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### UAE Hosts 2024 International Meeting of Young Beekeepers (IMYB)

Dubai, UAE – October 2024 – The Beekeepers Foundation proudly announces the UAE as the host of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of Young Beekeepers (IMYB) from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2024. The event will be hosted at the prestigious *Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Dubai* apiary, at Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club.

*“The idea of IMYB was born from the belief that the future of beekeeping lies in the hands of the young generation. IMYB brings together young beekeepers aged 12-18 from around the world in a competition that promotes both cultural exchange and technical skill development.”* said Mr. Jiří Píza, President of the International Center of Young Beekeepers (ICYB.) *“This year’s edition marks a historic milestone as the first IMYB held outside of Europe. We are grateful to the Beekeepers Foundation and the UAE for hosting and expanding the event’s global reach. The UAE will welcome participants from 20 countries, including new nations from South Africa, China, Turkey, Bulgaria and Oman, making this the most culturally diverse gathering in IMYB’s history.”*

In line with the UAE’s vision for food security, IMYB UAE 2024 is centered around the theme *“Beekeeping in Arid Lands,”* spotlighting the unique techniques and innovations the UAE developed to adapt beekeeping practices to desert environments and to sustain bee populations in such conditions.

*“We are honored to host this global event in the UAE and bring together youth from different countries, cultures, and climates to share their passion for beekeeping and sustainability,”* said Mrs. Zahira Nedjraoui, Founder & President of the Beekeepers Foundation UAE. *“As part of our ongoing dedication to beekeeping education, we are especially proud to introduce the first UAE National Team of Young Beekeepers, and to empower the next generation to serve as ambassadors of sustainable beekeeping, regardless of the environmental challenges they may face.”*

In partnership with local UAE organizations and international experts, participants will have the opportunity to engage with industry experts, attend lectures, and gain the knowledge and practical skills needed to thrive as future leaders in sustainable beekeeping.

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**About the Beekeepers Foundation:** Founded in 2017, the Beekeepers Foundation is a non-profit organization that focuses on education and sustainable beekeeping. With a strong focus on empowering youth and also women through its flagship Nahala program, the Foundation plays a key role in national and international initiatives like the IMYB and Apimondia.

For more information about the event, follow us on LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook (@Beekeepers\_Foundation\_UAE).



**About IMYB:** IMYB (International Meeting of Young Beekeepers®) is the world's largest gathering of young beekeepers. This annual competition serves as a unique platform for young beekeeping enthusiasts worldwide to exhibit their skills, foster global networks, and share best practices. It is organized by the ICYB (International Centre of Young Beekeepers), a non-profit organization from the Czech Republic, dedicated to supporting young beekeepers worldwide.

Since 2010, over 1,000 young beekeepers, from more than 43 different countries, have participated and represented their national colors. For more information about IMYB, visit their website at <http://imyb.cz/>

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