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Honey Bee Behavior

Message from the Guest Editor

Honey bees, *Apis mellifera* L., live in a structured insect society, headed by a female monarch with a highly organized, yet flexible work force. The colony can both aggressively defend itself and effectively harvest nearby natural resources for it's long term survival. Individual bees function not as automatons, but rather as problem solvers for the group. Across multiple levels of biological organization, the honey bee has fascinated both naturalists and philosophers, psychologists and biologists; from genes to physiology to behavior to ecology, honey bees serve as a model organism. In this Special Issues of the journal Insects, we unite scholars using multiple perspectives to understand the honey bee and its contributions to modern science. Evans

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