

9th International Meeting of Young Beekeepers
July 2nd to July 6th 2018
Nérac, Lot et Garonne, France



Dear beekeeping friend,

We are pleased to invite your country to take part in the 9th annual International Meeting of Young Beekeepers which will take place in Nérac, France from July 2-6th 2018.

This will be a great opportunity to gather young beekeepers from all continents to promote beekeeping among young people, to exchange on current topics and to discover our country and our culture.

For 2018, thanks to the Nérac Secondary School infrastructures, we will be able to welcome 30 teams. We hope therefore to greet new countries to go on developing the “IMYB community” and to enable people from all over the world to take part to our gathering, to meet new beekeepers and to develop their beekeeping knowledges.

To prepare as well as possible your welcome, please confirm your attendance as soon as possible and by December the 15th at the latest. Places will be allocated to the first 30 national teams to accept the invitation and full payment for your participation. Payment will be required by February the 15th at the latest.

The Event

The 9th International Meeting of Young Beekeepers will gather young beekeepers and accompanying adults for cultural, social and technical interchange.

For the Young Beekeepers, the competition is more likely to be a way of meeting people and sharing their knowledges with other beekeepers than a competition in proper sense.

As the former years, competitions 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.

Moreover, the competition will be composed of classical workshops (bee-handling, equipment identification, written tests...) but also new forms of events you will discover.

Participants

Each country's team must be composed of three young beekeepers who must be aged between 12 and 16 years old on January 1st 2018 (their date of birth should not be before 01/01/2002). Each team has to be accompanied by at least one (maximum two) accompanying adult who will be responsible for their group during the visit.

Reception and accommodation

Nérac is a little town situated in the South-West of France right in the middle between Bordeaux and Toulouse. This little town is famous for its green park, its castle (a King of France, Henry 4th has been living in Nérac), its countryside, and its way of living with good food, wines and Armagnac. The

event will take place in the Agricultural Secondary School A. FALLIERES where all participants and accompanying adults will be welcomed and accommodated during the meeting.

To go there, you will have to arrive to the Toulouse-Blagnac Airport or Bordeaux-Merignac-Airport where a bus driver will meet you and drive you to the School. Participants can also travel by rail from Paris (gare Montparnasse) and come to the Agen railway station (3 hours and a half) where another bus driver will meet them. Finally, Nérac is also easily accessible by car thanks to the highway A62 situated just 20km North.

The Programme

The event will start with a sport meeting on the campus at 4pm on Monday July 2nd 2018 for the people already arrived. This time will be useful for Young Beekeepers to meet the other international participants which will be followed, at 7pm by the opening ceremony. During the ceremony, international teams will be officially presented and the schedule will be unveiled. Finally, a dinner will close the evening in the refectory and the remainder of the evening will be available for team building and for old friends to meet up with new friends so that IMYB 2018 becomes a social event and not just a competition.

On Tuesday July 3rd, the competition will take place for the Young Beekeepers while accompanying adults will attend conferences and visit historic and cultural places. Some local aspects of the social life in the South-West will also be proposed in the evening to adults and young people.

On Wednesday, July 4th we hope to have all of you discover some of the most beautiful, interesting and cultural sides of the South-West of France.

Competition will go on on Thursday July 5th for the youngsters in the morning and some pleasant time in the afternoon; visits and exchange with local beekeepers for the adults.

On the evening the participating teams will be invited to make a presentation of some aspects of the cultural, social aspects of their country. Having so many teams invited means that we cannot make a presentation of all countries individually; this is the reason why we prefer to have you present your country through clothes, photos, food (...) on different stands prepared for you. Then, the closing ceremony will take place during which awards for individual and team participation will be given.

To close the meeting on Friday 6th we will have breakfast together before the departure of all of you to the railway station or airports.

Costs

The entry fee for each team is 500€ which includes all accommodation, food and competition costs for up three young beekeepers and two accompanying adults from your time of arrival on Monday morning to your time of departure on Friday morning.

Please send the paper back by mail to: imybnerac2018@gmail.com or by post to: Lycée Armand Fallières, Route de Francescas 47600 Nérac.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON IN FRANCE,
Marthe, Patrick, Pierre, Cyrille
and all the others.**

