

The 110th Qld Beekeepers Association's Annual Conference

was held in

Toowoomba on 12-13 June 2014

at the South Toowoomba Bowls Club, 331 Hume Street, Toowoomba

- Conference Agenda and Speakers are detailed below.

CONFERENCE AGENDA: The full Conference AGENDA can be read [here](#).

FIELD DAY: A Field Day was held on Saturday 14th June at Rodney & Vanessa's place, 159 Goulds Road, Cabarla.

OPENING of CONFERENCE The 110th Annual Conference was opened by **Hon John McVeigh**, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on Thursday at 12.15pm.

GUEST SPEAKERS: 1. **Dr Paulo Souza - CSIRO** delivered the **2014 Charles Roff Memorial Address: "Micro-sensors on bees: the key for understanding their whereabouts"**.

Thousands of honey bees in Australia are being fitted with tiny sensors as part of a world-first research program to monitor the insects and their environment using a technique known as 'swarm sensing'.

The research is being led by CSIRO and aims to improve honey bee pollination and productivity on farms as well as help understand the drivers of bee Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), a condition decimating honey bee populations worldwide. [Read more:](#)

2. **Cleofas Rodriguez Cervancia - University of the Phillipines** will present the **2014 Tony Knight Address: "Is there resource competition between *Apis cerana* and *Apis mellifera*?"**.

A second presentation was given titled: **"Potential of Stingless Bees for Pollination and Honey and Pollen Production"**.

Cleo is currently the head of the Bee Program and leads the scientific committee of the Asian Bee Congress. She also runs the mellifera and Asian bee organisations in the Philippines and other Asian countries. Beenet Philippines is one such large bee organisation in the Philippines. [Read more:](#)

OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS included:

Frances Harvey - **Rural Financial Counselling Service**

Kym Sparshott - **Identifying eucalypt trees**

Dr Cheryl McCarthy - update on "**Remote Sensing of Beehives to Improve Surveillance**"

Bill Gordon (QDAFF) - "**Beekeeping in State Forests, Opportunities and Issues**"

Paul Grundy (QDAFF Cotton Entomologist) - "**Bee Alert**"

Patrick Bell (QDAFF) - **Biosecurity Bill**

Alison Welke - **Rural Skills and Traineeships**

Dr Jeff Sabburg - **Bureau of Meteorology**

Chris Manthey (TFC Financial) - **Succession and Retirement Planning**"

Other 2014 State & Association Conference dates:

- 8 - 9 May New South Wales Apiarists Association - in Narrabri
- 30-31 May Tasmanian Beekeepers Association - in Launceston
- 6 June WA Farmers Assoc (Beekeeping Section) - in Perth
- 16 June Crop Pollination Association - Sandow Motor Inn, Mildura, Victoria
- 19-20 June South Australian Apiarists Association - in Old Reynella
- 7 - 8 July Victorian Apiarists Association - in Melbourne
- TBA Honey Packers & Marketers Assoc
- TBA National Council of Crop Pollination Associations
- TBA Aust Queen Bee Breeders Assoc
- 9 July Federal Council of Aust Apiarists Assoc - in Melbourne
- 9 July Aust Honey Bee Industry Council - in Melbourne