

# INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PLANT-BEE RELATIONSHIPS BEE PROTECTION GROUP



## Foreword

I congratulate the organisers and sponsors on the success of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of the ICP-BR Bee Protection Group and the production of this excellent report.

105 delegates from nine European countries, plus Canada and Argentina, met in the beautiful city of Bologna. The three days of lively and informed discussions covered all aspects of the hazards of pesticides, the need to ensure their safe usage for the protection of bees and beekeepers and the safe application of essential crop protection procedures.

It is a particular pleasure for me to thank our Italian colleagues for the excellent organisation and hospitality. The symposium was privileged to have the active patronage of the Emilia Romagna Region and the City of Bologna and the support of the Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali, Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio and The Greens - EFA in the European Parliament. Generous financial sponsorship was also donated by Agriapi, Basf, Bayer, Bioplanet, Centro Agricoltura Ambiente "G. Nicoli", Coop, Centro Studi Ambientali, Intrachem Bio Italia, JSC International Ltd. and Syngenta.

The Bee Protection Group continues to set the standards for the scientific assessment of the hazards of pesticides and other crop protection procedures to bees and, by example, influences work on the protection of other non-target and beneficial species.

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