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Original paper: Germination types and changes of inner tissues of buoyant and nonbuoyant sclerotia of *Corticium rolfsii*

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Germination and infectivity were examined for buoyant and nonbuoyant sclerotia of Corticium rolfsii isolated from water chestnut. In both types of sclerotia, germination occurred eruptively through a rind hole made with a sharp needle and from the whole surface of sclerotia treated with 0.5% NaClO for 10 min. When the sclerotia were air-dried, the buoyant tended to germinate more rapidly and eruptively than the nonbuoyant. Germination and infection on snap bean hypocytyls were also more rapid for the buoyant than the nonbouyant. Irrespective of the germination type, morphological changes of the rind and cortex cells were similar in the course of germination, and hyphae were considered to be originated from the cortex and/or outer medulla cells of sclerotia. Compared with untreated sclerotia, adhesion of the skin to the outermost rind cells became looser in the dried sclerotia and more significantly in the NaClOtreated sclerotia.

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Original paper: Studies on mycoflora of house dust for etiological analyses on causative agents of asthma

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The mycofloristic results of 98 house dust samples from asthmatic patients' dwellings were compared by three isolation methods: dilution plate, ethanol pre-treatment and Warcup & Bakers' methods. Hydrophilic and mesophilic deuteromycota in which growth can develop only at water activity values (Aw) greater than 0.80 were detected on PDA by dilution plating, while the microfungi developed on DG-18 plates by the same method were xerophilic and xerotolerant. Eurotium spp., Aspergillus restrictus and Wallemia sebi, which occurred in about 60% of the total isolated fungi on DG-18 plates, were the main xerophiles that were capable of growth below Aw 0.80 in house dust. Isolates on PDA plates after ethanol pre-treatment consisted of 54% of ascomycota and 29% of deuteromycota, among which Chaetomium spp. and Nigrospora oryzae were predominant respectively. Approximately 88% of the total isolates on PDA after the treatment with ethanol and at 60°C (Warcup & Bakers'

method) were undoubtedly heat-resistant ascomycota such as species of *Talaromyces*, *Eurotium*, *Neosartorya* and *Eupenicillium*, because ascospores formed by these fungi were extremely heat-resistant compared with spores of other microfungi. Occurrence of *Eurotium* spp. on DG-18 plates after the heat treatment increased to as high as 92%. Diversity in these mycoflora shows that isolation methods are important for the enumeration of constant propagule types associated with house dust samples.

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Original paper: Comparison of physiological characteristics of Japanese and Thai oyster mushrooms and their F₁ hybrid

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Japanese, Thai and their F_1 hybrid stocks of *Pleurotus ostreatus* were cultivated at 22°C during the spawnrun time, then at 15°C or 22°C during fruiting. There was no noticeable difference in change of CO_2 concentrations in sawdust-ricebran substrata between Japanese and Thai stocks during spawn-run time. However, Thai stocks fruited and raised CO_2 concentration of the substrata earlier than did Japanese stocks at both temperatures. At 22°C, Thai stocks formed plentiful fruit-body primordia that grew into normal fruit-bodies, while Japanese stocks formed sparse primordia that failed to follow normal growth. These traits of Japanese and Thai stocks segregated in their F_1 hybrid stocks, and many F_1 stocks represented the Thai phenotype.

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Short Communication: A poisonous species, *Tricholoma* pardinum newly recorded in Japan

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A poisonous *Tricholoma* species, collected in a broad-leaved forest in Sado island, Niigata prefecture, was identified as *Tricholoma pardinum*, new to Japan. The poisoning by it was not fatal but gastrointestinal in its effects.

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Short Communication: Occurrence of seedling dampingoff of Jew's mallow, Corchorus olitorius caused by Rhizoctonia solani AG-2-1

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Seedling damping-off of Jew's mallow (*Corchorus olitorius*) occurred in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan in May, 1994. Twelve isolates of fungi were obtained from the deseased tissues. In inoculation tests at 15 and 25°C, only one isolate was pathogenic on Jew's mallow and radish seedlings at 15°C, but not at 25°C. The isolate from diseased plants was identified as *Rhizoctonia solani*, based on the morphological and cultural characteristics. The isolate anastomosed with standard isolate of AG-2-1 only and restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLP) patterns of internal transcribed spacers (ITS) region of rDNA were the same as those of the standard isolate of AG-2-1.

