



Manitoba Beekeepers' Association

Box 192, Baldur, Manitoba, R0K 0B0

21 December, 2009

Dear Patron:

The 104th Annual Convention of the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association will be held on March 5 & 6, 2010 at the Canad Inns – Brandon and Keystone Centre, in Brandon, 1125 -18th Street. The keynote speakers this year are Randy Oliver of ScientificBeekeeping.com, Doug McRory, former Ontario Provincial Apiculturist, and Medhat Nasr, Alberta Provincial Apiculturist. We are expecting approximately 100 beekeepers to attend. The full conference itinerary will soon be available for viewing on the MBA website (www.manitobabee.org) under “bulletins”.

The Canad Inns in Brandon has space for vendor tables. With this in mind, we are extending an invitation to vendors to help sponsor the convention, as well as actively participate in the event with a display of products and services for the beekeeping industry.

Display space is available at \$75 per table and all displayers, refreshment break sponsors, and donors to the auction will be acknowledged at the appropriate times during the meetings. To confirm your participation, please complete the enclosed forms and return them to me by FEB 26, 2010. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Sponsorship through refreshment break contributions and purchase of display space will be promoted as follows: refreshment plus display space sponsorship of \$75 up to \$174 receive bronze promotion; \$175 up to \$274 receive silver promotion; \$275 and over receive gold promotion (for more information, see the accompanying forms). Also, support by individuals or organisations, that currently advertise in the “Manitoba Beekeeper Newsletter”, or donate to the research auction, will be acknowledged with a star by their name on the agenda.

Note: Displaying companies are not required to pay convention registration fees (important - maximum 2 representatives). Tickets for lunch can be purchased at the conference registration desk for \$25 per person per day. If you are interested in attending the convention and do not want to purchase a display table, we are offering single person registration for \$125 (member), \$175 (non-member) before FEB 15 or \$150 (member), \$200 (non-member) after FEB 15, or Corporate registration for \$300 (up to 3 delegates) before FEB 15 or \$350 after FEB 15. Lunch for both days is included with registration. The Registration Form is available on the MBA website (www.manitobabee.org) under “bulletins”.

Room Reservations: Please make your room reservations directly with the Canad Inns Central Booking toll-free 1-888-332-2623 or 1-204-727-1422. To get the group discount, please indicate that you are with the "**Manitoba Beekeepers Association Convention**". A block of rooms have been reserved until FEB 4, 2010, after which time room availability is not guaranteed. **Room rates:** Guest room rate for king leisure rooms (1 king sized bed) or queen deluxe rooms (2 queen sized beds) \$109 plus taxes.

Sponsors, please respond by FEB 26, 2010, so we can finalize our plans, and make space available for you, plus accommodate your donation to our auction. In the meantime, should you have any questions about the sponsorship program, please contact David Ostermann, Pollination Apiarist, MAFRI, at (204) 945-3861.

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SPONSORING OF REFRESHMENT BREAKS

Should your company wish to assist in sponsoring the refreshment breaks at the Convention, please indicate by filling in the form below. A minimum sponsorship contribution has been set at \$75. Please return this sponsorship form with your contribution by February 26th, 2010 (address below).

Company: _____

Representative(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Amount contributed toward refreshment breaks - \$ _____

Sponsorship Promotion:

Total refreshment and/or display space sponsorship of \$75 up to \$174 receive bronze promotion; \$175 up to \$274 receive silver promotion; \$275 and over receive gold promotion (see the table and examples below). All refreshment break sponsors will be acknowledged prior to every break.

Sponsorship Level (refresh break + display space) & Benefits	Bronze (\$75)	Silver* (\$175)	Gold* (\$275)
Registration desk promotion	Name on agenda	Name on agenda	Name on agenda
Convention room promotion		Name projected on the screen during breaks	Name & logo projected on the screen during breaks
MBA website (manitobabee.org) promotion		Logo, 6 months	Logo, 12 months

*If your company logo & website address haven't been submitted in the past, please email them to David.Ostermann@gov.mb.ca

GOLD sponsor examples - minimum requirement:

- **Example 1: \$275 refreshment break sponsorship**
- **Example 2: \$75 display table fee + \$200 refreshment break sponsorship**

Please enclose this form with payment (payable to the **Manitoba Beekeepers' Association**) and send it to:

Manitoba Beekeepers' Association
c/o Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives
204-545 University Crescent
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 5S6

Thank you.

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APPLICATION FOR DISPLAY SPACE

Subject to availability, the display area will be open for set up on March 4, 2010 after 6:00 p.m., please confirm this with the reception desk upon your arrival. The fee for display space is \$75 per table. Please have your applications in by February 26th, 2010 (address below).

Company: _____

Representative(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Number of display tables required: _____ X \$75 per table = \$ _____ total

Please indicate any special requirements (eg. electricity): _____

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DONATION FOR RESEARCH FUND AUCTION

Should your company wish to donate items to the Research Fund Auction, please indicate by filling in the form below. Your Company will be acknowledged at the auction. Please submit by February 26th, 2010. Items may either be shipped to the address indicated below or brought directly to the meeting. Thank you for your support!

Company: _____

Representative(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Item(s) donated (approximate retail value) -

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FAX 945-4327

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