

The Microfungi Collections Consortium: A Networked Approach to Digitizing Small Fungi with Large Impacts on the Function and Health of Ecosystems

Using Biodiversity Specimen-Based Data to Study Global Change Workshop

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What are microfungi?

Kingdom Amoebozoa

Phylum Mycetozoa

Class Myxogastria (5 orders, 14 families, 62 genera and 888 species)

Class Dictyostelia (1 order, 2 families, 4 genera, 93 species)

Kingdom Stramenipila

Phylum Oomycota (1 class, 13 orders, 25 families, 106 genera, 956 species)

Kingdom Eumycota (Fungi)

Phylum Ascomycota

Subphylum Pezizomycotina

Class Arthoniomycetes (1 order, 4 families, 78 genera, 1608 species)

Class Dothideomycetes (11 orders, 90 families, 1302 genera, 19,010 species)

Class Eurotiomycetes (10 orders, 27 families, 281 genera, 3401 species)

Class Geoglossomycetes (all macrofungi)

Class Laboulbeniomycetes (2 orders, 5 families, 151 genera, 2072 species)

Class Lecanoromycetes (all lichens)

Class Leotiomycetes (5 orders, 19 families, 641 genera, 5587 species; ~100 species of macrofungi in Leotiales)

Class Lichinomycetes (all lichens)

Class Orbiliomycetes (1 order, 1 family, 12 genera, 288 species)

Class Pezizomycetes (all macrofungi)

Class Sordariomycetes (15 orders, 64 families, 1119 genera, 10,564 species; ~1000 species of macrofungi in Clavicipitales, Hypocreales, and Xylariales)

Subphylum Saccharomycotina (1 class, 1 order, 13 families, 88 genera, 906 species)

Subphylum Taphrinomycotina (4 classes, 4 orders, 5 families, 10 genera, 140 species)

Phylum Basidiomycota

Subphylum Agaricomycotina (all macrofungi)

Subphylum Pucciniomycotina (8 classes, 18 orders, 36 families, 247 genera, 8324 species)

Subphylum Ustilaginomycotina (1 class, 3 orders, 12 families, 62 genera, 1113 species)

Phylum Blastocladiomycota (1 class, 1 order, 5 families, 14 genera, 179 species)

Phylum Chytridiomycota (2 classes, 4 orders, 14 families, 105 genera, 706 species)

Phylum Glomeromycota (1 class, 4 orders, 9 families, 12 genera, 169 species)

