

March 2022

Jake Berg
Chair, Canadian Honey Council
Sherwood Park, AB
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Subject: Apimondia 2022 Venue

Dear Sir,

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) in consultations with our membership, stakeholders, and partners would like to take this opportunity to express our support with the Canadian Honey Council's recent decision to request a change of venue for the 2022 Apimondia.

As an advocate for apiculture at home and abroad, the OBA supports the collegial and friendly exchange of beekeeping knowledge and wisdom at the gatherings that Apimondia provide. However due to the current conflict in Ukraine, the OBA does not feel that will be possible at this year's proposed Apimondia venue.

Furthermore, considering that Canada is home to the second largest Ukrainian diaspora in the world, we wholeheartedly support a proposal to the Apimondia Executive Council suggesting the relocation of the 2022 Apimondia to a venue in Western Canada. This would send a clear message of solidarity to our Ukrainian beekeeper colleagues, and beekeepers around the world that Canada is a friendly and inviting home to bees and beekeepers.

Thank you again for your continued support at the national level, and hopefully we will be able to assist in supporting Apimondia 2022 in Western Canada.

Sincerely,



Bernie Wiehle, President
Ontario Beekeepers' Association