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MINUTES

In the period 05 – 06 April 2019, in the city of Kirklareli, Turkey, took place the meeting of the General Assembly of the Balkan Federation of beekeeping organizations. The meeting was attended by representatives of beekeeping organizations in Albania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Northern Macedonia, Romania, Turkey and FIITEA.

The meeting was opened by the welcome speech of the President of the Beekeepers Association from Turkey, Ziya Sahin. The delegates were delighted with the speech of Mr. Sahin, who stated that the production of the beekeepers members of the Balkan Federation was an economic force at the level of the world production of apiculture products.

The first item on the agenda was addressed by the President of the Balkan Federation, Mr. Cristian Constantinescu. He presented to the delegates the activity carried out since the last meeting of the Balkan Federation.

The second item on the agenda was addressed by the Vice-President of the Balkan Federation, Mr. Stefan Stefanov. In his informative speech, he proposed an analysis of the conditions and possibilities to exchange information on the creation of cooperatives between beekeepers in every country, followed by an analysis of the possibility to register the cooperation between the beekeepers' cooperatives in the member states of the Balkan Federation.

Mr. Stefanov proposed the unification and exchange of experience with regard to the implementation of Apitherapy in the member states of the Balkan Federation. This insufficiently developed direction of medicine has a bright future. Efforts should also be unified in the field of scientific studies on apitherapy and for the setting up of joint enterprises for the production of medicines.

The delegates of the beekeepers' association from Serbia proposed a unification of efforts aimed at developing and implementing documents based on which we would be able to combat the counterfeiting of honey and other apiculture products.

The President of the Beekeepers' Union from Northern Macedonia, Mr. Trikovski, proposed the analysis of the possibility to coordinate the joint activity carried out in the field of apitourism.

Following proper review, the meeting adopted the following

DECISIONS

1. Requests the management of the Beekeepers' Union from Bulgaria to prepare information on the status of registration of the beekeepers' cooperatives in Bulgaria and the prospects for their development.
2. Requests the management of the Beekeepers' Association from Turkey to prepare information on the status of Apitherapy implementation and the prospects for the development of Apitherapy science and medicines production in Turkey.
3. Requests the management of the Beekeepers' Association from Serbia to prepare draft rules regarding the fight against counterfeiters of apiculture products, as well as draft rules regarding good practices in apiculture.
4. Requests the management of the Beekeepers' Union from Northern Macedonia to prepare information on the possibility to organize apitourism between the member states of the Balkan Federation of beekeeping companies.
5. Requests the management of the Beekeepers' Association from Serbia to organize a meeting with the management of the Beekeepers' Union from Kosovo and to analyze the possibility to accept the latter as members of the Balkan Federation of beekeeping companies.

The General Assembly accepted the proposal of the Beekeepers' Union from Northern Macedonia that the following meeting of the General Assembly be organized in Skopje.

All decisions were adopted unanimously / with full majority.

All drawn up materials shall be sent to the Secretariat in Bucharest, in Russian and English. The Secretariat shall send the materials, in Russian or English, as agreed, to all the organizations members of APIBALCANICA.

Following completion of all reviews, the meeting was closed.

All delegates expressed their gratitude to the management of the Beekeepers' Association from Turkey for the excellent organization of the General Assembly meeting.