

“Batrafest: A Symposium in Honor of Dr. Suzanne Batra” May 3, 2019

Join us and Dr. Suzanne Batra for a Symposium honoring Suzanne's long and varied career, from pioneering work in social evolution to numerous applied and fundamental discoveries in bees and the environment. As a bonus, Suzanne will give the final word on what she meant when she coined the term “eusocial” 55 years ago!

- 8:30-9:30- Signing in and Coffee, **USDA Log Lodge, Beltsville, MD USA**
- 9:30 Dr. Jay Evans, USDA-ARS Bee Research Lab, “Suzanne at the USDA”
- 9:45: Dr. Francisco Posada-Florez, USDA-ARS Bee Research Lab, “Suzanne’s diverse contributions to bee science”
- 10:00-**Plenary Lecture:** Dr. Miriam Richards, Brock University, " "Sweat bees, carpenter bees, and the (slowly) evolving definition of insect sociality"
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45- **Plenary Lecture:** Dr. Sarah Kocher, Princeton University, "The interplay of genes and ecology in the evolution of eusociality".
- 11:15 Dr. Suzanne Batra "You say Eusocial: what did I say? And a life with bees”
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, sandwiches
- 1:00-3:00 10 additional speakers (selected from attendees)
- 3:00-5:00 Discussions and a tour of Suzanne's bee pastures and nesting sites
- 5:00- 7:00 Catered Dinner, Indian food

Optional field trips on Saturday May 4.