



SICAMM CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2025

(version 4th February 2025)



26.3.25	Thursday 27 March 2025	Friday 28 March 2025	Saturday 29 March 2025	30.3.2025
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Registration from 10 am

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Three options:

1) City tour:
9 am-lunch



2) Apiary visit:
9 am-lunch



If you are interested in this, please email conference@sicamm.info

3) Fjord Cruise:
11 am – 2.30 pm
Note, to ensure your place, you need to book in advance via:

<https://rodne.no/en/fjord-experiences/stavanger/fjordcruise-lysefjord-preikestolen/>



9. Honeybee health & fitness

- 09:00-09:50: Identifying and selecting for varroa resistant traits, Steve Riley, BIBBA, UK
- 09:50-10:10: Selection & the rate of living, Jaques van Alphen, NL
- 10:10-10:30: Nosemas & viruses in the M & C lineages of Amm, Laima Blažytė Čereškienė, LT
- 10:30-11:00: **Coffee, Tea & Snacks**
- 11:00-11:20: Honey bee vitellogenin in an endangered honey bee subspecies, Vilde Leipart, NO

10. Reports: Amm in Benelux, France

- 11:20-11:35: Belgium, Jürgen Boterberg
- 11:35-11:50: The Netherlands, Peter Kassies
- 11:50-12:05: The Netherlands, Hans Peter Verkooijen
- 12:05-12:20: France, Klébert Sylvestre
- 12:20-12:35: Normandie, France, Lionel Garnery

12:35-14:00: Lunch

11. Honey bee miscellany

- 14:00-14:20: Honey – quality and requirements of quality, Oksana Bekkevold, NO
- 14:20-14:40: Apitherapy in Lithuania, Neringa Sutkevičienė, LT

12. Reports: Amm in UK & Republic of Ireland

- 14:40-14:55: England & Wales, Roger Patterson
- 14:55-15:10: Ireland, Frankie de Dobbelaere

15:10-15:40: Coffee, Tea & Snacks

13. Conference finale

- 15:40-17:00: Discussion, Q&A, SICAMM team groups, Next SICAMM conference, Final words

14: **Celebration** from 18:30. Dinner options (on own costs) to be announced.



1. Opening ceremony

- 11:00-11:10: Welcome to SICAMM Conference, the Main Board
- 11:10-11:20: Welcome from Norwegian Organizers

2. Practical beekeeping with dark honey bees (Amm)

- 11:20-12:10: Bee Improvement from a mixed population, Jo Widdicombe, UK
- 12:10-12:30: Norwegian Amm and SICAMM history, Nils Drivdal, NO

12:30-14:00: Lunch

3. Bee breeding of the dark honey bee (Amm)

- 14:00-14:50: How to manage the treasure of genetic variation in black bees. Jaques van Alphen, NL
- 14:50-15:40: Bees and queens: Easy ways of producing them, Roger Patterson, UK

15:40-16:10: Coffee, Tea & Snacks

4. Reports: Amm in Fennoscandia & the Baltic

- 16:10-16:25: Norway, Lars Andreas Kirkerud
- 16:25-16:40: Sweden, Ingvar Arvidsson
- 16:40-16:55: Denmark, Troels Demant & Ole Hertz
- 16:55-17:10: Finland, Markku Pöyhönen
- 17:10-17:25: Lithuania, Laima Blažytė-Čereškienė

5. Breaking the ice

- 17:25-17:35: Book presentation, Dorian Pitchard, UK
- 17:35- → : Exhibition, posters, drinks, snacks

Dinner options (on own costs) : eat at the hotel or check:

<https://www.edgeofnorway.com/en/food-and-drink>

- 18:30-21:00: By invitation: Assembly meeting for member associations

6. Biology and genetics of Amm

- 09:00-09:50: Discrimination between native and non-native honeybees using wing measurements, Adam Tolski, PL
- 09:50-10:10: Genetic monitoring of honeybees and its application to Amm samples across Europe, Vanessa Huml, CH
- 10:10-10:30: Characterization of the Norwegian dark bee population, Linn F. Groeneveld, NO

10:30-11:00: Coffee, Tea & Snacks

- 11:00-11:50: A Europe-Wide Genetic Survey Uncovers Extensive C-Lineage Introgression in Amm Populations, Alice Pinto, PT
- 11:50-12:10: The unique Irish Amm, Alex Valentine, IE
- 12:10-12:30: Sustainable concepts for the conservation of Amm Populations, Gabriele Soland, CH

12:30-13:30: Lunch

7. Conservation of endangered honey bee taxa

- 13:30-14:20: QRGS for the conservation of Amm in Ireland, Colm O'Neill, IE
- 14:20-14:40: Activities of De Duurzame Bij i with regard to bee colonies on Texel, Henk Kok, NL
- 14:40-15:30: The Maltese Bee, Dylan Farrugia, Malta

15:30-16:00: Coffee, Tea & Snacks

8. Reports: Amm in central Europe

- 16:00-16:15: Eastern Germ., Jan Gutzeit
- 16:15-16:30: Western Germ., Jörg Schock
- 16:30-16:45: South Germ., Jörg Schock & Armin Lochner
- 16:45-17:00: Austria, J. Schock & D. Eppengschwender
- 17:00-17:15: Poland, Łucja Skonieczna
- 17:15-17:30: Switzerland, Gabriele Soland

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If enough many people arrive early:



City tour

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Options for social dinner

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