

Ukraine, 2022, February 26

**International Federation of Beekeeping Associations APIMONDIA**

**President APIMONDIA, Mr. Jeff Pettis**

**Vice President APIMONDIA, Mr. Peter Cosmus**

**To the Secretary-General of APIMONDIA, Mr. Riccardo Giannoni-Sebastianini**

**To the Presidents of the Standing Scientific Commissions of APIMONDIA**

**Beekeepers' Associations of the world, members of APIMONDIA**

**To the leaders of the Beekeeping Associations of the world, members of APIMONDIA:**

**APPEAL**

from the All-Ukrainian Brotherhood of Beekeepers of Ukraine, a non-governmental organization of Ukraine, a member of the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations APIMONDIA

**DEAR WORLD COMMUNITY OF BEEKEEPERS AND BEEKEEPERS!**

**DEAR our colleagues, DEAR our friends, Dear our sympathizers!**

We, as a non-governmental Ukrainian organization "All-Ukrainian Brotherhood of Beekeepers of Ukraine", as a member of the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations Apimondia, express our high respect to the leadership of the International Federation of Beekeepers Associations Apimondia, to all beekeepers' associations.

and NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING

WAR IN UKRAINE! We - Ukrainian beekeepers and beekeepers inform you that ALL the Ukrainian people, ALL our Ukraine is in danger!

On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation carried out an open large-scale invasion of our Ukrainian lands, our Ukrainian prosperous cities and villages!

The Russian Federation is killing our soldiers, and civilians are dying from hostilities.

Our Ukrainian lands have been occupied by the Russian Federation for 8 years: the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and part of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

For 8 years, Ukraine has been trying, with the help of the world community, to stop the Russian Federation from pursuing an aggressive policy.

**THEY DIDN'T STOP!**

The war started and fought by the Russian Federation in Ukraine is a global challenge for all peoples of the planet!

And the representatives of the beekeeping communities of all countries of the world, all five continents SHOULD NOT BE AWAY.

WE INVITE EVERYONE to stand up with the Ukrainian people, with Ukrainian beekeepers under the flags of PEACE and against the military aggression of the Russian Federation!

Ukraine is a peaceful country. We have our way, we follow it, without encroaching on the freedoms and rights of other peoples. And the Russian Federation wants to bring Ukraine to its knees, wants to deprive Ukrainians of the right to build a democratic society on their land and deprive Ukrainians of the right to grow economically and protect the future of their country and their children.

## WE CALL FOR THIS APPEAL

- 1. President of the International Federation of Apimondia Beekeeping Associations, Mr. Jeff Pettis,  
Vice - President of the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations Apimondia, Mr. Peter Cosmus,  
Secretary General of the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations Apimondi, Mr. Riccardo Giannoni-Sebastiani;  
Presidents of standing scientific commissions of the International Federation of Apimondia Beekeeping Associations:**

1.1. Immediately stop all measures to prepare and hold the 47th International Congress of Apimondia in the Russian Federation on September 5-10, 2022, due to the fact that international advertising of the Russian Federation in the context of large-scale military aggression of the Russian Federation in Ukraine is INADMISSIBLE!

1.2. Cancel the holding of the 47th International Congress of Apimondia in the Russian Federation on September 5-10, 2022.

1.3. Exclude the Russian National Union of Beekeepers from the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations Apimondia.

1.4. Urgently recommend the Russian National Union of Beekeepers to appeal to the President of the Russian Federation, to the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately stop the military aggression in Ukraine.

## **2. Beekeepers' Associations of the world, members of APIMONDIA**

### **To the leaders of the Beekeeping Associations of the world, members of APIMONDIA:**

2.1. Submit as soon as possible its Official Appeals to the Management of the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations Apimondia with a strong demand:

- To stop all activities related to the preparation and holding of the 47th International Congress of Apimondia in the Russian Federation on September 5-10, 2022, with a request to cancel the 47th International Congress of Apimondia in the Russian Federation;
- Exclude the Russian National Union of Beekeepers from the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations Apimondia.

2.2. Publicly boycott everything related to the promotion, preparation and holding of the 47th International Congress of Apimondia in the Russian Federation, do not give your consent to participate;

2.3. Ask the Governments of their countries as soon as possible to urge: Take all measures immediately to cut off the Russian Federation from SWIFT; Prohibit Russian banks from creating correspondent accounts in US dollars with American banks; Protect Ukrainian airspace; Bring NATO peacekeeping troops to Ukraine; Immediately grant Ukraine the status of a candidate for accession to the European Union, accept Ukraine into the EU in express mode, give Ukraine the opportunity to gain access to EU funds for reconstruction;

2.4. To appeal to the members of their Beekeepers' Associations of the world, all five continents to call for informational and humanitarian support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and all Ukrainians who courageously oppose the brutal military aggression of the Russian Federation in Ukraine.

THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE took over the entire blow of the military machine of the Russian Federation.

THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE are desperately and heroically defending their land, their people.

BUT all actions are aimed at protecting the entire European community, because Ukraine is a path for the Russian aggressor to European countries.

Ukraine today is on fire, a hellish fire that spares neither women, nor children, nor people of the older generation!

Infrastructure facilities are being destroyed by the Russian aggressor throughout Ukraine, and residential areas and private houses of civilians are under fire.

Everything we have been building for years is collapsing instantly and brutally!

**BUT THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE CANNOT BE DESTROYED!**

**WE believe in the victory of Ukraine!**

**HEAR US Ukrainians, hear us Ukrainian beekeepers!**

**Be in solidarity with us!**

**WE BELIEVE** that the position of the world community of beekeepers and beekeeping specialists will be in favor of **PEACE** in Ukraine and in the world!

**Sincerely,**  
**Tetyana Vasylykivska**



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