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Short Communication: Effect of addition of corn fiber in the medium on the fruit-body production of edible mushrooms

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Corn fiber, the waste product of corn starch manufacture, was studied to estimate its applicability as a substrate for the commercial production of several edible mushrooms in Japan by bottle cultivation. The use of corn fiber successfully increased the yield of fruit-bodies (fresh weight basis) of *Pleurotus ostreatus*, *P. sajorcaju*, *Pholiota nameko* and *Hypsizygus marmoreus* by 1.02–1.31 times when it was added to the basal medium (10–30%) consisting of sawdust and rice bran.

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Short Communication: Materials for the fungus flora of Japan (52)

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A hyphomycete, Alysidium resinae var. microsporum, newly found on a plastic doll in Japan, is described. Nippon Kingakukai Kaiho 38: 249-250, 1997

Note: Materials for the fungus flora of Japan (50)

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The following four species, new to Japan, are reported: *Clitocybe sinopica*, *Tricholoma pardinum*, *Cortinarius decipiens*, and *Entoloma incanum*.

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Note: The effects of culture conditions on volatiles produced by Lasiodiplodia theobromae

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The effects of culture conditions on the production of volatiles by Lasiodiplodia theobromae were studied. 2-Octeno- δ -lactone was produced in significant yield only in potato-glucose medium by L. theobromae cultured for 14 d. About 0.5 mg was produced by L. theobromae cultured on a plate of the medium (20 ml) in the dark, as also noted with fluorescent light. In liquid medium, however, the fungus produced no δ -lactone in the dark, in contrast to the result obtained with light. 2-Octeno- δ -lactone within or on the surface of agar medium covered with L. theobromae was essentially the same, regardless of mycelial content.

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Review: Plasmid DNA in fungi

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Review: Taxonomic studies on Plectomycetes (Cleistothecial ascomycetes)

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Species of plectomycetous ascomycetes comprise a biologically diverse and interesting group. They are ubiquitous in our environment, but principally occur in nature as soil-dwelling saprobes and as decomposers of organic debris in terrestrial ecosystems. Recent molecular studies on the phylogenetic relationships of filamentous ascomycetes have shown that the orders Ascosphaerales, Onygenales and Eurotiales are better accomodated in the Plectomycetes as a monophyletic group. Among them, the Onygenales and Eurotiales contain a number of economically important species including well-recognized agents of dermatomycoses, opportunistic and allergenic diseases of humans and higher animals, mycotoxigenic decomposers of agricultural commodities and processed foods, producers of important pharmaceuticals such as antibotics and starters of traditional fermented foods. This review presents an overview of our taxonomic studies on the Plectomycetes, with special reference to up-to-date knowledge of the Onygenales. Three new combinations were made: Arachniotus trochleosporus (Kuehn et Orr) Udagawa, Gymnostellatospora alpina (E. Müll. et v. Arx) Udagawa, and Gymnostellatospora dendroidea (Locq.-Lin.) Udagawa.

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Review: Studies on flora of parasitic fungi to woody plants in Japan and certain tropical and subtropical area

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Through the survey on fungi parasitic to woody plants in Japan except Nansei Islands, 158 species of 76 genera including 4 new genera and 58 new species were

newly added to the Japanese fungus flora. They belonged Ascomycotina (46%, 35 genera and 72 species) and Deuteromycotina (54%, 41 genera and 86 species). In total 231 species belonging to 92 genera were recorded from the Nansei Islands, which distribute between Kyushu and Taiwan. The number of fungi fixing southern limit of distribution at the Nansei Islands gradually decreased from the northernmost Islands (Yaku-Tane Islands) to the southernmost Islands (Yaeyama Islands). Reversely, the number of fungi fixing northern limit of distribution decreased from south to north. Percentage of indigenous fungi were almost equal throughout the Nansei Islands. In the Philippines, Indonesia and Paraguay, manuals for tree diseases and their control measures were published based on the survey of tree diseases and their causal fungi together with the research counterparts in each countries.

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