



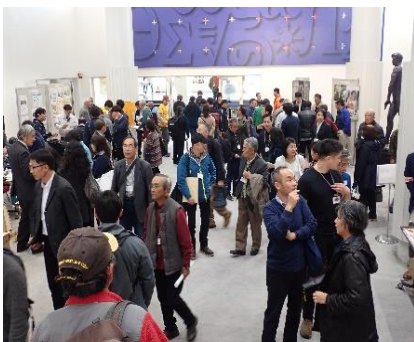
Bee Summit 2019

December 13–15, 2019 Tsukuba, Japan

"Let's think together about the future of our food, agriculture, and nature from the viewpoint of bees, pollinators, and their products."

About The Bee Summit

We are very pleased to inform you that we will host the Bee Summit 2019 in Tsukuba. We had the 1st Bee Summit in 2017 at which more than 900 individuals including apiarists, farmers, students, scientists, many companies, and interested people of all ages who love bees, honey, and nature came together and discussed many topics related to bees, pollinators, biodiversity, and the environment. We are looking forward to meeting more than 1,500 attendees at the Bee Summit 2019.



Bee Summit 2017 at Tsukuba Univ.

Pollinators including bees, wasps, butterflies, flies, moths, beetles, birds, bats and other animals provide an important ecological service: pollination. Pollination is vital for many wild plants and agricultural crops. Bees also give us beneficial products for our lives, our food and our health such as honey, propolis, royal jelly, and wax. Bees have contributed to our culture, music, literature, and education as a flagship species. However, the situation for pollinators has been getting worse. Decreases in the numbers of many pollinator species have occurred, and several species are now threatened with extinction. Global approaches such as The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) have begun to solve these problems. We want to ask you, "What can we do to reduce the risks to pollinators and ensure a sustainable future?"

The aims of the Bee Summit are to learn more about bees, pollinators, and nature based on the accumulated scientific knowledge, to appreciate the value of bees, and to consider our food, agriculture, environment, and the future in light of the current situation for bees. To achieve these goals, citizens and experts will come and talk together at the Tsukuba International Convention Center on December 13–15, 2019. We look forward to seeing you!

Executive Committee of the Bee Summit

General Information

Name: Bee Summit 2019

Date: December 13 (Friday) through 15 (Sunday), 2019

Venue: International Congress Center

Takezono 2-20-3, Tsukuba City, Ibaraki

Participants: 1,500 (prediction) of all ages

Entry fee: 1,000 JPY (yen) for Adults (estimate)

Free for high school students and younger children



Program:

1. Science section: Scientific studies from various areas will be presented in over nine symposiums. There will be a special meeting for high school and university student members of apiarian clubs: the National Apiarian Students Summit. The poster session will have >50 presenters.

2. Festa section: Many exhibitions, mini-seminars, and other events will be conducted. As in the 2017 Bee Summit, we plan to have a movie show, book café, honey market, mini-seminars, photo contest, panel displays, and various workshops.

3. Kids' section: We are planning a honey-tasting seminar, a reading aloud session, a wax candle workshop, a quiz rally and more for pre-school children, elementary school students, and their parents.

4. Professional section: Professional apiarists will give lectures about current techniques and beekeeping equivalents. For individuals hoping to provide company advertising and/or business presentations, a business fair will be available.

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