



**2011 will be another bright year for COLOSS. In addition to 1 conference and 8 workshops, 9 Short-term Scientific Missions (STSMs) that allow Early Stage Researchers to develop their skills in specialized laboratories throughout Europe will occur.**

## STSM at Ghent University



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In late March, Aygün Yalcinkaya from Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey travelled to the lab of Prof. Dr. Dirk de Graaf at Ghent University in Belgium to work on genotyping the bacterium *Paenibacillus larvae*, the causative agent of American foulbrood in honey bees.



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## Workshop in Plovdiv

In early March, 31 researchers from COLOSS Working Group 4 met at Plovdiv University in Bulgaria to discuss genotype-environment interactions in honey bee colonies. Preliminary data from members suggest significant genotype-environment interactions for most honey bee traits, with the exception of the parasitic mite *Varroa destructor* and bee hygienic behaviour.



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