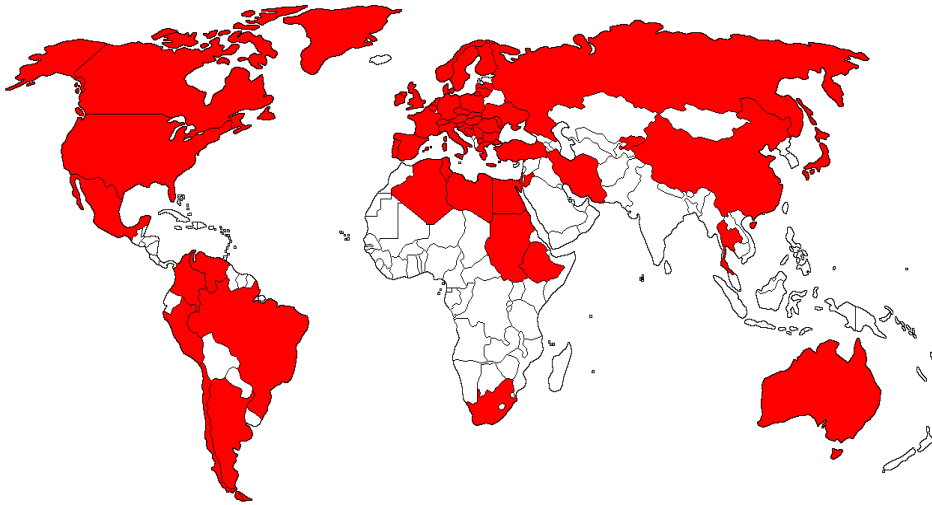




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Since Ricola Foundation support for COLOSS began in October 2010, participation in the network has increased to 264 researchers.



Members of COLOSS are located in 56 countries around the globe (highlighted in red).

Two workshops were organized by COLOSS in late 2010

In early November 2010, the world's leading experts on the *Varroa destructor* mite, arguably the single most economically important parasite of honey bees, met near Biel, Switzerland to discuss challenges the mite provides to researchers and beekeepers.



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At the end of November 2010, over 40 researchers from 15 countries met in Bologna, Italy to discuss laboratory study protocols that use adult honey bees to investigate effects of parasites and pesticides, among others, on bees.