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## OAS-Israel Government Professional Development Scholarship Opportunities

### “Commercial Beekeeping in Modern Agriculture”

**OAS/DHDEC/CIR.148/2010**

**1) OFFERED BY:** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food & Environment, Division of External Studies. The course will take place at the Faculty's Rehovot Campus.

**2) CONTACT:** Randy Lang. E-mail : [lang@agri.huji.ac.il](mailto:lang@agri.huji.ac.il)

**3) DATES:** December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**4) COURSE DURATION:** Four (4) Weeks

**5) LANGUAGE:** English

**6) MODALITY:** Onsite

**Vencimiento postulación en Uruguay**

**Organismo Nacional de Enlace**

**18 de Octubre de 2010**

**Oficina de Becas OPP**

### **7) OBJECTIVES:**

The aim of this course is to work with participants in various aspects of apiary management, and to share experience and know-how. The goal is to provide tools to people engaged in beekeeping so that they can increase honey production, improve honey quality, implement changes for greater efficiency, and adapt strategies to address the problematic issues related to beekeeping in their region. For instance, the countries Jordan, Ethiopia, Turkey, and India share some common challenges and also have aspects that differ in their area and industry practice.

### **TOPICS OF STUDY**

- Overview of apiary management: Israeli examples
- Pests, diseases and treatment



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- Pollination
- Supervision of quality control in various aspects of beekeeping and honey production; standardization of types of honey
- Supplemental nutrition
- Queen-breeding: management and queen selection

### 8) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of an OAS Member country.
- Be nominated by the applicants' respective Government (National Liaison Office, ONE)
- Be between 20 and 45 years old at the time of the training course
- B.Sc. degree or above in entomology, agriculture, animal sciences, business management, or a related field from a recognized university.
- Documentation of academic studies conducted in English OR a TOEFL score of at least 89 on the internet-based scale OR an internationally recognized equivalent. (The language of instruction is English. Therefore, participants whose native tongue is not English, must furnish proof of proficiency in this language.)
- Copies of degrees must be included with application forms.
- Professional experience in the field is recommended. We encourage applications from agricultural extension service officers, educators on apiary practices, entomologists, quality control engineers/inspectors for beekeeping, representatives of government agencies supporting beekeeping, and apiary industry leaders.
- An official certificate of good health.
- Letters of recommendation are required from the candidate's place of work or university.
- Be in good health both physically and mentally. Each participant should have a health certificate provided by an authorized physician.
- Possess basic computer and internet skills.
- Have good command of English, with documentary evidence, if not the native language.
- Submit a duly completed request before the deadline established by the National Liaison Office (ONE)<sup>1</sup>. **The candidate is responsible for finding out the deadline set by the ONE in his/her country of residence and for submitting the scholarship application documents to the ONE in time.**



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<sup>1</sup> The deadline for presentation of applications to the (ONE) differs from country to country and should therefore be confirmed with the relevant ONE in the applicant's country of citizenship or permanent residence.

### 9) BENEFITS <sup>2</sup>:

The Government of Israel through MASHAV and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Agriculture, will provide

- Tuition cost.
- Local transportation-within the framework of the Program-
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Agriculture will be responsible for the accommodation of the participant throughout his studying period.
- Full board.
- Cultural and social activities: excursions to historical and religious sites.
- Health services: medical insurance covers medical services and hospitalization in case of emergency. It does not cover the treatment of chronic diseases, dental care or eyeglasses.
- Accident insurance coverage.
- Participants using specific medications on a regular basis must bring sufficient quantities for the duration of their stay.
- Miscellaneous: daily papers and periodicals, laundry facilities on the premises.
- The scholarships do not include pocket money and/or allowances. The Government of Israel will provide only the aforementioned benefits.

### 10) RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS:

- **Each selected candidate is responsible for buying roundtrip airfare transportation from point of residence to the study site.**

<sup>2</sup> The provision and payment of the scholarship benefits mentioned in #9 of this scholarship announcement are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Government of Israel. Any other expenses, including the visa, are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Scholarship Recipient. Therefore, the acceptance of a scholarship shall imply the Scholarship Recipient's



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waiver of any and all claims against the OAS, its organs, and its personnel, that may arise in relation to the scholarship, the benefits thereof, and his/her presence in Egypt under the scholarship, and if asked, the Scholarship Recipient will reaffirm that waiver in writing.

- Each selected candidate will supply flight details to their local Israeli representative, to be forwarded to the coordination of the course. Must arrive on time to start the course. **(The selected candidates must arrive to Israel no later than December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 -arrival day- and return on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 -departure day-).**
- Selected candidates are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa(s) to enter the country of study and the corresponding transit(s). The OAS will not be responsible for any costs relating to obtaining visas or transfer documentation.
- Participants will be required to submit, during their first week of course work, a printed report about their job, their perspective about the nature of the challenges they face on the job and their expectation of how the course work could help address such challenges.
- Expenses for food during the trip and excess baggage are to be covered by the selected candidate.

### 11) SUBMISSION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

#### **REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION:**

MASHAV scholarship application form

<http://mashav.mfa.gov.il/mfm/Data/52920.pdf>

Applications must be forwarded to the Organization of American States through the National Liaison Office that serves as the official channel established by the Government of each country (ONE). **This is a mandatory requirement.**

The following is the list of National Liaison Offices (ONEs) in the OAS Member states:

<http://www.educoas.org/portal/en/oasbecas/ones.aspx?culture=en&navid=282>

Any questions regarding submission of applications for this course should be sent to: [PDSP@oas.org](mailto:PDSP@oas.org)

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOR PARTICIPANTS

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- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Single bedroom accommodation in a shared apartment will be provided in our fully equipped guest-house on campus. Meals will be provided. Both laundry (on campus) and dry cleaning (in town) are at the participant's expense.
- **WEATHER:** The weather in Israel during the winter months is varied, approximately 10-22° C. There may be some sunny days where light clothing is appropriate, but it might also rain and be cool during the season. Participants are requested to bring clothes suitable for outdoor activities including a warm jacket and comfortable walking shoes. We also recommend that you bring some light sweaters, long-sleeved shirts, a rain coat and an umbrella.
- **INSURANCE:** Participants are insured for medical care during their stay in Israel. This does not include pre-existing conditions and /or major dental care. Personal belongings are not insured, and are the responsibility of each individual.
- Participants who take regular **MEDICATION** are requested to bring enough medicine for the duration of the course. Participants who wear **GLASSES** are advised to bring a spare pair.
- We recommend that **HAND LUGGAGE** include basic toiletries and a change of clothes for the first day or so. These should be carried separately in case of delay in baggage delivery.
- Participants will not receive any allowance or pocket money. Please bring some money for **SMALL EXPENSES**.
- **AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:** Those accepted to the course will supply flight details to their local Israeli representative, to be forwarded to us. Upon arrival in Israel, the participant will pick up his/her luggage. After passing through customs, the participant will enter the arrivals terminal and walk towards the left. Go up the escalator to the first floor. On the left, behind the car rental counters, you will see a counter of a company called "TOURBUS". This is a special taxi service, which has a list of expected arrivals. Go to the counter and tell them your name, country and that you're attending a course at the Faculty. You will be taken to the Faculty of Agriculture, Rehovot, free of charge. This service is pre-paid.  
**PLEASE DO NOT TAKE ANY OTHER FORM OF TRANSPORTATION.**

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