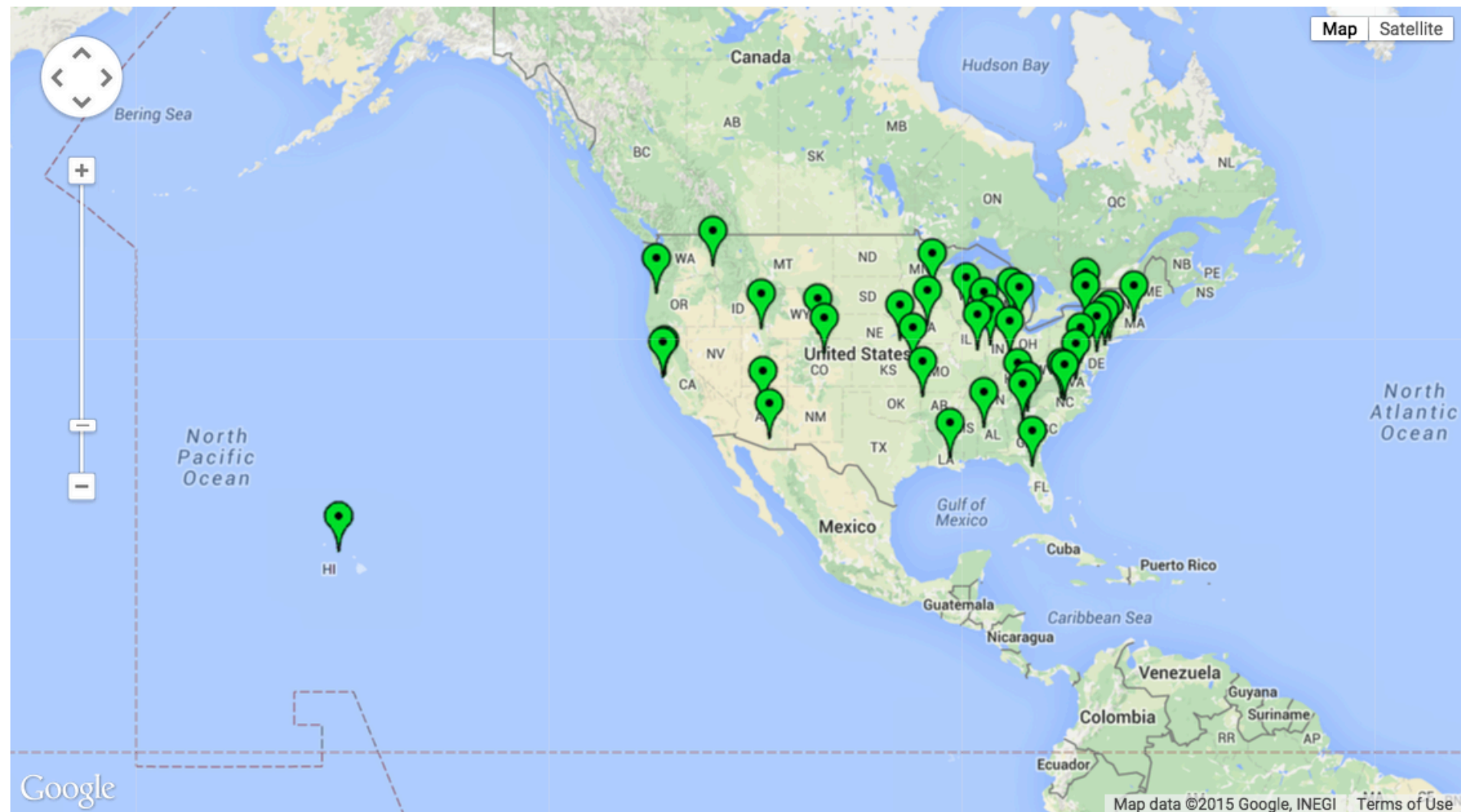
Phylum Neocallimastigomycota (1 class, 1 order, 1 family, 6 genera, 20 species)

Phylum Zygomycota (4 subphyla, 10 orders, 27 families, 168 genera, 1065 species)

