

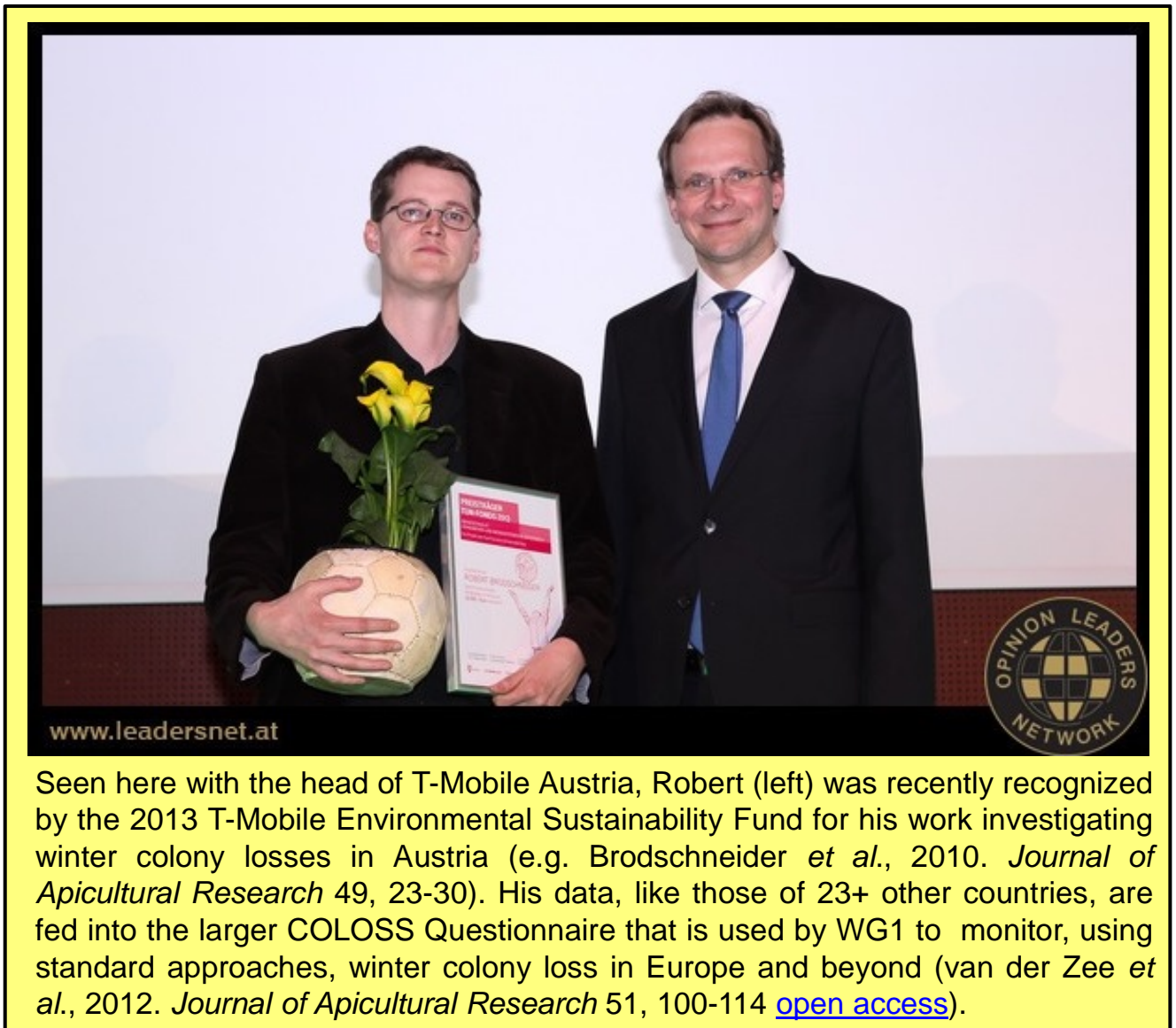


# Spotlight

## Early Stage Researcher

### Dr. Robert Brodschneider

Robert Brodschneider has been a tireless champion of COLOSS over the years. A post-doc in Prof. Karl Crailsheim's group at the University of Graz, Austria, Robert's research interests include honey bee physiology and understanding drivers of colony mortality in Austria. Not only has Robert played a key role in WG1's COLOSS Questionnaire, but he has also been an active contributor to the *COLOSS BEEBOOK*.



Seen here with the head of T-Mobile Austria, Robert (left) was recently recognized by the 2013 T-Mobile Environmental Sustainability Fund for his work investigating winter colony losses in Austria (e.g. Brodschneider *et al.*, 2010. *Journal of Apicultural Research* 49, 23-30). His data, like those of 23+ other countries, are fed into the larger COLOSS Questionnaire that is used by WG1 to monitor, using standard approaches, winter colony loss in Europe and beyond (van der Zee *et al.*, 2012. *Journal of Apicultural Research* 51, 100-114 [open access](#)).

**Congrats Robert!**