



## Ulster Beekeepers' Association

### Intermediate level Beekeeping Course 2011/12

#### Course Overview

The Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations (FIBKA) Intermediate level Beekeeping course consists of two Parts, Scientific and Practical, delivered over two years and leading to the FIBKA Intermediate Certificate of Proficiency in Beekeeping. Each part consists of 15 evening sessions.

The Ulster Beekeepers' Association (UBKA) is currently delivering the Scientific part of the course at three centres, Antrim, Enniskillen and Limavady.

The course started in September 2011 and the FIBKA Provincial Intermediate Scientific Examination will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2012.

#### Who is the course for?

The Intermediate course is for beekeepers holding the FIBKA Preliminary Beekeeping certificate (or equivalent) and who recognize that there is a step up in the depth of knowledge and understanding required. The course builds on the knowledge gained from the Preliminary course and improves the understanding of both the scientific and practical aspects of beekeeping. As this depth of knowledge is significantly greater than at Preliminary level those applying should be free to study as well as attending the classes.

#### Course Content

**Scientific:** The external and internal features of the honeybee, its life cycle, the work done, methods of communication, reproduction, brood and adult bee diseases, pollination, honey and swarming.

**Practical:** Migratory Beekeeping, Queen rearing, Management of nuclei, Disease and pest control, Equipment, Preparation of honey and wax for show, Legislation and Starting up in Beekeeping

**Assessment:** There is a three-hour written exam at the end of both the Practical and Scientific years.

The Course fee was £100 for each Part, which included the Examination Fee.

Details for the 2012 -13 Practical Course will be published later on this website.

If you wish to discuss the details contact the course tutor for your preferred centre at:

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