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Joint Workshops of the Varroa Control and Sustainable Bee Breeding Task Forces

Dates: 20th to 24th of January 2019

Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the joint **2019 winter workshops of the Varroa and Sustainable Bee Breeding** Task Forces within COLOSS. The workshops will be held **on January 20th to 24th at the Volcani Center of Agricultural Research Organization at Rishon LeZion, Israel**



The Agenda will focus on the organization and discussion of common activities, presentations of new approaches/ techniques. Presentations and Meeting with beekeepers will also take place as well as cultural guided excursions.

The workshop is open to COLOSS members, but preference will be given to colleagues actively participating in the common activities.

The submission of an abstract is recommended but not required, unless you wish to have it published in the Workshop Proceedings.

The meeting location

The workshops will be held at the Volcani Agricultural Complex, situated 10 km east of Tel Aviv, Israel. It is also 20 min away from the Tel Aviv-Ben Gurion International airport and about 40 min from the Tel Aviv City Center and 10 min from our experimental apiary.

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Travel information

Israel has visa exemption agreements with many countries - for visits of up to 90 days. Before going to the mission, check whether you need to obtain a visa to visit Israel at official site of the ministry of external affairs:

<http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ConsularServices/Pages/Visas.aspx>. It is important to emphasize that the exemption applies only to visas for visits and to passports (not to laissez passer).

Accommodation: It is advised to stay in Tel Aviv. The organized bus will bring you daily to the Volcani campus and back to Tel Aviv. The bus will be from hotel BY 14.

We negotiated prices at this hotel. The prices are 545 NIS for double and 490 NIS for single room including breakfast, but there are plenty of other possibilities that you can book by yourself. As Tel Aviv is a very touristic city the hotel reservation should be made as soon as possible

The deadline for registration and sending your abstract is the 25th of November 2018.

Once registration is completed- please indicate when (day & time) you are landing and for how many days.

General plan of the workshops:

20th-21 January 2019: Varroa Control Workshop 09⁰⁰-17⁰⁰

22nd January 2019 Trip to Jerusalem and visit to beekeeper

23-24th January 2019 : Sustainable Bee Breeding Workshop 09⁰⁰-17⁰⁰

25th- January 2019 -Optional trip to the Dead Sea area

Registration fee: 50 Euro

The fee includes daily transportation, lunches, social diner and the trip to Jerusalem on 22nd of January.

The cost of the optional trip: 50 Euro

Looking forward to welcoming you in Israel for a successful and productive workshops!

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Paz Kahanov, Victoria Soroker

Local extension services and beekeepers