

**London International Honey Awards (LIHA 2023)-
EXCELLENCE & QUALITY HONEY AWARDS**

REGULATION OF COMPETITION

1. The company Confexpo Global Ltd announces the London International Honey Competitions-LIHA 2023, which will award the following distinctions:

- a) PLATINIUM Quality Honey Awards 2023 (for the rates from 95,5 until 100)
- b) GOLD Quality Honey Awards 2023 (for the rates from 80,5 until 95)
- c) SILVER Quality Honey Awards 2023 (for the rates from 65 until 80)

2. The purpose of the competition is:

a) To inform honey producers, processors, and retailers, who distribute their standardized products legally, to preserve and to ameliorate the quality of their branded product by promoting high quality honey in every aspect of the spectrum of its use and consumption.

b) Promoting knowledge on the special value and the healthy/nutritional properties of honey to new and younger consumers (schools), to professional pastry chefs, artisans, with emphasis to gastronomy & culinary art schools and to restaurants.

c) The promotion of the high quality of honey produced with the aim of advancing the knowledge of their tasting differences.

3. Eligible to participate is companies from any honey producing country in the world, with a production of at least **500 kilos per type** are those allowed to participate in the competition "London IHA 2023". The necessary condition for the participation is the correct drafting and presentation of the nomination within the suggested timeframe.

4. Up to the deadline referred to in point 6, individual producers, traders, cooperatives who wish to take part in the competition must present types of honey, together with correspondingly filled in participation forms. It is the participant's own responsibility to arrange for the samples to be delivered at the Secretariat of the competition, within the timeframe determined in article 6.

Each type/packaging of honey participating in the competition must be accompanied by the following documents:

a) The **participation form**, fully and correctly filled in. (Any illegible form or with wrong information will not be considered as valid).

b) For each type/packaging of honey participating in the competition there should be **four (4) items of packaged honey (glass jar or can) of 250gr or 500gr sealed and regularly labeled** sent.

c) Copy of proof of payment for the participation in the competition (participation fee is **€250 (euros) per brand**). All the above must be attached in a separate sealed file that must be delivered along with the rest of the participant's details. (In order to facilitate the participation and in order to avoid any delay, it is advised to send copies of the required documents in advance via email at: info@LondonHoneyAwards.com Any participation not in accordance with the regulations of the competition will be excluded.

d) **Chemical analysis certificate by an approved laboratory** in Sugar (content%), Fructose, Glucose, Sucrose, Sum of fructose and glucose, Moisture, Diastase activity (Schade scale/g), Electrical conductivity (mS/cm), Pollen spectrum, Hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) content (mg/kg).

5. The organization committee is not responsible for any participation submitted after the deadline for the presentation of the participation forms, for total or partial loss of participation materials during transport, chemical/natural or organoleptic spoiling of the samples due to temperature changes or bottle breaking (or any other problem) during the transport. Courier or any other expenses relative to the transport are charged to the participant or the companies. From the moment of the delivery of the samples to the secretariat of the competition and following the presentation of the samples to the selection committee of the competition, it is upon the organizing committee's responsibility to maintain the samples' order and complete integrity.

6. The presentation and the selection of the honeys for the participation in the competition will be carried out using samples based on the harvesting period (honey production period 2022-2023). The presentation of the participation forms deadline is **20 December 2023** and honey samples' deadline is **20 December 2023 at 5.00 pm**

7. The honey samples that will participate in the competition will be submitted anonymously and properly coded for a blind organoleptic tasting by a committee, which consists of a head-taster president and the tasters-judges, members of the organoleptic committee. The Committee will be using a suitable evaluation form, rating each sample with a separate and final total grade, on a 0-100 scale. Depending on the total number of samples to be evaluated, the head of the team may break up the committee into subgroups and appoint one coordinator for each sub-group.

8. The Coordinating Committee consists of groups that organise the competition and is led by the president or a representative who will appoint the president of the organoleptic committee, who in turn will choose and cooperate with the members of the organoleptic committee. In respect of the composition of the committee, decisions are final and irrevocable. The participation of a member who has any

relation whatsoever - as an employee or otherwise - with the companies participating in the competition is forbidden.

9. Each sample's rating will be calculated based on the numeric rating given by the members of the selection committee. A representative of the Organization/ Coordinating Committee will supervise the official works of the organoleptic panel and will ensure that the proceedings are carried out in a smooth and unimpeachable way. In order to preserve the status of the participating processors/companies, the individual ratings of all the samples will not be published. The participants in the competition may request access to the respective rating of samples presented at the Secretariat of the competition or at the organization.

10. The companies awarded during the competition in each category, will have the right to advertise their distinction to the public.

11. All participants will be notified in due time by the secretariat of the competition for the date of the distinction awarding ceremony.

12. The results of the awards will be published in the newspapers as well as promoted via news releases and media announcements. The Secretariat of the competition will carry out the publication and promotion to the media of the results of "London IHA 2023" via broadcasting radio and television channels, with the aim of making public and promoting the awarded companies but also the institution.

The organizing Competition

The organization committee of the Competition