~4500 genera

~56,000 species

MiCC Participants Map

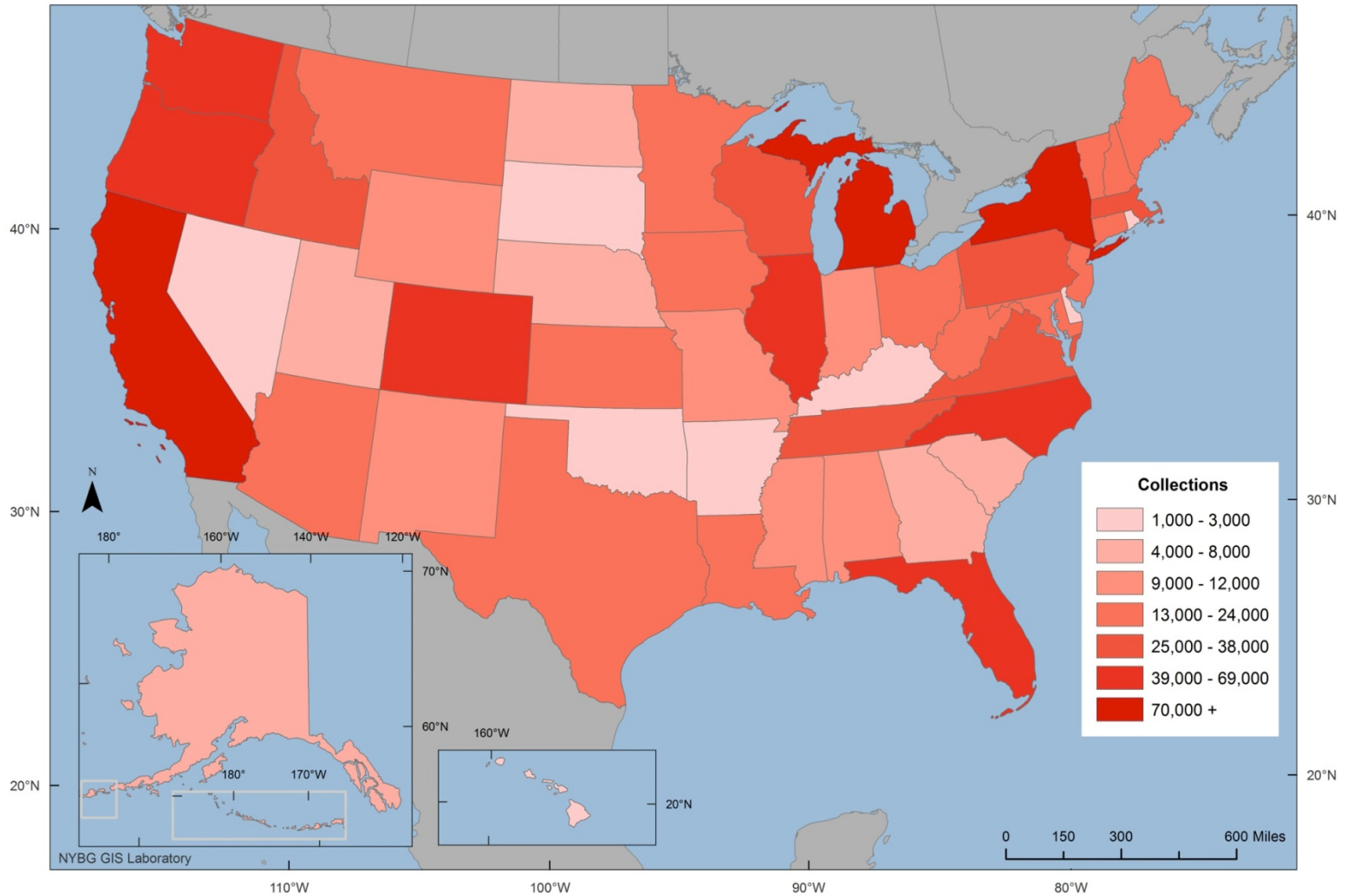


- 1.2 million microfungi specimens
- 380,000 existing records
- 53,000 existing images
- 264,000 specimen slides
- 38 institutions in 31 states

