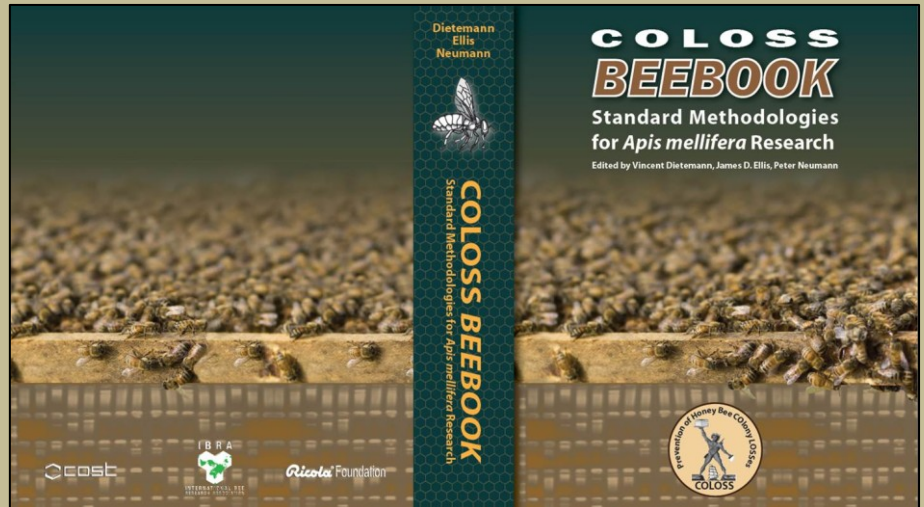


The COLOSS BEEBOOK

The COLOSS BEEBOOK is making steady progress towards its anticipated December 2012 publication. Many reviewers' comments have been passed along to chapter authors by the Editors, with responses to those reviews due back by mid August.

Additionally, the front, back, and spine covers for the BEEBOOK have been finalized, and feature a frame of honey bees above a PCR gel, as well as logos of COLOSS' main collaborators.



Workshop in Turkey

In early March, 21 participants attended a Workgroup 2 (Pests and Pathogens) workshop in Istanbul to discuss the microsporidian gut parasites *Nosema apis* & *Nosema ceranae*. The ultimate goal of this workshop was to develop collaborative research projects. In total, five experiments were selected:

1. Evaluation of laboratory cages for honey bees.
2. Standardisation of honey bee sampling for *Nosema* monitoring.
3. Survey of *Nosema* in selected European countries, in coordination with the EU FP7 Project BEEDOC.
4. Validation of *Nosema* spore quantification in the laboratory.
5. Development of alternative *Nosema* treatment methods.

All projects are either in progress, or will begin in the very near future.

