

ApiNZ Science and Research Focus Group Meeting April 2022 Update for members

Apiculture conference June 2022

A call has been put out for science posters for Conference. A meet and greet will also be run at conference so delegates can meet the authors of the science posters. The group also discussed the science sessions at the conference and how they will be run. Options were also considered for overseas speakers for future conferences.

MPI Science education programme on varroa

MPI updated the group about biosecurity initiatives relating to varroa as the colony loss survey (COLOSS) has drawn more attention to the effects of varroa. MPI also updated the group about the extension materials they have been developing. The bee biosecurity ID guide that was developed as part of this project is proving very popular.

Terms of reference

The draft terms of reference for this group were approved. The group decided that it would be useful to have more Crown Research Institutes that undertake research in the apiculture sector represented on this group and is considering approaching them later this year to assess interest.

General Business

The Environment Protection Agency is running a hearing on Method 240 SL, the herbicide used to control wilding pines in native conservation areas and pasture. The hearing will be held on 18 May 2022. One or two of the members of this group will attend the hearing over Zoom to talk to the submission ApiNZ made on this herbicide.