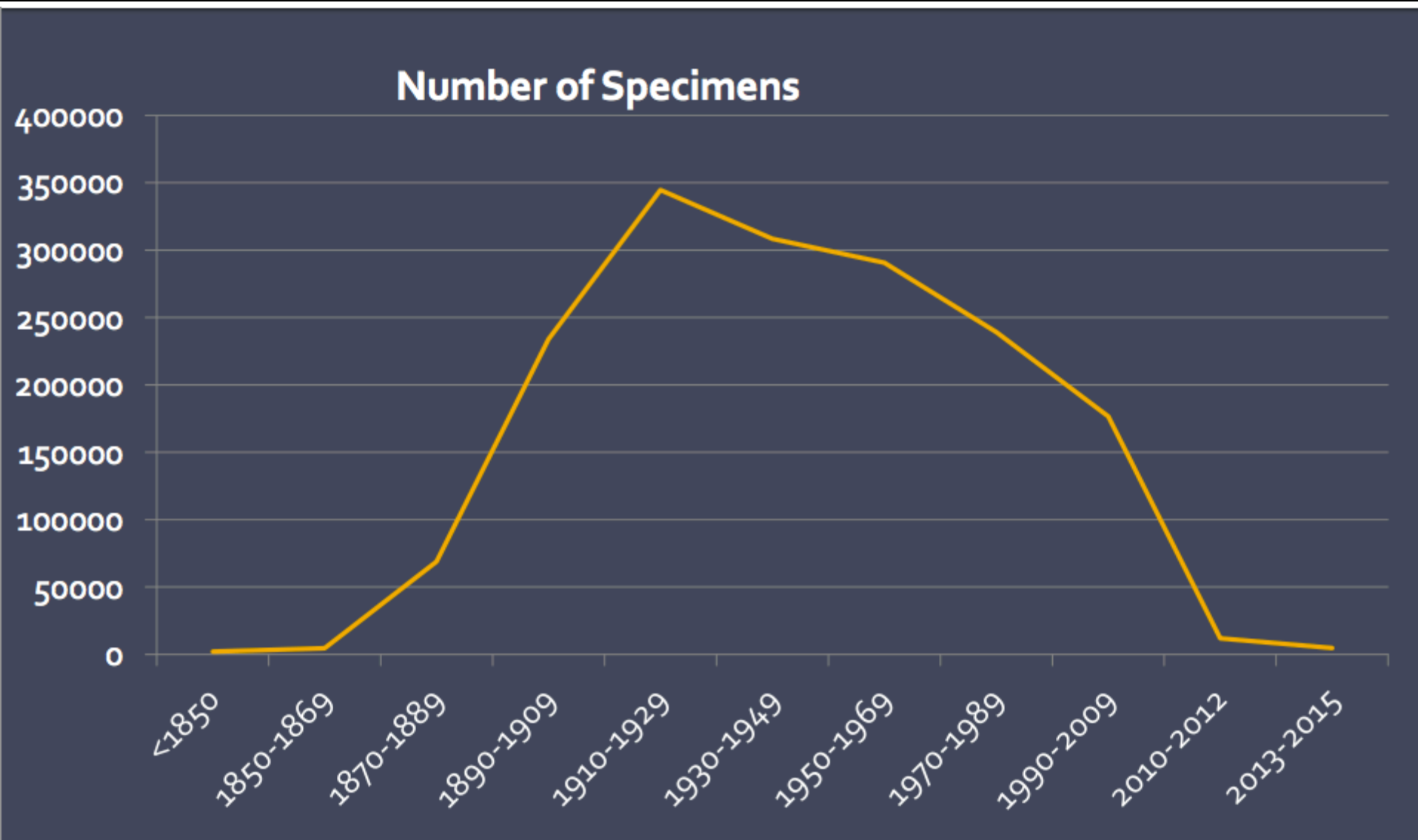
State	Institution Name and (Herbarium Code)	Specimens in MyCoPortal	Specimens Databased	Specimens to Digitize
Alabama	University of Alabama (UNA)	0	500	0
Arizona	Rocky Mountain Research Station (FPF)	0	4,622	0
Arizona	University of Arizona (ARIZ)	8,474	11,526	20,000
Arkansas	University of Arkansas (UARK)	0	40,000	10,000
California	San Francisco State University (SFSU)	0	500	0
California	University of California (UC)	297	0	56,500
Colorado	Denver Botanical Garden (DBG)	2,774	0	0
Florida	University of Florida (FLAS)	104	0	40,000
Georgia	University of Georgia (GAM)	0	0	40,000
Hawaii	Bishop Museum (BISH)	0	7,973	0
Illinois	The Field Museum (F)	3,898	6,102	70,000
Illinois	University of Illinois (ILL/ILLS)	37,929	10,177	55,000
Indiana	Purdue University (PUR/PUL)	0	96,480	55,570
Iowa	Iowa State University (ISC)	9,000	1,000	35,800
Kansas	University of Kansas (KANU)	0	2,971	0
Louisiana	Louisiana State University (LSUM)	945	0	10,000
Maryland	U.S. National Fungus Collections (BPI)	518,290	0	0
Massachusetts	Harvard University (FH)	7,719	5000	54,000
Michigan	Michigan State University (MSC)	0	0	31,500
Michigan	University of Michigan (MICH)	8,856	0	65,000
Minnesota	University of Minnesota (MIN)	5,569	931	50,000
Nebraska	University of Nebraska (NEB); specimens digitized by University of Illinois	0	2000	50,000
New Jersey	Rutgers University (CHRB)	0	0	40,000
New York	Cornell University (CUP)	26,590	60,000	18,000
New York	New York Botanical Garden (NY)	65,511	25,000	248,000
New York	State University of New York (SYRF)	0	0	18,000
North Carolina	North Carolina State University (NCSLG)	518	1,892	0
North Carolina	University of North Carolina (NCU); specimens digitized by University of Florida	318	0	18,000
Ohio	Miami University (MU)	0	0	50,000
Oregon	Oregon State University	10,624	19,376	0
Pennsylvania	Academy of Natural Sciences (PH)	0	9,335	32,000
South Carolina	Clemson University (CLEMS); specimens digitized by University of Florida	0	0	4,800
Tennessee	University of Tennessee (TENN)	11,170	5,000	0
Utah	Utah State University (UTC)	1,481	0	0
Virginia	University of Richmond (URV); specimens digitized by NYBG	0	0	3,000
Washington	Washington State University (WSP)	0	70,156	0
Wisconsin	University of Wisconsin (WIS)	0	0	120,000
Wyoming	University of Wyoming (RM/RMS)	0	0	28,200
Totals:		720,067	380,541	1,223,370

