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FEDERATION OF THE EUROPEAN BEEKEEPING ORGANIZATIONS "APISLAVIA"

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To The Presidents of the Beekeeping Organizations of The Member Countries of APISLAVIA

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

More than a half-year passed in preparations for the 18-th Anniversary Congress of APISLAVIA. As agreed in Kiev and after that in Prague, we have to hold a high level congress in Bulgaria, provoking discussion on problems of beekeeping and beekeepers in Europe. At the Congress in the presence of representatives of the European Parliament and representatives of the states leads of different European countries we shall discuss the most serious issues:

- The problems of beekeeping in Europe and proposals of its stimulations and development.
- Ways to improve control and increase the quality of bee products on the European markets.

On the following day we have included in the program a scientific symposium on a broad scale of beekeeping themes.

In this matter we have engaged the leadership of Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Minister personally agreed the Congress to be hold under his patronage.

Dear colleagues, to conduct such a serious event on a high level, it is necessary to have a sufficient number of participants both at the symposium and at the APIEXPO, because the event funding is provided by fees of the participants. Participation in the activities of the Congress including the delegates of the General Assembly is performed by filling in the application forms on the site of Apislavia – <u>www.apislavia.org</u> or the site <u>www.expos.bg</u>. Until now only 7 beekeepers from Poland are registered thanks to Mt. Tadeusz Sabat. Applications for registration of delegates \two persons\ have been made only by representatives of beekeeping organizations from Poland, Slovenia, Serbia and the Apimondia Institute in Bucharest. Only a few companies from Bulgaria have applied for stands in APIEXPO.

Our request to you is to send an estimated number of participants from your country for the Symposium and with stands at APIEXPO. This is necessary for the organizing committee to take final decision on the venue of the Congress events. The latest opinion of the Organizing Committee is th Congress to be held in the central part of Varna at about 100m. from the beach, in a building located in the coastal town park. Fees for participation in APIEXPO around 150-200 euros, depending on the area which is occupied. Participation of the symposium is \in 100 per participant, which included a cocktail party the first evening, a souvenir of the jubilee and materials of the symposium.

Our request is to assist us answering the following questions till 22.07.2010:

- How many participants in the symposium from your country do you expect?
- How many companies from your country do you expect to take part with stands at the Apiexpo.
- How many lectures on the themes of the symposium will be from your side.

Until now participations with reports have stated: The President of Apimondia, Mr. Gilles Ratia, The President of honey of Copa – Cogeca – Mr Etien Bruno, Mr. Stefan Bogdanov from Switzerland and three Bulgarian authors. The President of Apislavia - Mr. Stefan Stefanov will participate with a report in the scientific-practical conference.

We need this information to finally decide where to organize the Congres.

Please, most urgently send the information requested by e-mail: <u>Balkan.apifederation@abv.bg</u>.

We are obliged to send the final form of the program by 30.07.2010.

Personally, I ask you to refer seriously and to help us in the organization of the Jubilee Congress of Apislavia.

We are ready to answer any questions by mailing me personally or the organizing company New Balkan Tours: expos@nbta.bg; galia@nbta.bg; ralitsa@nbta.bg; galia@nbta.bg; galia

President of APISLAVIA And Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Congress Stefan Stefanov