

# Spring Convention 2008

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Dear Colleague

On Sunday 20 April the BBKA is holding an Education day as an extra feature for members. There are a number of events that have been specially organised to help members prepare for the BASIC assessment and to learn more about official duties of officers within Area Associations and Branches.

In Particular, we are running a session between 10.00 am and 12.30 to help members prepare for the BASIC assessment. This will be a unique opportunity to learn what is expected and will be run by Ivor Davis a master beekeeper and Immediate Past President and Val Francis, the secretary of the Examinations Board. Tom Salter, Master Beekeeper and Chairman of the Examinations Board will also be there to explain some of the questions that could be asked during an assessment.

The price for this opportunity is £15.00 and includes lunch and a £5.00 voucher that can be redeemed against the cost of the examination's fee. Cheques, payable to the BBKA should be sent to 2, Harlyn Road, Millbrook, Southampton SO16 4NF to book a place on this event

There are still a few places left for the 'So you want to be...' session to be held between 10.30 and 12.30 on the same day. This will help potential officers of Associations and Branches learn about their duties and the support that is available from the BBKA. There is no cost for the course but a lunch ticket must be purchased for £5.00. We are requiring everyone to book a lunch ticket for the day to encourage members at all the sessions on Sunday to get together to swap ideas and get to know beekeepers from other parts of the country.

Please contact potential candidates for this and the BASIC training course and ask them to contact Mary Dartnall on 023 8077 5445 to book a place before it is too late.

Yours Truly

Val Francis & Ivor Davis