report by Secretary General Stefan Stefanov
 - Suggestions and Discussions on the subjects to be considered for the meetings of Balkan Federation in 2008. Report by Secretary General Stefan Stefanov
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 - Balkan Federation members should facilitate (send invitations) for participation of all member organizations at the major beekeeping/agricultural fairs they organize on their national territory
 - Member Associations should take any opportunity to facilitate meetings of scientists/beekeepers in the neighbouring countries to discuss issues of immediate concern
 - Serbian organizers of the following Balkan Federation meeting (October 2007) should inform and send invitations in time (two months in advance) to all other members.

4.
 - All members should contribute in bringing into the Balkan Beekeeping Federation the other countries of the Balkan area: Albania, Bosnia & Hertzegovina, and Croatia. Montenegro has been represented unofficially (there is no registered beekeeping Association) by Milenko Radosavivic.
 - Vice President Cristian Constantinescu and Secretary general Stefan Stefanov should be informed on any progress registered in bringing new members to Balkan Federation.

PARTICIPANTS

Kosta Kostov – President
 Mustafa Sarioglu – Viece President
 Cristian Constantinescu – Vice President
 Stefan Stefanov – Secretary General
 Stella Papanastasiou for Gerasimos Kragias – member
 Petko Zlatev – Republic of Macedonia
 Eugen Zorici – Romania
 Jivoslav Stojanovic – Serbia
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