

New service of honey and pollen identification

The Beekeeping Federation of Quebec (FAQ) and Dr Valérie Fournier (Laval U.) were granted two years of funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to develop a service of mono-floral honey and pollen identification.

During the project, Ms. Mélissa Girard, a M.Sc. graduate who has extensive training in both beekeeping and palynology, will develop the expertise of honey and pollen identification and offer analyses to Canadian beekeepers for free (but please note that the shipping fees will be at the charge of the senders). Thereafter, the service will continue to be offered at an affordable price through the CRSAD. Finally, a reference collection of pollen grains from all melliferous plants in Canada will be created and a photo booklet and identification keys will be produced and made available.

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