

BIBBA Conference 2002

at

Sheffield University

Halifax Hall
of Residence

6th to 9th Sept.

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After our successful conference at Sheffield in 2000 we decided to hold our 2002 conference there also, BIBBA continues to fund research at Laboratory of Apiculture and Social Insects headed by Dr. Francis Ratnieks and this is now one of the Participating Institutions in the exciting BABE project.

The scientific objectives are:-

1. Conservation of locally adapted subspecies;
2. Maintenance of genetic diversity within local populations.

Our speakers will address these issues and bring us up to date on this project, and tell us the part we can all play.

Speakers at the Conference

Janez Poklukar is the head of research in Slovenia searching for native bees tolerant to varroa.

The native bee is the Carniolan and each year 30,000 queens are raised.

Slovenia is the host country for Apimondia 24-29th August 2003 and Janez Poklukar is Vice President of the organisation.

Dr. Francis Ratnieks Head of the Laboratory for Apiculture and Social Insects at Sheffield University. Has wide practical experience having managed large numbers of colonies in U.S.A., and Mexico and now in Derbyshire where he has a queen rearing operation.

Prof. Robin Moritz is at the Martin-Luther University at Halle/Wittenberg and is the Co-ordinator of the BABE project.

The City of Sheffield

Sheffield is internationally renowned for steel, cutlery and engineering: however, in the last decade the city has changed dramatically and the world is now discovering that Sheffield is a great place to visit.

City in a Country Setting

Many first-time visitors to Sheffield are surprised by the abundant green areas within the city.

With more than a third of the city within the boundary of the Peak National Park, Sheffield is an ideal touring base for the Peak District's beautiful scenery, countless country walks, famous caverns and appealing market towns.

Halifax Hall of Residence

Halifax Hall of Residence, is centred around a Sheffield steel baron's house dating back to 1830 and is set in attractive grounds. With the conference rooms being located in the original part of this Victorian mansion, this hall is ideal for conferences. Conference facilities are completely self contained as accommodation meeting rooms, dining and social areas are all available at Halifax Hall of residence.

A more detailed programme will be issued shortly