



SABIO

South African Bee Industry Organisation

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Annexure A

SABIO CONSTITUTION (2009) GENERAL REGULATIONS

Preamble

In terms of Paragraph 14.3 of the SABIO Constitution (2009) the following shall comprise the General Regulations affecting the Apiculture Sector which conform to the aims and objectives of the Constitution and the regulatory requirements of SABIO.

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1. Eligibility for Membership and Fee Structure

1.1 Primary Members

- 1.1.1 Any person who has registered in terms of Government Notice R1674 of 1998 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983) with SABIO as a beekeeper shall be deemed a Primary Member and shall be issued with a registration number.
- 1.1.2 Membership fees shall be payable with effect from date of registration and shall be renewable annually with effect from the 1 March of each calendar year.
- 1.1.3 Initial registration and every annual renewal shall be recorded on the applicable registration form.
- 1.1.4 The membership fee shall be structured as a basic fee for the member with no more than 50 beehives and an additional fee per beehive for each beehive greater than 50.

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1.2 Secondary Members

- 1.2.1 A Bee Industry Related Organisation (Beekeeping Association) with at least 10 Primary Members shall be deemed a Secondary Member and shall register as such with SABIO.
- 1.2.2 On registration the Secondary member shall complete the applicable registration form and shall include:
- (i) a copy of their existing constitution or articles of association;
 - (ii) a list of their current office bearers and contact details;
 - (iii) the person or persons mandated to represent the body and their contact details;
 - (iv) a certified declaration of the number of members of their organisation as at the 1 March of that calendar year.
- 1.2.3 The applicable annual membership fee for a Secondary Member shall be twice the basic Primary Membership fee plus one-tenth of the basic Primary Membership fee per member in good standing as at the 1 March of that calendar year.

1.3 Tertiary Members

- 1.3.1 Any other person or body which has an interest in the apiculture sector may apply on the applicable registration form to become a Tertiary Member.
- 1.3.2 The completed registration form must include the interest or involvement of the applicant in becoming a Tertiary Member.
- 1.3.3 The applicable annual membership fee for a Tertiary Member shall be twice the basic Primary Membership fee.

Schedule 1: Applicable Fee Structure for the Financial Year Period 1 March 2009 – 28 February 2010

Primary Member:	Basic Membership Fee: R250.00 Additional fee per beehive >50: R2.50 per beehive
Secondary Member:	R500 plus R25 per member
Tertiary Member:	R500.00

2. Code of Conduct

- 2.1 On application for and acceptance of membership by SABIO any member thereby declares his / her / its full commitment to the South African Bee Industry Code of Conduct which requires every member to:

- (i) Be conversant with and abide by all South African legislation, including Control Measures and statutory Regulations, which are applicable to the South African Beekeeping Industry;
- (ii) Be respectful in person and for the rights of fellow colleagues, beekeepers and persons associated with the Bee Industry;
- (iii) Contribute to the promotion of a proud, professional and responsible image of the Bee Industry;
- (iv) Take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their bee colonies, their employees, the public and themselves;
- (v) Take all necessary steps to ensure the safety of all animals and wildlife as well as the integrity of the environment;
- (vi) Implement all appropriate measures to produce pure South African beehive products of the highest quality.

2.2 This Code of Conduct may be broadened into a more detailed Code of Practice or Manual to be maintained as an independent document.

3. Contraventions or Violations of Constitution

3.1 In the event that any member contravenes any provisions of the Constitution (including these Regulations) or acts in any manner which is not in keeping with the aims and objectives of SABIO or brings the reputation of the Bee Keeping Industry into disrepute the Management Committee (“the Committee”) of SABIO may act in the following manner to discipline such member:

- (i) The Committee shall conduct an investigation which may include the collation of applicable information to ascertain the validity of such breach;
- (ii) The Committee shall draft and convey to the member a letter notifying him / her / it that such matter has been brought to its attention and inviting him / her / it to respond within 21 days of the date of the letter to the allegations and what steps he / she / it has taken or will take to rectify the matter;
- (iii) If the member fails to respond within the prescribed 21 days or if the member’s response fails to adequately address the matter the Committee shall convey to the member a further letter requiring the member to adequately address the contravention within a further 21 day period or be faced with the termination of his / her / its membership in terms of the Constitution;
- (iv) If the member fails to respond either adequately or at all to the second request the Committee shall convey to him / her / it a final letter notifying that his / her / its rights as a member of SABIO shall henceforth be suspended pending final ratification at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in terms of paragraph 9.3 of the Constitution;
- (v) Nothing shall preclude either the Committee or the member affected from requesting or arranging a meeting between the Committee and the member to

address the matter formally on a face to face basis within the period mentioned in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above.

4. Organization of Annual BEECON and Specifications

- 4.1 An annual Bee Industry Congress to be known as BEECON xxxx (where xxxx denotes the year) shall be arranged in cooperation with a Local Organising Committee, preferably a regional Association or Bee Industry Related Organisation, which is specific to that Congress.
- 4.2 The venue for the annual congress shall be decided at the preceding year's Annual General Meeting of SABIO.
- 4.3 The venue for the BEECON shall rotate annually between Gauteng Province and the other Provinces.
- 4.4 The Local Organising Committee shall include nominated representatives from the regional Association or Bee Industry Related Organisation as well as a Management Committee Representative appointed by the Management Committee of SABIO.
- 4.5 The Local Organising Committee shall act autonomously in the organisation of the BEECON in respect of its programme but should take cognizance of the following guiding principles:
 - 4.5.1 The aim of the BEECON should be to stimulate interest in South African Beekeeping and to provide a meeting point for everyone involved in the beekeeping industry including beekeepers, scientists, honey traders, development workers, equipment industries, fruit growers, seed houses and seed growers;
 - 4.5.2 Provision should be made for a field day outing, a technical programme, the SABIO AGM and a formal dinner;
 - 4.5.3 Proper attention should be given to a theme, the venue, accommodation, invitations, advertising, and the finances including a budget, logistics and registration.
- 4.6 Each annual BEECON must be financially independent and allow the organising Association or Bee Industry Related Organisation to realise a profit to facilitate future activities within its scope of operation.
- 4.7 Each annual BEECON shall stand financially independent and no surpluses or losses will be carried forward to the following or any other BEECON and no liability for any losses or claims made in respect of its functioning may be held against SABIO or any other Association or Bee Industry Related Organisation.