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wikiBeedia.eu
a multilinguistic encyclopedia on bees and beekeeping

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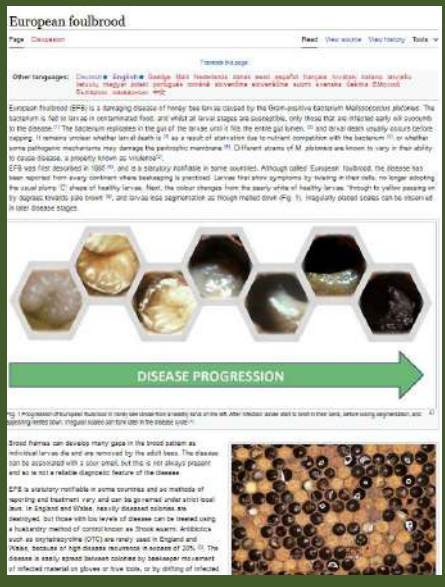
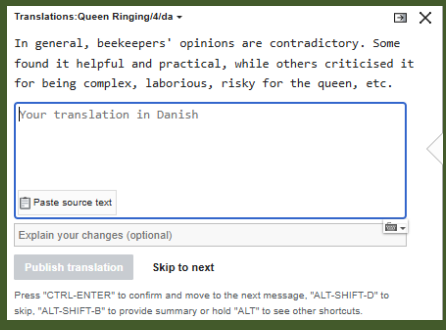


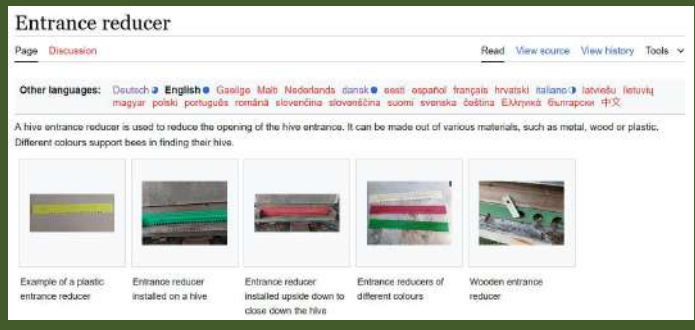
What is WikiBeedia?

This encyclopedia on honey bees and beekeeping was created within the EU project BEE-GUARDS. It aims to be the world's number one open encyclopedia on bees and beekeeping. It is available in many languages and beekeepers and honey bee researchers from around the globe are invited to contribute. So far, we assigned our articles to six categories: **Research, Biology, Diseases, Hive management, Forage** and **Hive Products**. See screenshot left for article on European foulbrood.

WikiBeedia as a dictionary?

The multi-lingual approach enables WikiBeedia to act as an online dictionary of beekeeping terms and knowledge on honey bees. The article on entrance reducer as shown in the screenshot below, directs to the corresponding Fluglochschieber in German, Flyvesprække reducer in Danish, or Riduttore per ingresso in Italian. Photos further clarify the meaning. Translations are simple using the translation-box (see below left)





WikBeedia was created by the BEE-GUARDS consortium but shall be extended and maintained not only by beekeepers and scientists but anybody interested in bees and beekeeping. When as many people as possible work together, we can create a great source of beekeeping knowledge.

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WikiBeedia: The online encyclopedia for beekeepers

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One of the goals within the EU-horizon funded project “BeeGuards” is to create an online beekeeping encyclopedia suited for scientists, beekeepers and anybody interested in bees. In times of artificial intelligence hallucination and fake news, this should enable researchers and extension workers to provide correct, up-to-date information to practitioners. Therefore we created wikiBeedia.eu, which aims to be the world's number one online encyclopedia on bees and beekeeping. It contains articles organized along the following topics: Research, Biology, Diseases, Management, Forage, and Hive Products.It includes information on the honey bee (Apis) but also content on non-Apis bees. Part of the ambitious plans is to make the articles available in all 27 EU languages plus several other languages, including Chinese, to reach many potential readers. This approach makes it also the definitive online dictionary for terms on bees and beekeeping. WikiBeedia is meant to be filled with content by both scientists and beekeepers, as both groups can profit from the knowledge and experience of each other. For the technical implementation we found a system which offered us an uncomplicated approach. We decided to use the wiki-hosting platform “miraheze” which provides a good online support service and has suitable tools to inform how to edit our encyclopedia. With that platform, we now have a relatively easy approach for editing and translating articles. Photos can be uploaded in galleries and videos can be linked. We invite all interested people, being researchers, beekeepers or interested public, to visit wikibeedia.eu and browse through the available information or register as contributors. As the next step, we will recruit and install administrators from around the globe that help with quality control of articles and technical issues of WikiBeedia. If you want to participate or help in recruiting contributors or need any information, contact info@wikibeedia.eu.