



# COLOSS Update

## June 2012

The schedule for the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> COLOSS Conference to be held in conjunction with EurBee 5 in Halle an der Saale, Germany, between 1-3 September has taken shape; a number of excellent scientists have agreed to give plenary lectures.



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### Dr. Jeff Pettis, United States Department of Agriculture

The lead researcher at the USDA's Beltsville bee lab, Jeff will speak to COLOSS members about future opportunities for North American and European colleagues to work together towards a sustainable solution to honey bee health.



### Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp, University of Maryland & the Bee Informed Partnership

Project Director for the Bee Informed Partnership, Dennis will discuss his extension project in the United States and detail how it aims to reduce winter colony losses.



### Dr. Marie-Pierre Chauzat, EU Honey Bee Reference Lab

Marie-Pierre will enlighten meeting attendants about the newly created EU reference lab for honey bees, and discuss future ways the lab and the COLOSS network can work together.



### Drs. Jamie Ellis & Vincent Dietemann, and Mr. Norman Carreck

Hailing from the University of Florida, the Swiss Bee Research Centre, and the International Bee Research Association, respectively, these researchers will discuss the much anticipated COLOSS *BEEBOOK*, specifically detailing scientific content of the manual as well as the reviewing and publishing processes.



### Dr. Peter Neumann, Swiss Bee Research Centre

Our Action Chair will lead the meeting, as well as discuss future bee networking opportunities for COLOSS members.