GRAND TOTAL: 2,323,978

Gap Analysis: Geographic Coverage



Gap Analysis: Temporal Coverage



Data Management

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Welcome to the Mycology Collections data Portal

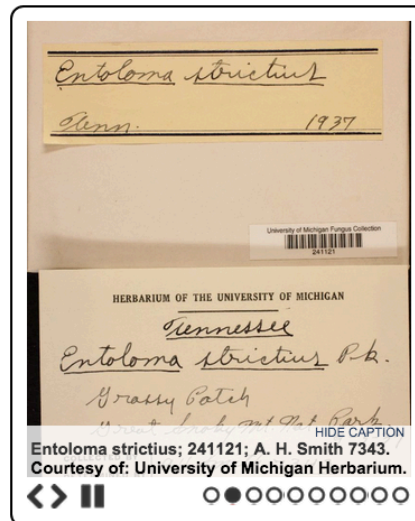
The Mycology Collections data Portal (MyCoPortal) is more than just a web site - it is a suite of user-friendly, web-based data access technologies to aid taxonomists, field biologists, ecologists, educators, and citizen scientists in the study of fungal diversity. The data are derived from a network of universities, botanical gardens, museums, and agencies that provide taxonomic, environmental, and specimen-based information. Using the Symbiota (<http://symbiota.org>) system of virtual online floras, these data are directly accessible to dynamically generate geo-referenced species checklists, distribution maps, and interactive identification keys, all linked with a rich collection of digital imagery documenting fungal diversity of North America.

Fungus of the Day



What is this fungus?

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Entoloma strictius; 241121; A. H. Smith 7343.
Courtesy of: University of Michigan Herbarium.

News and Events

- **NSF Press Release (#15-092)** - NSF awards fifth round of grants to enhance America's biodiversity collections
- **NSF Press Release (#12-082)** - US National Science Foundation awards support for The Macrofungi Collection Consortium, a collaboration of 35 institutions in 24 states for the purpose of databasing some 1.4 million dried scientific specimens of macrofungi (NSF ADBC 1206197).
- **December 2013** - 1,546,358 occurrence records supplied by 31 different data providers have been integrated into MyCoPortal.
- **NEW** - MaCC records are now part of the Zooniverse project *Notes from Nature*. Please help us by transcribing specimen labels ([link](#)).
- Image provided by New York Botanical Garden.

