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THE GRAND PRIX OF THE 48th INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF INVENTIONS GENEVA AWARDED TO A MOLECULE THAT PROTECTS BEES

The Grand Prix of the 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva was awarded on Friday, 28 April 2023 to the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, represented by Sébastien Floquet and Aneta Ozieranska, for the development of a non-toxic food molecule inspired by natural enzymes. This innovation protects bees from external aggressions, which in turn helps develop colonies and reduces bee mortality.

In part provoked by disease, the rapid disappearance of bees is a troubling phenomenon found worldwide. Bees are more than just honey makers. The role they play is vital for biodiversity, as flower pollination is crucial for the survival of plant species. Taking on the challenge of preventing bee extinction, the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines has developed a food molecule capable of greatly reducing bee mortality and protecting the species. It has been validated by tests in hundreds of hives in four countries.

The International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva also rewarded roughly fifty other very high-level inventions, among the thousand or so innovations presented this year.

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