

Saturday, Sept 19, 2026
Teatro Cassero - Castel San Pietro Terme (BO)

The Italian beekeeping economy and the CAP post-2027, European science and strategies against adulteration

The conference will focus on analyses and in-depth studies drawing on the monitoring and research activities carried out by the Observatory and its closest partners, with the aim of providing a comprehensive overview of the evolution of the Italian beekeeping sector.

With the CAP set to expire in 2027, the programme will feature an in-depth discussion on the importance of maintaining dedicated support for the beekeeping sector in order to address current and future production and market challenges and will also include an exchange with some Members of the European Parliament.

Building on the research conducted jointly with ICQRF on honey authenticity, the conference will present thorough analyses and concrete proposals to safeguard honey quality and promote sound practices concerning emergency feeding, with a view to contributing to the development of a European strategy to combat honey adulteration. An update will also be provided on European initiatives concerning honey authenticity and on the implementation of the Honey Directive.

The conference will be available via live stream at the following link:

www.informamiele.it/settembre2026,

with simultaneous interpretation from Italian into English

9.30 am • First Session

PRODUCTION AND ECONOMICS OF THE BEEKEEPING SECTOR

Opening and chairing

Gianfranco Termini □ President of the National Honey Observatory

Speakers

Simona Pappalardo □ Head of the Monitoring Network, National Honey Observatory

2026 production and market trends

Livio Proietti □ President of ISMEA

Institutional address

Giorgio Baracani □ President of CONAPI

Production and the market: the cooperatives' perspective

Giancarlo Naldi □ Director of the National Honey Observatory

New projects to support the beekeeping sector

Concetta Cardillo, Milena Verrascina □ CREA-PB

The beekeeping economy and the partnership with the Observatory: the Honey Cost project

Chiara Epifani □ CREA-AA

Phenology to increase productivity, collaboration and new projects with the Observatory

Paola Parmigiani □ ISMEA

ISMEA's activities and collaboration with the Observatory, in support of the beekeeping sector

Conclusions

MARINA FIORI □ MASAF – Head of PIUE VI Animal Production Sector

11.30 am • Second Session

WHAT WILL THE POST-2027 CAP LOOK LIKE? THE STATE OF THE SECTOR AND PROSPECTS FOR SUPPORT

Speakers

Giancarlo Naldi □ Director of the National Honey Observatory

Giuseppe Cefalo □ President of UNAAPI

Anna Ganapini □ President of BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination, delegate to the Copa-Cogeca Honey Group

Alessio Mammi □ Councillor for Agriculture, Emilia-Romagna Region **Damiano Li Vecchi** □ MASAF – Director-General of PIUE **Giuseppe Blasi** □ MASAF – Head of the DIPEISR Department

Stefano Bonaccini □ Rapporteur for the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture on the future MFF 2028–2034

Herbert Dorfmann □ European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture

Conclusions

HLUIGI D'ERAMO □ MASAF – Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture in charge of beekeeping

* 1.30 pm • Brunch

3.30 pm • Third Session

RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMBAT ADULTERATION

Giancarlo Naldi □ Director of the National Honey Observatory

Proposals to safeguard proper emergency feeding supplies and combat adulteration

Elisabetta Schievano □ University of Padua

The authenticity of honey: the evolution of analytical methods

Lucia Piana □ Piana Ricerca – Scientific Director of the National Honey Observatory

ICQRF Project – The Observatory initiative for the Protection of Quality: results and strategies

Stefania Carpino □ MASAF-ICQRF

Food quality and safety: the Italian model. The ICQRF strategy in honey quality controls

Thomas Linsinger □ European Commission – Joint Research Centre,

Directorate F.4 – Food Integrity

EU delegated acts and standards for honey authenticity: an update on the Honey Directive,

the work of CEN and the Codex Alimentarius

Conclusions

FELICE ASSENZA □ Head of the ICQRF Department