

PSBA Conference, November 11 and 12, 2016

Audacious Ideas for the Future of Beekeeping



Agenda

Friday, November 11

- 9:30 am Beekeeping 102: **Jim Bobb and Dr. Deb Delaney**
- 9:30 am Business Meeting
- 12:00 pm Vendors open
- 1:00 pm Welcome
- 1:15 pm Karen **Roccasecca**: The State of the Bees in Pennsylvania
- 1:45 pm **Dr. Margarita Lopez-Uribe**... An Introduction.
- 2:30 pm **Key Note, Dr. Mark Winston**: [Audacious Ideas for the Future of Beekeeping](#)
- 3:30 pm Break
- 4:00 pm Business Meeting
- 6:00 pm Banquet, with Guest Speaker, **Dr. Deb Delaney**

Saturday, November 12

- 8:30 am **Dr. Juliana Rangel**: Bees in trees: What we can learn about feral honey bees in protected landscape around the United States
- 9:30 am Break Out Groups:
David Papke - Building a Honey House
Cathy Vorisek - Talking to Children about Bees
Dr. Harland Patch - Pennsylvania State Pollinator Protection Plan
Michele Colopy - Developing a Pesticide-Free Habitat for Pollinators
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:45 am **Key note, Dr. Keith Delaplane**: [Thinking superorganismally: how evolutionary biology can make us better beekeepers and can improve bee breeding](#)
- 11:45 am Poster Session
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm **Dr. Christina Grozinger**: Location, Location, Location: Developing tools for selection and management of landscapes to promote healthy bee populations
- 2:15 pm **Dr. Zachary Huang**: The regulation of varroa mite reproduction (including using RNAi technique to find genes regulating their reproduction.)
- 3:00 pm Closure

Speakers

Two keynote addresses are scheduled for the conference.

The first, at 2:30 pm on Friday, is by **Mark Winston**, entitled **Audacious Ideas for the Future of Beekeeping**. Many of us have read, and refer consistently to, Mark's *The Biology of the Honey Bee*, published in 1993, and more recently we have been inspired by *Bee Time: Lessons from the Hive*, published two years ago, and which incidentally was awarded the 2015 Canadian Governor General's Literary Award for Nonfiction. Mark is one of those rare, highly respected scientists who communicates easily with the public. In that respect he occupies the same rarified atmosphere as Tom Sealey.

The second, at 10:45 on Saturday, is by **Keith Delaplane**, titled **Thinking Superorganismally: How Evolutionary Biology can make us Better Beekeepers and can Improve Bee Breeding**, and as such is complementary to the superb series of articles that have been running in the *American Bee Journal* for the last two years.

Keith was the feature of a spectacular interview by Jennifer Berry, published in *Bee Culture* in Nov. 2015. A professor at the University of Georgia in Athens, he has written over 75 research, extension and educational publications, authored three books, and has been an editor for several others – including the 42nd edition of *ABC & XYZ of Bee Culture*. He has presented hundreds of lectures to local, state, national and international political, academic, scientific and beekeeping audiences. Perhaps his most recent, and possibly unusual, honor was when Keith became a Member of the British Empire, a result of the impact he made while on sabbatical at the National Bee Unit, in York, England, in 2012-2013.

Guest speaker at the Banquet: **Dr. Deb Delaney**.