

# IMYB 2017 comes to ENGLAND

International Meeting of Young Beekeepers  
July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Marlborough College, Wiltshire, England



**Dear beekeeping friend,**

We are pleased to invite your country to enter a team to take part in the **8<sup>th</sup> annual International Meeting of Young Beekeepers** to be held at **Marlborough College, England from July 6 – 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**. This will be a truly international event which will build on the success of previous meetings in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Poland and Germany, to become the largest international event for young beekeepers ever to be held anywhere in the world.

For 2017 we have an historic location with more accommodation than the event has had available in recent years and we would therefore welcome entries from new countries who can join the “IMYB family”. Whether your country has competed before or whether this will be your first time, we hope that you will decide to join us at IMYB 2017; please confirm your attendance as soon as possible and by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 at the latest. Places will be allocated to the first 25 teams to accept the invitation and full payment for your participation will be required by February 28<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## **The Event**

Not only an international beekeeping competition but also an opportunity for interchange of cultural, social and technical matters amongst young beekeepers and accompanying adults alike. The practical nature of this event, which includes bee-handling, equipment identification, questions about bee behaviour, bee anatomy and botany as well as disease identification and microscopic analysis, has made it a benchmark of beekeeping knowledge and skill throughout the countries which have participated.

Competition will be at two levels – internationally composed teams competing against each other and on an individual basis where the aptitude, attitude and achievements of individual Young Beekeepers are assessed.

## **Participants**

Each country is invited to enter a team of three participants who must be aged between 12 and 16 years old on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 (their date of birth should not be before 01/01/2001). Each team **must** be accompanied by at least one (maximum two) accompanying adult who will be responsible for their group during the visit.

Participants can be met at Bristol International Airport or from either Gatwick or Heathrow Airports and transported to Marlborough College. We can also meet participants travelling by rail or bus at Reading railway station. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet participants arriving

at any other location. Marlborough College is easily accessible for those who wish to arrive by road being located just 15km south of the M4 motorway. Full travel details will be provided on request.

### **The Location**

Marlborough College, which is located 120km to the west of London, was founded in 1843 and is housed in a variety of modern and traditional buildings some of which date back to the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. The event will take place in the grounds and in purpose built seminar rooms and all participants and accompanying adults will be accommodated in modern dormitory blocks on site. Facilities available include a modern indoor swimming pool. More detail about Marlborough College can be found at <http://www.marlboroughcollege.org/>

### **The Programme**

The event will commence with dinner in the College refectory at 18h00 on Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 which will be followed, at 19h30 by a short opening ceremony. After the opening ceremony, participating teams will be invited to make a short (no more than 5 minutes) presentation on one aspect of the cultural, social or technical aspects of their country (PowerPoints or videos are discouraged). The remainder of the evening will be available for team building and for old friends to meet up with new friends so that IMYB 2017 becomes a social event and not just a competition.

On Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a variety of competitive events together with visits to places of historic and cultural interest in the area around Marlborough. After dinner, the remaining teams will be invited to make their country presentations. Competition will continue on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>. The closing ceremony will take place on Saturday evening when the awards for individual and team participation will be given. On Friday and Saturday evenings there will be entertainment which reflects the tradition and history of the host country, England and which will provide opportunities for relief from the technical demands of the competition.

### **Costs**

The entry fee for each team is £500 (British pounds) which includes all accommodation, food and competition costs for up three young beekeepers and two accompanying adults from your time of arrival on Thursday afternoon to your time of departure on Sunday morning.

### **Staying Longer**

A number of people have enquired about extending their stay and, whilst it is not possible for guests to stay at the College beyond Sunday morning, arrival earlier than Thursday is possible on application. Any additional days which you add to your stay will be at your own cost. We cannot guarantee to collect early arrivals from the airport.

### **Contacts**

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