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The European Parliament  
The European Commission  
EU Council of Agriculture Ministers  
Agriculture Ministers of all Apislatvia Member States  
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The 19th Congress of Apislatvia debating in Poland on the 20-23 of September expresses its gratitude to the European Parliament and to many parliaments and governments of member states of the European Union for their activities aimed at the prevention of the decrease of bee population and its degradation in agricultural ecosystems and natural environment.

We are very pleased with the position adopted by the European Parliament initiating the financial support for European apiculture after 2013.

We ask state parliaments and governments for continuous support of apiculture as this sector of economy that in the most comprehensive and complex way cares for constant increase of honey bee population – the only mass group of insect pollinators. Propositions of the European Parliament regarding the increase of EU budget for apiculture in 2014-2020 require support.

Simultaneously, we would also like to request:

1. **The restriction** of bee family mortality to maximum degree and compensation for losses in beekeepers' incomes. These losses which most frequently are related to unskilful use of pesticides in plant protection.  
**The implementation** of procedures protecting bees from contact with active substances of plant protection products that may negatively influence the growth and productivity of bee families during an apiarian period.  
**The intensification** of research regarding remains of chemical substances in soil and water reservoirs as well as development of methods aimed at the prevention of negative impact of cumulative intoxication.  
**We support** the resolution adopted on the Conference in Cejle on the 16-18 March 2012, in particular the points referring to advancing the research aimed at new, not chemical, methods fighting *Varroa destructor* and regarding the limited use of neonicotinoid insecticides in agriculture.
2. The increase in variety and accessibility of veterinary medicines for bees-implementing the rule of a medicine recognition without additional tests, on the grounds of an opinion of a beekeeping association and a decision of the Chief Veterinary Officer. The use of medicines limiting the development of *Nosema ceranae* in breeding apiaries and apiaries producing pillings and packets for sale in of particular importance.

3. The implementation of promotion of honey showing properties characteristic to geographical location by means of national programmes of this product consumption popularization. A „honey at school“ campaign financed from the EU budget and directed at pupils of 1-3 grades within the framework of which each pupil would be given 2,5 dkg of honey a day 3 times a week is a good example of correctly understood promotional activities. In this case the implementation of compulsory qualitative tests of honey conducted with the use of broadly accessible analytical methods is quite significant.
  
4. The optimization of all instruments and comprehensive depiction of AP beekeeping support by increasing the budget from the year 2014 to the level of 30 euro per one bee family. This support should be treated as the compensation for the menial role of bees as the main pollinator supporting the biological equilibrium in agricultural ecosystems and natural environment.