



Over the past few months COLOSS has been working hard to organize its annual conference. This year, it will take place in conjunction with 2 workshops in Belgrade, Serbia between 25-28 August.

To date, 55 members have registered for the conference alone. Invited speakers include some of the world's most prominent bee researchers, including:

Dr. Jamie Ellis University of Florida

Jamie is a faculty member in the Department of Entomology and Nematology in Gainesville. His team conducts research on various aspects of honey bee biology and parasitology, including pollination ecology, ecotoxicology, and control of the important honey bee pest – the small hive beetle.



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Baldwin leads the Behavioural and Chemical Ecology group at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*) in Nairobi, Kenya. His main research interests include honey bee – pest interactions and the development of effective, practical pest management techniques for beekeepers and farmers.