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Dear Colleagues,

Apimondia, the Italian Beekeepers' Federation and the Honey Research Centre of the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" are pleased to invite you to the 2nd International Forum on Apitherapy "APIMEDICA and APIQUALITY 2008" in Villa Mondragone Congress Centre, Rome, Italy, from 9 to 12 June 2008.

The Forum aims at highlighting the health benefits of bee products by demonstrating their properties, the minimum number of bioactive compounds having a pharmacological activity, the reproducibility of their effect in the various diseases and the mechanism of action at biological level. Moreover, quality bee products should be residue-free.

In the first International Forum Apimedita 2006 several considerations were made on the relationship between apitherapy and official medicine and how they could complement each other rather than be rivals.

The "Apimedita and Apiquality" Forum falls in line with the focus that Apimondia has been pursuing in recent years and aims at the development and improvement of quality standards on apitherapy and bee products for the benefit of both beekeepers and the public at large.

We would highly appreciate it if you could inform your members about the Forum with all the relevant details present on the websites www.apimedita.org and www.apiquality.info.

We also hope that your Association will organise a group of people to participate in the Forum. In this case you can obtain a special fee for registration and participation in technical tours for beekeepers.

Looking forward to working with you and your Association in the next future, we thank you again for your attention and remain.

Yours sincerely,

The Apimedita & Apiquality 2008 Organising Committee