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Anap and Adapi, committed to improving the value of Algerian honeys



The national association of professional beekeepers – Anap is a young organization created in 2015 on the initiative of a small group of professionals who were concerned themselves with organizing Algerian beekeepers to address the issues of genetic loss and diseases affecting their bees and to bring value-addition to their honeys on the national market compared to imported honeys.

Beginning of 2019, to meet this value-addition issue, as part of its partnership with Fert, Anap set up a honey analysis laboratory. In the medium term, the laboratory should guarantee the traceability and quality of the jars produced and sold by member beekeepers and fully satisfy consumers' expectations with their quality-controlled products.

Anap asked Fert for the expertise and the support of the Association pour le développement de l'apiculture provençale – Adapi (association for the development of Provençal beekeeping), on the aspects of honey development, since the Provençal association is at the origin of the creation in France of the PGI "Miel de Provence".

Sharing the same values of professionalism and mutualism that put beekeepers and their organization at the center of any development process, Adapi, Anap and Fert started a first 3-year partnership.

After a first exchange trip to Algeria at the end of 2018, the two FOs defined the priorities on which they want to collaborate. A mission of an Adapi employee was organized in June 2019 with the main objective of facilitating Anap beekeepers' reflections on the quality criteria for Algerian honeys.

Adapi, created in 1986, is made up of several types of beekeeping groups. It is managed by a board of professional beekeepers, mainly.

Its objective is to contribute to the development of beekeeping in the South (PACA region) and to meet the technical and economic needs of the professional beekeepers and to contribute to the protection of honeybees.



GDAEBN and CDEO64, committed to the development of genetic services



The GDAEBN, the agricultural development group of sheep breeders from the North - Tunisia, is committed to progress in several areas (improving flocks' management, fodder systems and feeding systems, etc.), but the preservation and improvement of certain local breeds (such as Black Thibar and Sicilo-Sardinian) is one of their priorities.

These flocks are in fact becoming smaller and smaller and their genetic potential is deteriorating.

After an exchange visit organized by Fert in the south of France with several breeder organizations, the links between GDAEBN and the CDEO64 from the Pyrénées Atlantiques has been strengthened. A first mission of an employee from the center CDEO64 was organized in April 2019 to the GDAEBN in Tunisia and accompanied by Fert.

CDEO64 is a cooperative that brings together nearly 1500 dairy sheep breeders from the Basque and Béarn regions. For nearly 40 years, breeders have collectively worked to defend and improve the genetics of their local breeds. CDEO64's activities are thus focusing on the selection of 3 local breeds (Manech Tête Rousse, Manech Tête Noire and Basco-béarnaise), technical follow-up and support to breeders (namely milk recording program, artificial inseminations, gestation reports, technical and economic follow-up and support, milk quality, veterinary management, etc.).



Constructive exchanges and mutual interests

Because leaders and employees of **GDAEBN** and **CDEO64** share common challenges, exchanges between them were quickly very constructive and allowed GDAEBN to better define steps and essential tools to launch and operate their selection schemes.

These exchanges also made it possible to imagine the missions that could be carried out by several Tunisian partners involved in these genetic working areas (GDAEBN, INRAT and OEP). Discussions are ongoing to finetune and execute such a partnership.

Vice versa, a partnership with GDAEBN can enable CDEO64 to question the actions implemented by their cooperative, moreover it may also enable self-questioning on an individual level.

To exchange with **Adapi** allowed **Anap** to think about the necessary steps to set up honey quality specifications.

A small committee, composed of four beekeepers, two researchers and a technician, has been appointed to define the several control points on the quality standards adapted to Algerian beekeeping.

According to Adapi, a partnership with Anap could build a space where Provence and Algerian beekeepers could exchange and reflect on their practices.

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