

First quarter 2018

Progress in Digitization Efforts

- Added University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (UCHT) as a Live Collection
- A new Data Curator, Diego Barroso, was hired and will start May 16.
- Three undergraduate Student Transcribers were hired and will start May 20.

Best Practices and Standards (Lessons Learned)

Gaps in Digitization Areas and Technology

- Beta version of GenBank Sequence Submission Tool in Symbiota completed and test sequences submitted to GenBank

Opportunities to Enhance Training Efforts

Collaboration with other TCNS, Institutions, and Organizations

- Andrew Miller represented Symbiota at the recent BCon meeting in Lawrence, KS in February.
- The MiCC project was cited in this publication on the MaCC project: Thiers BM, Halling RE. 2018. The Macrofungi Collection Consortium. Applications in Plant Sciences 6:e1021, doi:10.1002/aps3.1021

Opportunities and Strategies for Sustainability

Education and Outreach Activities

- Continued activity on Facebook group to engage with members online about new research and project updates
- Please see a summary of our Teachers Workshop from July 2017 (attached).

Other Progress

- Please see MyCoPortal Data Portal Statistics generated from Google Analytics (attached).

Marc Cubeta, Sharon Mozley-Standridge and colleagues recently hosted a Fungal Biology and Biodiversity STEM Educational Module Development workshop for pre-service, middle and high school biology/environmental science teachers on July 14-18, 2017 at the University of Georgia-Athens (UGA). The workshop was sponsored by the Mycological Society of America (MSA) and National Science Foundation and based on the premise that teachers have limited time to discuss fungi as isolated taxonomic units in their curriculum. The workshop began with a cordial welcome from Josef Broder, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Marin Brewer from UGA. Members of the society, including graduate students, presented lectures and provided examples of laboratory-based exercises for use by teachers in their classrooms. Teachers interacted with MSA members during the workshop and meeting, participated in a foray at Unicoi State Park in Helen, GA, attended the MSA opening reception/social, MSA Presidential address and research presentations. The workshop culminated with the teachers developing a fungal-based lesson plan to illustrate key fundamental concepts in core scientific disciplines and address next generation educational standards. We would like to thank Lindsey Becker, Sarah Bergemann, Meredith Blackwell, Andrea Bruce, Lori Carris, Brianna Hoge, Julia Kerrigan, Andy Methven, Andrew Miller, Molly Phillips, Andrea Porrás-Alfaro, Chris Smyth, Henry Van Cotter, and Tom Volk for volunteering their valuable time to serve as instructors and mentors and Maxton Collins and Lanette Phillips for assisting with workshop preparation.



