

2026 Program Agenda

THURSDAY, March 5	
7:30pm (Limited seating capacity)	<p>An Evening with Jamie Ellis Talk: <i>The Indispensable Nuc</i> Presented by Red River Apiarist Association</p>

Friday, March 6

FRIDAY March 6	
7:30 - 8:00	Registration Desk Open
8:00 – 8:10	Welcome Remarks MBA Chair Ian Stepler
8:10 – 8:30	Canadian Honey Council Update Osee Podolsky & Rod Scarlett
8:30 – 9:30	Towards Sustainable Beekeeping Dr. Jamie Ellis
9:30 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 10:30	Clinical Signs and Diagnosis of European Foulbrood in Your Colony Dr. Sarah Wood
10:30 – 11:15	The Emerging Threat of Tropilaelaps and Other Provincial Updates Derek Micholson
11:15 – 11:45	Panel: Risk of Facing a New Mite? Tropilaelaps Update Derek Micholson, Jamie Ellis, Rod Scarlett, Ian Stepler – Moderated by Matthew Polinsky
11:45 – 12:00	MBA Chair Report, Call for Nominations

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:30	Miticide Resistance in Canadian Apiaries Dr. Patricia Wolf-Veiga, National Bee Diagnostic Centre
1:30 – 1:45	Keystone Agricultural Producers Colin Hornby
1:45 – 2:45	Challenges of Bee Breeding Susan Cobey
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 5:00	MBA AGM: Resolutions, Financials, Director Voting
5:00	AGM Adjournment
5:30	Cash Bar
6:00	Banquet with Featured Speaker Dr. Jamie Ellis: <i>What I learned while working with honey bees</i>

Saturday, March 7

SATURDAY, March 7	
7:30 – 8:00	Registration Desk Open
8:00 – 8:45	2025 KRTP Field Trials and Annual Program Update Matthew Polinsky (KRTP)
8:45 – 9:00	AgroGene Solutions Beehive Monitoring & Diagnostics Pascale Michaud
9:00 – 10:00	Rearing Quality Queens & Drones Susan Cobey
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 10:45	ApiLog: A Manitoba-made Record Keeping App Kyle Sierens
10:45 – 11:15	Disinfection & Antimicrobial Management of European Foulbrood in Your Operation Dr. Sarah Wood
11:15 – 11:30	Novel Approach to Honey Bee Vaccination Against the Deformed Wing Virus Danika Strelaeff
11:30 – 12:00	Defensive Strategies and Immune Responses in Honey Bees Dr. Nuria Morfin

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LUNCH

1:00 – 1:30	Invasive Pest Impacts on Beekeeping: The case of the yellow-legged hornet Dr. Ana Diéguez Antón
1:30 – 2:30	The Science of Pollen Substitutes Dr. Jamie Ellis
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:00	Winter Mortality Insurance & More – Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC)
3:00 – 3:15	Comparison of Domestic and Imported Queens Dr. Patricia Wolf-Veiga, National Bee Diagnostic Centre
3:15 – 4:00	Panel: Oxalic Acid Glycerin Treatments: Field Experience and Current Research Matthew Polinsky, Nuria Morfin, Derek Micholson, and Audience Questions!
4:00	Closing Words MBA Chairperson