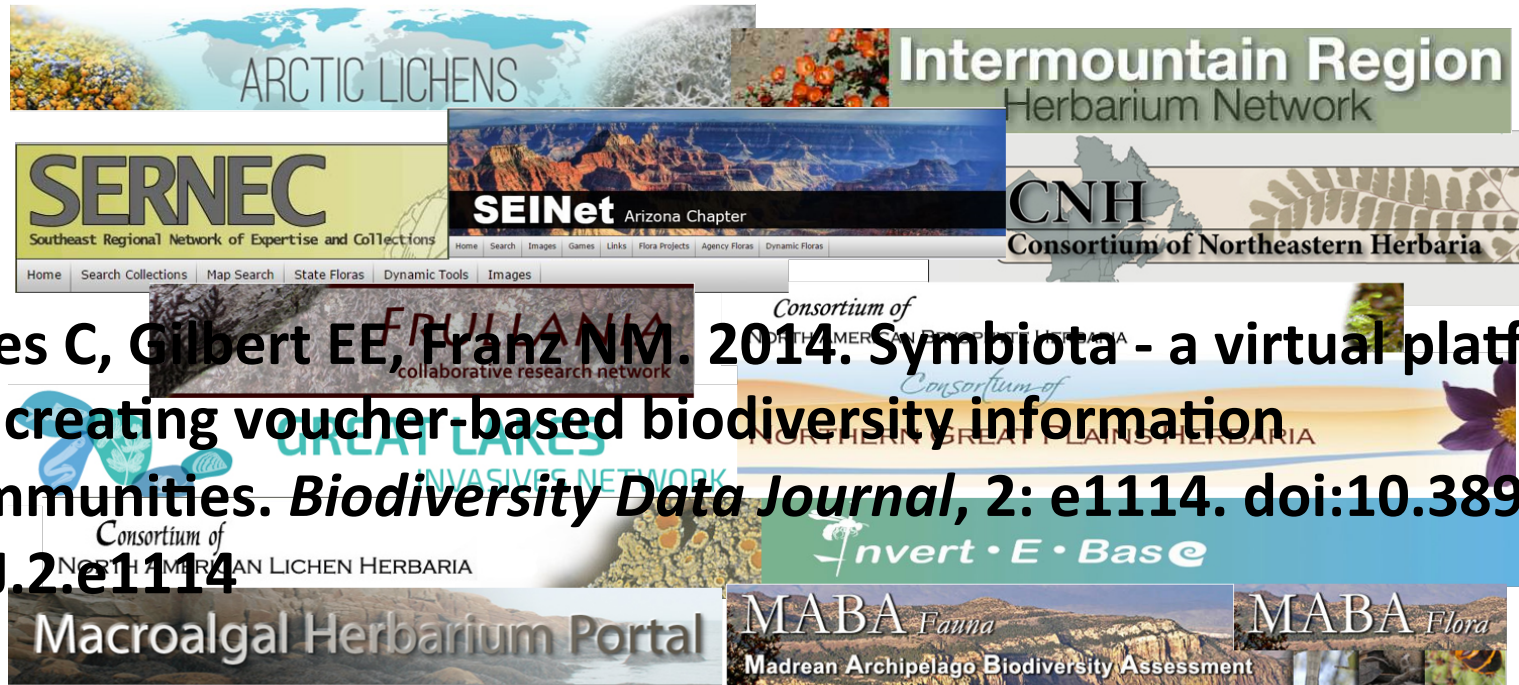
Please join the Mycology Collections Portal as collaborators or regular visitors, and send your feedback to mycoportal.contact@gmail.com.

Symbiota Portals: 18 million records served through 621 collections in 22 Portals (9 TCN Portals)

Data Management

Open access of data

Management & Oversight



Gries C, Gilbert EE, Franz NM. 2014. Symbiota - a virtual platform for creating voucher-based biodiversity information communities. *Biodiversity Data Journal*, 2: e1114. doi:10.3897/BDJ.2.e1114



Welcome to the developing STRI Symbiota Portal

New Mexico Biodiversity
Part of the SEINet Network



Research Questions

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- 3) How do climatic changes influence the dispersal, distribution, and functioning of soil microfungi?*

