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**SPECIAL APIMONDIA CONGRESS ISSUE**



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**Welcome to BfDT new Patron, Martha Kearney**

Martha has been in radio and television news reporting for over twenty years. She presents BBC Radio 4 *World at One* programme as well as *Newsnight Review* on television. Recently she presented *Who killed the Honey Bee?* and has kept bees for 7 years. She has pledged to support Bees for Development Trust and is our newest Patron.



**Trust membership**

In this 10th anniversary year of the Trust, it is important that the good work continues, so please encourage as many people as you can to become Trust Members. Volunteers are always needed to help the Trust, especially with publicity and fundraising. If you can help, please contact us, as the Trust always needs more help with these activities.

**Southport and Formby Beekeepers' Garden Party - raising funds for BfDT**

A bring and buy sale was held in June which raised over £500 for BfD Trust. Stalls were packed with produce, and the car washing service proved to be very popular. The live jazz band playing at the event were from the local Merchant Taylors School for Boys which is the only school in England with their own apiary and budding beekeepers. Francine Sagar (Secretary of SFBKA) commented that beekeepers in the UK should understand the difficulties faced by people in developing countries who keep bees to earn a sustainable income to alleviate acute poverty. So, having fun while fund raising for BfD Trust puts everyone in a win-win situation.



**Apimondia 41<sup>st</sup> Congress Montpellier France, September 15 - 19 2009**

Look out for the BfD Trust stand at **ApiExpo** where we will be recruiting members and talking to everyone who comes to visit the stand. We look forward to welcoming all our supporters.

Dr. Nicola Bradbear will surely be re-elected President of Apimondia's Standing Commission for Beekeeping for Rural Development. These sessions in the Congress programme will focus on problems of marketing honey and helping beekeepers to work co-operatively. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Welcome to BfD Trust - two new Trustees**

On the left is Danish anthropologist and beekeeper Ole Hertz who has been working for many years to support beekeepers in developing countries.

On the right is Gladstone Solomon who has been prominent in the West Indies Beekeeping world for over 30 years. He has organised 5 Caribbean Beekeeping Congresses (the next is Grenada 2010) and is President of the Association of Caribbean Beekeepers' Organisations, and President of Tobago Beekeepers' Association.



**Forthcoming events**

Bees for Development Trust will be at the UK **National Honey Show** Weybridge on Thursday to Saturday 29-31 October 2009. Further details [www.honeyshow.co.uk](http://www.honeyshow.co.uk) Come and meet Gladstone Solomon, our new Trustee from the Caribbean, at the stand. He will tell you all about the next BfD Beekeepers' Safari to Tobago, 25 January to 4 February 2010.

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## Challenge complete

Well done and congratulations to Els Vermeulen (pictured far right) who completed a 4-day cycle ride from London to Edinburgh and back, to raise money for the Trust. She raised an enormous sum - almost £2,000 as we go to print. This was a fantastic effort of endurance for a cause very close to her heart. Els is a keen beekeeper and traveller, seeing the benefits of BfD Trust when visiting beekeeping friends abroad.



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## Thank you for your support

Innovative fundraising by groups and individuals makes so much possible. Please encourage your friends to help. We use all financial contributions effectively to help to alleviate poverty and preserve biodiversity by means of bees and beekeeping.

Members of the Trust receive a welcome pack, a BfD journal, invitations to BfD events, Newsletters and 50 tamper evident seals, when they join. Look at the website below for the different membership categories so that you can choose the amount of support you want to give.

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**Nicola Bradbear** has been travelling far afield to advise and assist beekeepers. She visited Jordan in July to run a Workshop towards supporting Iraqi beekeepers. The security situation in Iraq makes life difficult for beekeepers, in addition to all the usual constraints associated with *Varroa* and loss of colonies. Serious environmental problems appear to be affecting the health of the bees. It is a very difficult time for beekeepers and bees in Iraq.



There have been many more requests from beekeepers in developing countries to receive BfD Journal. Supporters may not realise it but while £20 helps one beekeeper to receive the Journal for a year, £100 pounds will enable ten beekeepers in developing countries to receive the Journal.

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This is a reminder about the new **Information Portal on the BfD web site**. It is an extremely useful and valuable resource for beekeepers, and indeed for anyone who needs more information on beekeeping practices world-wide.

## Sales Continue

The tamper evident seals, labels and £5 bags are proving a big success. Buy on line at BfD or from E H Thorne (Beehives) Ltd., or by post from BfD Trust.



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## Hives damaged by volcano eruption

Beekeepers in southern Chile lost a large number of hives when Chaiten volcano erupted, spewing grey ash all over nearby colonies. This photo shows just one of the affected colonies.



BfD Trust has provided funds from the Good Gifts scheme for beekeepers to replace their hives.



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