

Maryland State Beekeepers' Association Spring Meeting
 June 16, 2012
 University of Maryland/College Park
 Auditorium, Plant Sciences Building

The MSBA Spring Meeting is open to the public.

8:30am	Refreshments, Coffee, Donuts, etc.	
9:30am	Opening and Welcome	Dr. Wayne Esaias President
9:45	Md. Apiary Inspector's Report	Jerry Fischer Md. State Inspector
10:00	Pheromones and Function Inside the Hive	Dr. Rick Fell, Virginia Tech
11:00	Maryland Pilot Apiculture Insurance Program	Steven Connelly Specialist MD Dept of Agriculture
11:45	The Fourth Annual MSBA Honey Festival at Patuxent: Participate in Our Major Outreach Event	Linda Thompson, MSBA Director
Noon	Lunch	
1:30	Tower Hive Project and Maryland BeeInformed Survey Results	Jennie Stitzinger, BeeInformed Network
2:00	"Nosema ceranae: A Bad Problem or Just a Bad Reputation"	Dr. Rick Fell, Virginia Tech
3:00	Panel: Senior Beekeepers Respond to Your Anonymous Questions	Dr. Rick Fell Dr. Wayne Esaias, More!
4:00	Adjourn	Dr. Wayne Esaias President

Directions to the University of Maryland

For GPS, enter address 7950 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20742 and follow directions (below) to Plant Sciences Building.

You can also plan your journey at <http://www.cvs.umd.edu/visitors/maps.html>

UMD/College Park is located on Route 1 approx. 2 miles south of the Capital Beltway (I-495).

From 495, proceed about two miles south on Route 1, and follow signs to turn right into Main Entrance (at intersection of Campus Drive with Paint Branch Parkway).

To Plant Sciences Building: Once inside the gate, keep left on Campus Drive until the rotary, take first exit right. Proceed to first intersection; make a left and then immediate right into Regents Parking Garage. You may park in one of the numbered spaces on the 1st floor; parking is free in numbered spaces only! The Plant Sciences Building is directly across the street from the Garage Entrance.

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Social insect programs at Virginia Tech are lead by Dr. Richard Fell. A graduate of Cornell University, Dr. Fell studied apiculture under Dr. Roger Morse. He has been at Va. Tech since obtaining his PhD. in 1979. Recognized by Va. Tech and the Entomological Society of America for teaching excellence, Dr. Fell instructs on a variety of insect related topics including beekeeping, insect behavior and insect biology. Currently, the research group members are involved in teaching, extension, and research, with interests ranging from

beekeeping to forensic entomology.

Jennie Stitzinger is a Research Technician with the University of Maryland at USDA/ARS, Beltsville, MD, and works with Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp with the BeeInformed Partnership at www.BeeInformed.net. She is the primary contact for the Tower Hive Project, which seeks to manage hive pests through innovative hive configurations. Jennie is a recent Penn State graduate with plans to continue her work in analyzing honeybee samples in California. She is a frequent contributor to the BeeInformed blog on numerous subjects of interest to Maryland beekeepers – check it out at beeinformed.org/author/jennie-stitzinger/



Steven Connelly directs the pilot Apiculture Crop Insurance Program for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. With long experience in Maryland agriculture, including studies at the University of Maryland/College Park and work with both the USDA and the Maryland Farm Bureau, Mr. Connelly can help explain how Maryland beekeepers can get help protecting their financial investments against production risks, and navigating the

world of crop risk management through Maryland's arm of this USDA-sponsored program.