

Pollinators In Agriculture

AAB/BES/STEP Conference held 1-3 April 2014, Courtyard by Marriott, Brussels

The conference programme was very good. This was a very international conference with papers from a number of European countries plus India (2) and Canada. The standard of offered contributions was high throughout, with also some excellent presentations by invited speakers. The mini-presentations by poster presenters also worked well.

The conference was well publicised and had contributors from a range of countries despite competing events in Brussels. Attendance was lower than expected but probably more to do with price than inadequate marketing.

The hotel was excellent but expensive. Some speakers withdrew because they did not have funding and feedback suggested from other potential delegates suggested that cost was an issue.

Organisation went smoothly, no significant problems. A number of delegates commented on what a good conference it had been and how much they had enjoyed it. Some suggested a follow-up in a couple of years' time.



Neonicotinoids:

Active substance	Acute oral toxicity LD50 µg/bee	Acute contact toxicity LD50 µg/bee
imidacloprid	0.0037	0.081
thiamethoxam	0.005	0.024
clothianidin	0.00379	0.04426
thiacloprid	17.32	38.82
acetamiprid	14.53	8.09

- Approved in Europe between 2006 and 2009 (PPP's on the market since 1991);

- Numerous studies and research activities carried out in the last years;