Plants and animals: Older taxa restricted to lower latitudes

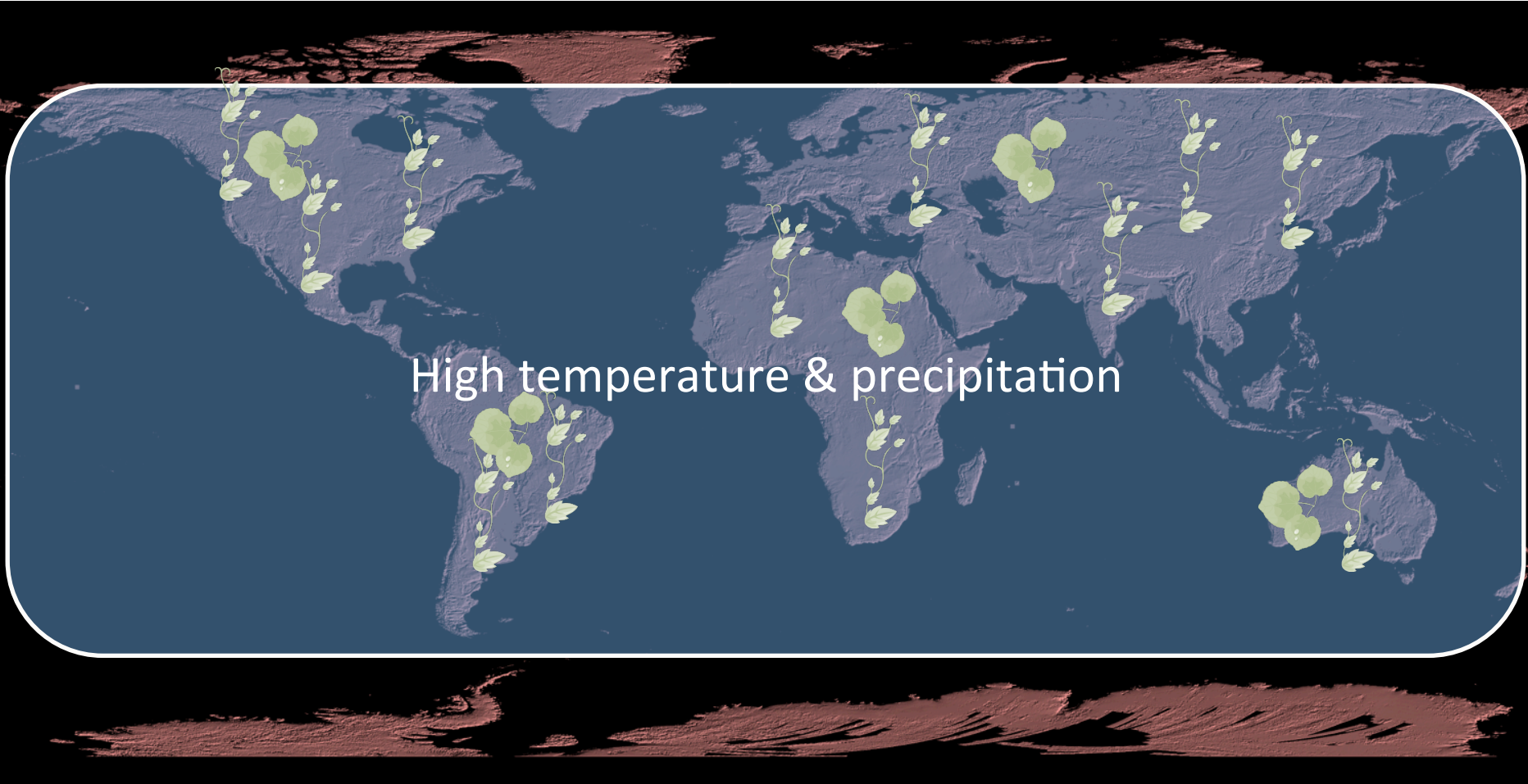
A world map showing the distribution of taxon ages. The map is divided into three horizontal bands. The top band, labeled 'Younger taxa', is light blue and covers the northern hemisphere. The middle band, labeled 'Older taxa', is dark blue and covers the equatorial region. The bottom band, labeled 'Younger taxa', is light blue and covers the southern hemisphere. The map shows that older taxa are concentrated in the tropics, while younger taxa are found in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

