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A popular mosquito repellent device emits an insecticide in vapor form to keep mosquitoes away, and a new study finds the vapor does not prevent honey bees from foraging in the same area. But whether it carries any long-term impacts on honey bees, or how it affects other bees and non-target insects, requires further study. Here, marked honey bees visit a feeder during the course of the study. Feeders were placed both within and outside the mosquito-repellent vapor plume, and between them the researchers found no significant differences in the bees' foraging frequency, waggle dance propensity, waggle dance frequency, and feeder persistence. (Photo by Margaret Couvillon, Ph.D.)

Honey Bees Unfazed by Vaporized Mosquito Repellent Study Finds, read the whole story from Entomology Today [HERE!](#)

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Catching up and Keeping up...

by Anne Marie Fauvel, Program Director

Late January 2024 - I just returned from California, where I collected data for a study, dealing with rain and getting stuck in the mud like most of you, and just like that I am getting briefed on the AHPA political agenda.

Words and acronyms like Hoover, AGI, Byrd Amendments, Vietnam and India, ELAP changes, are all going back and forth, as fast as a puck in an NHL hockey game and I was left speechless. For those who know me, speechless is not a state I find myself in often.

I am told it is never too late to learn. I am passionate about supporting beekeepers and the bee industry and policies seem to potentially make a big impact. And so, after 30 years in the U.S. as a permanent resident, with no right to vote, and staunchly ignoring American politics, I am now on the accelerated American Political Science 101 crash course, trying to keep up with the AHPA's engaged executive committee and their packed political agenda. I don't think I realized how much they do to represent beekeepers on Federal Hill. Chris (Hiatt) used to tell me from time to time, but it never really stuck (remember the staunchly ignoring politics bit?) but now it is go time! I plan to learn and learn fast, so I can better serve the Association and the beekeeping industry in general. Feel free to contact me at annemarie@ahpanet.com, I welcome your insights and perspectives!



AHPA App

As AHPA continues to work on behalf of all beekeepers, one of our initiatives is advocating with the FDA in Washington D.C. to update honey labeling guidelines. As part of this effort, we need your help to collect pictures of honey labels from around the United States. Our goal is primarily to find honey that is mislabeled according to current FDA guidelines. Secondly, we need examples of any labels which misrepresent country of origin or are purposefully confusing to consumers so that we can advocate for positive changes and updates.

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