



Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the local organizing committee, Mića Mladenović and Ljubiša Stanisavljević, I would like to welcome you all to the VIIth COLOSS Conference and MC meeting in Belgrade, Serbia.

In addition to the local organizers, many other COLOSS members have worked tirelessly to make events in Belgrade run smoothly, including Fani Hatjina, Asli Ozkirim, Bach Kim Nguyen, Aline Fauser, Geoff Williams, and others.

A thank you goes out to all attendants and abstract submitters, and especially to our invited speakers – Jamie Ellis and Baldwyn Torto – for agreeing to speak to us.

We have many important topics to discuss, such as future collaboration with the new EU reference laboratory, *BEEBOOK* logistics, and upcoming workgroup events, so I trust we will spend our time in Belgrade wisely. But please, do not forget to enjoy the city!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our events in Belgrade, which are made possible by financial support granted by COST via the Action FA0803 COLOSS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Neumann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peter Neumann, Action Chair
Bern, Switzerland, Monday, 22 August 2011