

# Conference Programme

Provisional - March 2018



## FRIDAY 31th AUGUST

11:00 - 12:45 **Registration** *Teas and coffee. Light lunch served 11:30 - 12:30*

**Art exhibition**

**Hive display and hive making demonstrations**

12:45 - 15:00

*to include  
tea & coffee  
break*

**Musical Opening and Welcome**

*Astrid Schoots, music and singing teacher; Jonathan Powell, Natural Beekeeping Trust*

*Setting the scene: **Honeybee, Landscape, Human Being***

*Professor Thomas Seeley, Cornell University; Professor Johannes Wirz, Mellifera eV, Jonathan Powell, Natural Beekeeping Trust*

*Keynote: ... surprise ...*

*Plenary Event: **Spirit of the Land***

*Showcasing the work of major Dutch pollinator initiatives*

15:30 - 17:00

**Parallel Sessions**

*three moderated panel discussions followed by questions from audience*

***Natural Selection***

*Respecting the ecology of the honeybee - what does it mean?*

*Peter Neumann, Institute of Bee Health; Thomas Seeley, Cornell University*

***A Land of Plenty***

*Habitat and forage restoration*

*Deborah Post, Honey Highway; Jaap Molenaar, Bijenstichting; Jos Willemse, Odin Co-operative*

***The Beehive Metaphor***

*Socially engaged art*

*Karmit Evenzur, Bee Time; Nil Ilkbasaran, community artist, Cher & Corina Haurava, Bienen-Baum-Gut ; Jorge Gallardo, Bee Time*

17:15 - 18:00

**Parallel Sessions Feedback to Conference**

*Peter Neumann, Jos Willemse, Karmit Evenzur*

18:00 - 19:00

*Pre-dinner drinks and snacks*

**The Hive - Networking & Speakers' Corner**

**Art Exhibition, hive and hive making demonstrations continue**

19:00 - 21:00

Conference Dinner

21:00 - 22:45

**Evening Conference**

**The Mystery of Honeybees** - Compass point, Enigma and Oracle.

*A Constellation. hosted by Michael Joshin Thiele*

**Late Night Talk** - Conference chair in discussion with notable bee advocates from around the world

## SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

07:00 - 08:15 **Beeing a Bee** - A Journey into the Hive  
with Julie Armstrong and Jacqueline Freeman

08:15 - 09:30 **Registration** *Teas and coffee*

09:30 - 13:00 **Musical Opening and Welcome**  
*to include tea & coffee break*  
Astrid Schoots, *music and singing teacher*; Jonathan Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

**Keynote: Learning from the Bees**

Heidi Herrmann, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

**Keynote: Following the Wild Bees**

Professor Thomas Seeley, *Cornell University*

**Keynote: A Beekeeping (R)evolution?**

**Natural Selection & Locally Adapted Bees**

Professor Peter Neumann, *Institute of Bee Health, Bern Switzerland*

**Keynote: Feeding the Bees, My Way**

Deborah Post, *Honey Highway & others tbc*

13:00 - 14:30 Conference Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 **Parallel Sessions**  
*to include tea & coffee break*  
Three moderated panel discussions followed by questions from audience

**Spirit of the Hive**

**Connecting to the Bees**

Johannes Wirz, *Mellifera eV*; Jacqueline Freeman, *Preservation Beekeeping Council*;  
Michael Thiele, *Apis Aborea*; Heidi Herrmann, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

**Wild Bees/Bees in Trees**

**Rewilding the Honeybee**

J Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*; Thomas Seeley, *Cornell University*; Jenny Cullinan  
& Karin Sternberg, *Ujubees*; and others

**Safeguarding the Earth**

Terry Oxford, *UrbanBeeSF*; Karmit Evenzur, *Bee Time*; Shirley Vaughan, *Hines Prop. Management*

16:30 - 17:30 **Parallel Sessions Feedback to Conference**  
Johannes Wirz, Jonathan Powell, Terry Oxford

18:00 - 19:00 *Pre-dinner drinks and snacks*  
**The Hive - Networking & Speakers' Corner**  
**Art Exhibition, hive and hive making demonstrations continue**

19:00 - 21:00 Conference Dinner

21:00 - 22:45 **Evening Conference**  
**Safeguarding the Earth** Hosted by Terry Oxford, *UrbanBeeSF*

**Networking, World Cafe, Art participation . . . you decide!**

## SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

08:30 - 08:45 **Arrival**

*Teas and coffee*

09:00 - 13:00 **Musical opening and welcome**

*to include  
tea & coffee  
break*

Astrid Schoots, *music and singing teacher*; Jonathan Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

### **Parallel Sessions**

Three moderated panel discussions followed by questions from audience

#### ***Children and Bees: Bee guardians of the future***

Julie Armstrong *Act for Bees*; Yossi Aud, *Urban Centres for Biodynamic Beekeepers*; Rinske Kreukniet and Angélique de Meijer, *Immeke* and Adrian Iodice from *Beekeeping Naturally*, Australia

#### ***Spirit of the Land***

*The future of Bees, Farms and People*

Jos Willemse, *Odin*; Karmit Even-Zur, *Bee Time*; Karsten Massei, Johannes Sturm

#### ***Lessons from the Hive***

*World Cafe discussions on three topics of "bee learning"*  
*hosted by Johannes Wirz and Albert Muller, Mellifera eV*

### **Parallel Sessions Feedback to Conference**

#### **Closing Plenary and Conference Conclusions**

Jonathan Powell, *Natural Beekeeping Trust*

13:00 - 14:30 Conference Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 **In Thankfulness to the Bee**

Creative participatory closing ceremony