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**Hampton Roads Convention Center Hosts  
2018 Eastern Apicultural Society of North America Conference  
August 13-17**

*--Approximately 600 beekeepers from across the globe to attend five-day conference  
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**Hampton, Virginia-** This August 13-17, the Hampton Roads Convention Center (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666) will open its doors to approximately 600 beekeepers from across the globe for the 2018 Eastern Apicultural Society of North America Annual Conference. The event, welcoming internationally known research scientists, extension apiculturists, apiary inspectors, and beekeeping experts from as far as away as England, Ireland, New Zealand, and Australia, will showcase an onsite apiary with over 25 hives and 1.5 million bees, the first of its kind for any event ever taking place at the center.

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“After a 22-year hiatus, we are thrilled to once again welcome beekeepers from around the globe to Hampton, Virginia for the week-long Eastern Apicultural Short Course and Conference,” said 2018 Eastern Apicultural Society President Pamela Fisher. “EAS is one of the few bee meetings where attendees may choose from among several concurrent lectures, workshops, or instruction in the apiary depending on one's interests. Social events are planned every evening. It's an amazing educational opportunity for beekeepers of all skill levels.”

Highlights of the 2018 Eastern Apicultural Society of North America Conference include classroom lectures, hands-on workshops, and instruction in the apiary. Attendees must bring a veil to participate in the apiary sessions.

In addition, the conference will host the Honey Show, one of the most prestigious shows of its type in the world. Beekeepers are invited to bring their best examples of honey, beeswax, mead (honey wine), photography, gadgets, crafts, and even cookery to compete for silver trophies (and of course, bragging rights!). Winning entries are auctioned to raise funds for honey bee research.

This year, the conference will also feature world-renowned apicultural speakers from across the world. Speakers include Celia Davis, NDB National Diploma in Beekeeping, UK; Dr. Jamie Ellis, University of Florida; Randy Oliver, Scientific Beekeeping; Mike Palmer, French Hill Apiaries, Vermont; Dr. Wyatt Mangum, University of Mary Washington; Dr. Sammy Ramsey, University of Maryland; Dr. Juliana Rangel, Texas A & M; Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Clemson University; and Michael Young, MBe, Institute of Northern Ireland Beekeepers.

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For more information on the 2018 Eastern Apicultural Society of North America Conference, including registration, visit <http://easternapiculture.org/conferences/eas-2018.html>.

### Don't Miss!! Free and Open to the Public Portion!

- On Wednesday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 am, Washington Youth Garden Program Coordinator Thea Kline-Mayer will present a hands-on, 90-minute program where youth will learn about honey bees, pollination, and honey through play, art, and science activities. The **FREE** program is open to all children. Visit [bit.ly/beescienceforkids](http://bit.ly/beescienceforkids) to register.
- *\*Kline-Mayer will offer a second session if there is enough interest OR she will go out into the community in the afternoon if someone locally is willing to organize a space and provide the students.*
- On Wednesday, August 15, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Eastern Apicultural Society of North America will screen the film *Queen of the Sun*, to be followed by a beekeeper-moderated discussion. The public is invited to join the **FREE** screening and discussion in Ballroom ABC of the Hampton Road Convention Center.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others. ###