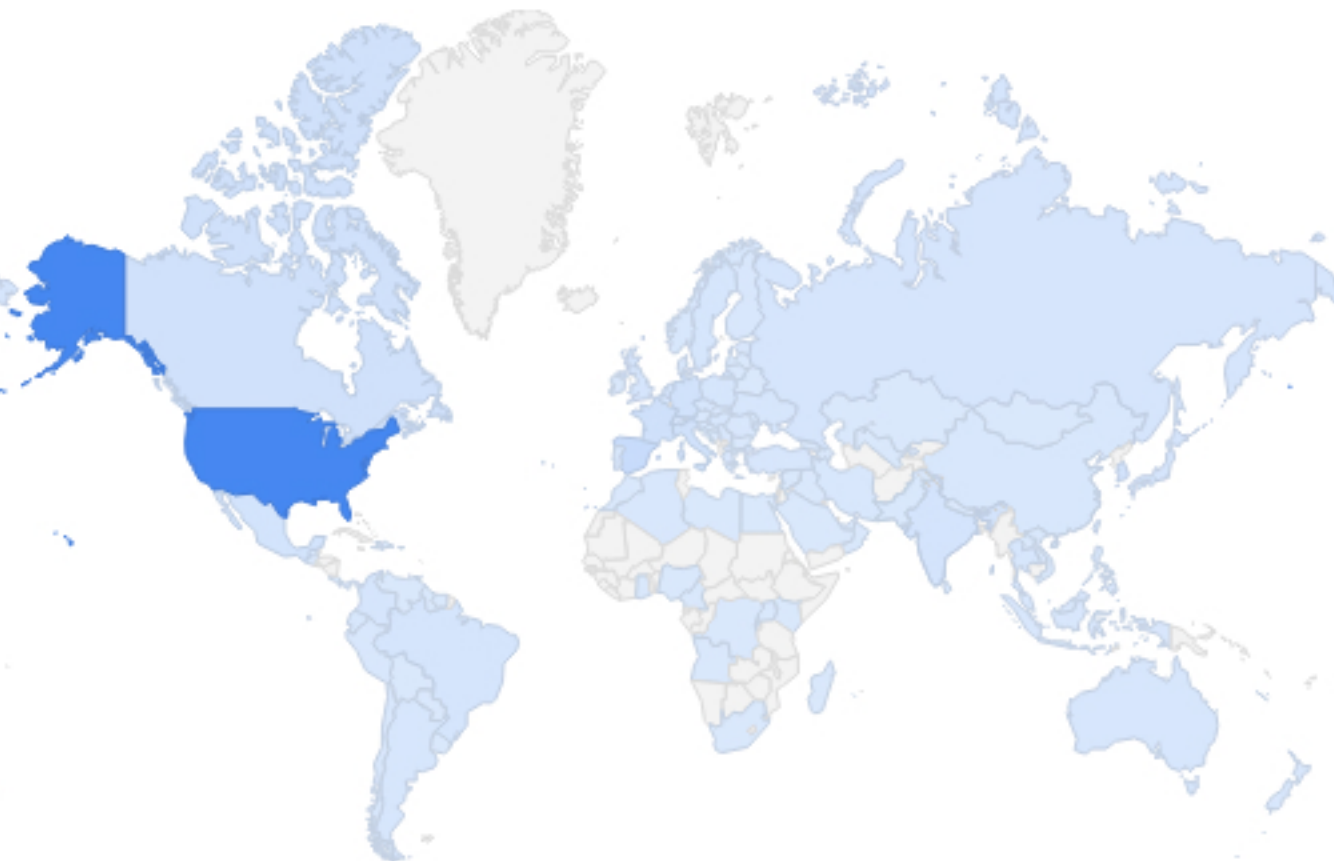
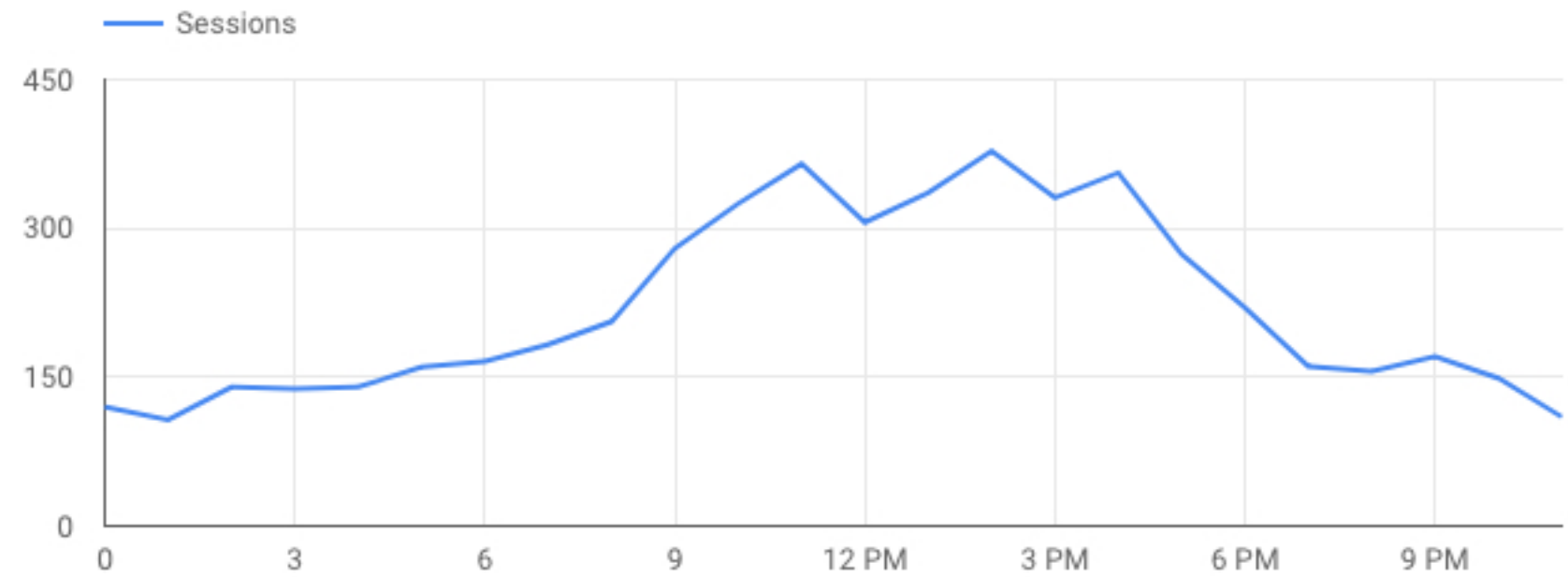
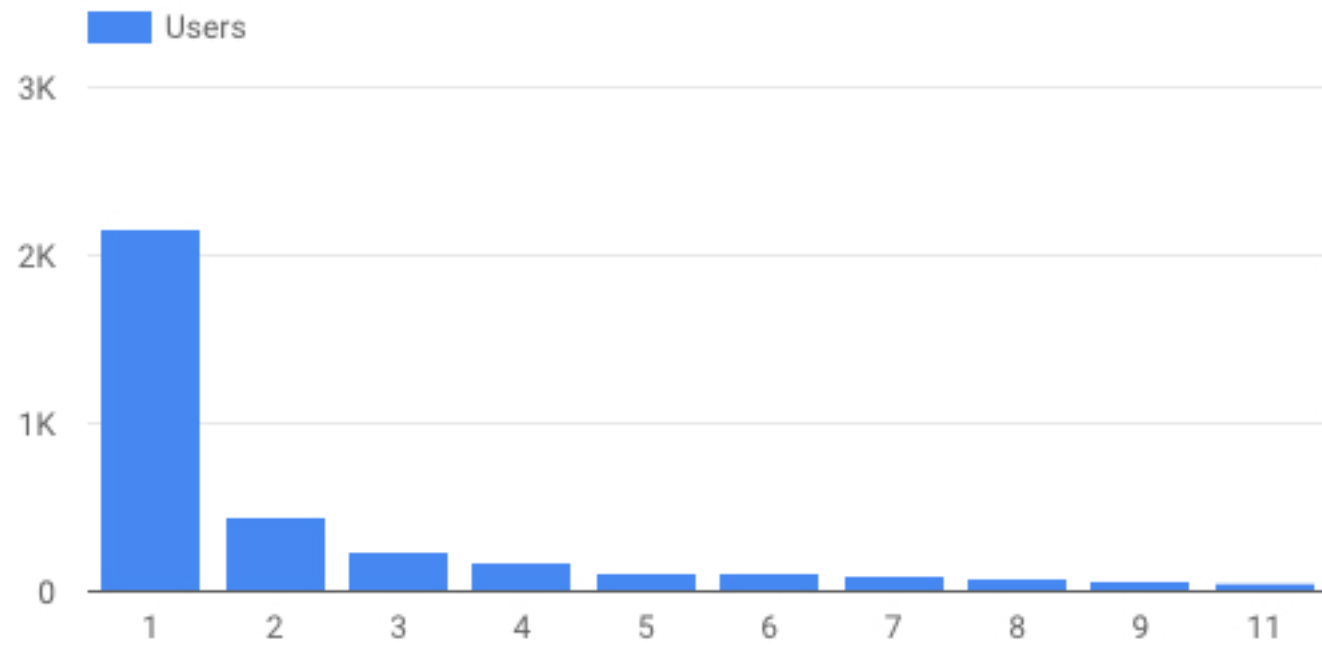
MyCoPortal Data Portal Statistics

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Data from Google Analytics

MYCOLOGY COLLECTIONS PORTAL

Users: 2,822 New Users: 2,152 Sessions: 5,278 Number of Sessions per User: 1.87 Pageviews: 16,151 Pages / Session: 3.06 Avg. Session Duration: 00:03:36 Bounce Rate: 53.90%



Country	Sessions
1. United States	2,372
2. Spain	290
3. France	167
4. Canada	163
5. Germany	139
6. Italy	137
7. South Korea	110
8. Mexico	105
9. India	92
10. Brazil	85
11. Netherlands	73

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