



MEDIBEES Meeting/course

July 4-7, 2022 – BOLOGNA, ITALY

INFORMATION AND AGENDA

The meeting aims to discuss and plan the activities related to the sensory analysis as reported in WP 6.5 and WP 8.6 and train the people responsible for building the panel of experts in honey sensory analysis.

This is just the first step of the training that will see a follow up on your country with the panels that each responsible is called to create in their own country. I'll support you in these first steps in every phase of the panel training.

The training in Italy will be done with the typical Italian unifloral honeys, when doing it in your country, we will use the honey you will collect specifically for the project (see email Amelia sent you) and others more. We will discuss and plan this.

I will train you on honey sensory analysis following the method we use in Italy. If you have expertise in this regard and have any proposals or are keen to present your own experience, you are welcome. We can modify or integrate the training program accordingly.

Below is the agenda of the work we will do during the four days of the meeting.

Monday 4th,

Morning 10 am-1 pm

- Presentation of participants and meeting activities
- Discussion and planning of activities related to WP 6.5 and WP 8.6.

As for these tasks, read carefully what you are involved in and get an idea of the activity you are asked to do. You will be asked to make your proposal and we will agree on this

Afternoon 2 pm-5 pm (start of the training)

- Sensory analysis: general principles and equipment, sensory physiology
- * Four basic tastes trials, investigation of the sensitivity of the primary tastes (individual recognition of the primary tastes threshold)
- * Perception tests of taste, aroma and other mouth perceptions
- * Olfactory test: recognition of standard odours

Tuesday 5th,

Morning 9 am-1 pm

- The honey: origin, composition and physical properties
- The tasting technique
- * Tasting of unifloral honey samples 1: description and memorizing of olfactory and gustative characteristics
- * Discriminatory triangle test

Afternoon 2 pm-5 pm

- * Blind test: olfactory recognition of unifloral honeys
- Crystallization: cause, technology, defects
- The honey defects: identification, cause, remedy and linked technology
- * Tasting of honey with different kinds of defects
- * Discriminatory triangle test

Wednesday 6th,

Morning 9 am-1 pm

- * Tasting of unifloral honey samples 2: description and memorizing of olfactory and gustative characteristics
- * Discriminatory triangle test
- EU requirements

Afternoon 2 pm-5 pm

- Honey analyses
- * Descriptive Evaluation of honey (honey from participants)
- * Discriminatory triangle test

Thursday 7th,

Morning 9 am-1 pm

- * Blind test: olfactory-gustatory recognition of unifloral honey
- * Recognition test of unifloral honey blends
- * Mock honey competition

Afternoon 2 pm-5 pm

- Final discussion and planning of the future works.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR STAY IN BOLOGNA

The meeting will be at CREA, via di Saliceto 80, Bologna (watch in google map the venue <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Via+di+Saliceto,+80,+40128+Bologna+BO/@44.5239951,11.3397103,15.1z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x477fd36bb82401a5:0xe2db7d8660f87e0d!8m2!3d44.5240177!4d11.3514958>).

I suggest booking your room in the city centre, to fully enjoy the evenings in Bologna. For hotel, B&B or flat you will find plenty of internet options.

If you prefer to stay close to the Institute (CREA, the venue of the event), you can consider the Best Western City Hotel, which is a 20-minutes walk from the institute.

Here are some suggestions for moving from the airport to the city centre and taking the bus.

From Bologna airport you can get the "Marconi express" (also called "People mover" - <https://www.marconiexpress.it/en/>) to the central station (8,70 € single trip). You might also consider taking a taxi from the airport to your hotel; it is not far away. I have no experience, but I think the cost wouldn't be higher than 30 euro.

Since Bologna is not a huge town, you can walk from one side to the other of the city in 40', but if you plan to move by bus, you have three options for buying tickets. A single ticket costs 1.3 € by "Tabacchi (tobacco shops)" and "Edicole (Newspaper kiosk)", or 1,5 € if purchased on board.

Alternatively, you may buy a “City pass”. It is a 10 runs ticket; it costs 12 euros and 10 runs are included. Remember to validate the ticket on board at each run.

To reach the institute by bus, in the City centre (e.g. from via Rizzoli, via Indipendenza), catch bus n. 27 (direction Byron or Tuscolano or Corticella stazione - 27A, 27B and 27C respectively), and get off at the “Caserme Rosse” stop. The institute is a few minutes walk from there.



And, if you can/want, bring Your honeys to share! 250g per type are adequate.