



Bee Improvement Programme for Cornwall (BIPCo)



A MORPHOMETRY WORKSHOP

CARNON DOWNS Village Hall TR3 6JJ

Saturday 12th March (10.00am – 4.00pm)

What is it all about?

A practical workshop offering you the chance to learn the techniques to identify the genetic strain and origins of honey bees by using a sample from your own colonies, a scanner to highlight the wing venation and two computer programmes to assess the data.

What is its importance?

BIPCo aims to produce, and help you produce, a better quality bee through selective breeding using native or near native stock. Morphometry techniques can assist in this selection process.

Do I need any special skills or equipment?

Participants should to be reasonably skilled in the use of computers and it would be helpful, but not essential, to bring your own laptop. We will supply the software and scanner, but you are welcome to bring your own machine if you wish. Working in groups of two or three will be possible, so laptops could be shared.

Bringing samples of bees

Ideally, bring a sample of 30+ bees from each colony that you want to test. The bees can be collected live in a matchbox or queen cage, frozen for 48hours, then air dried and stored for carriage in a breathable bag or box and clearly labelled. We will have sample bees available if you are not able to bring your own.

Facilities

We have drink-making facilities, but **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH.**

Cost

Places on the course are limited and a charge of £20 per person will be made.

Request your place now by emailing: annie.wildgoose@tiscali.co.uk and on confirmation mail your cheque, made out to: **Bee Improvement Programme for Cornwall** addressed to: Annie Yeo Leigh Farm, Blunts, Saltash. PL12 5AX

Directions

Just off the A39 between Truro and Falmouth, located in the centre of Carnon Downs with off road car parking. SatNav owners, postcode is: TR3 6JJ

We look forward to seeing you for this interesting day!
Don't delay – book today!