Younger taxa

Older taxa

Younger taxa

Niche conservatism



Ancestral climate

Niche conservatism



High temperature & precipitation

Current climate

Niche evolution

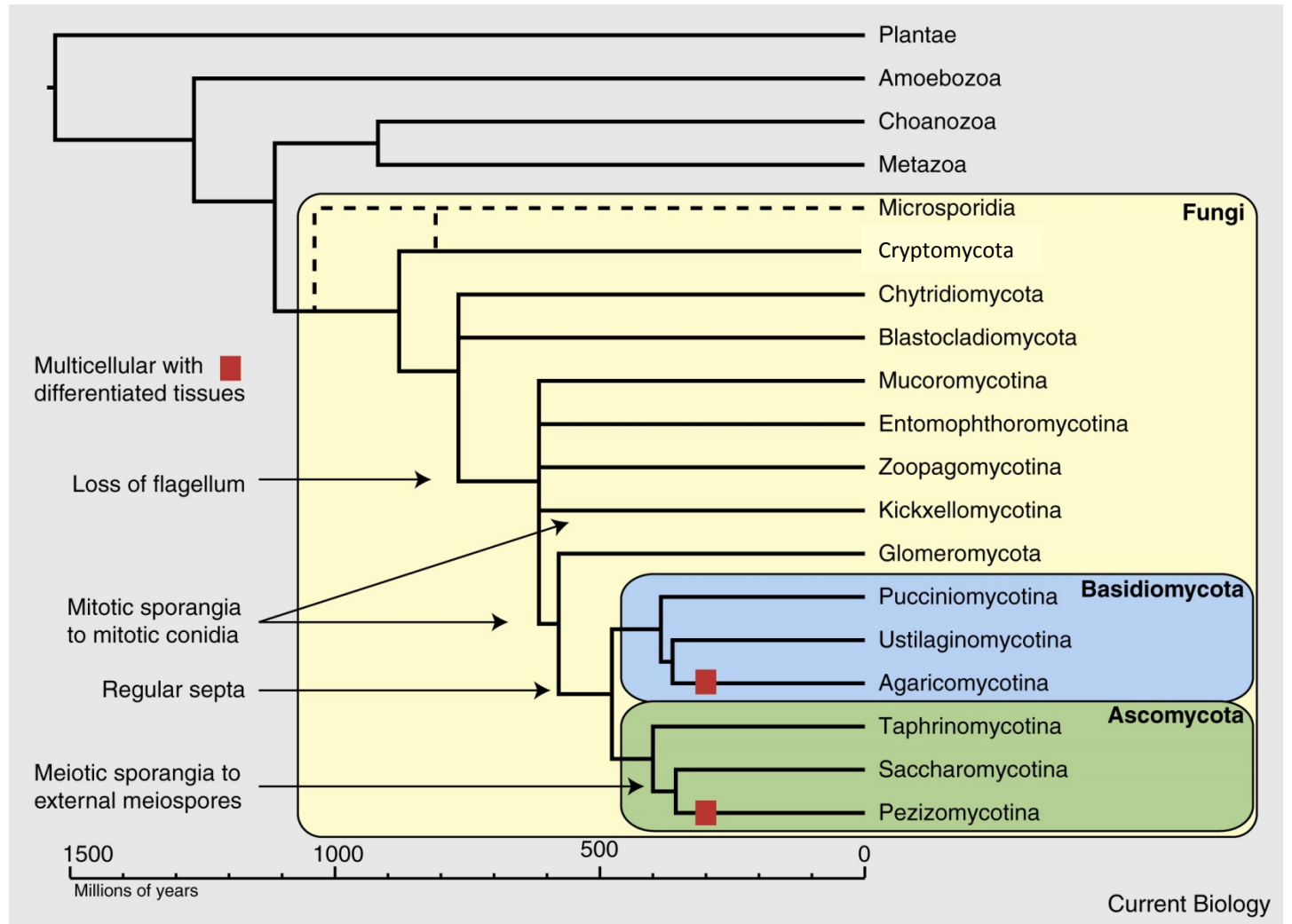


High temperature & precipitation

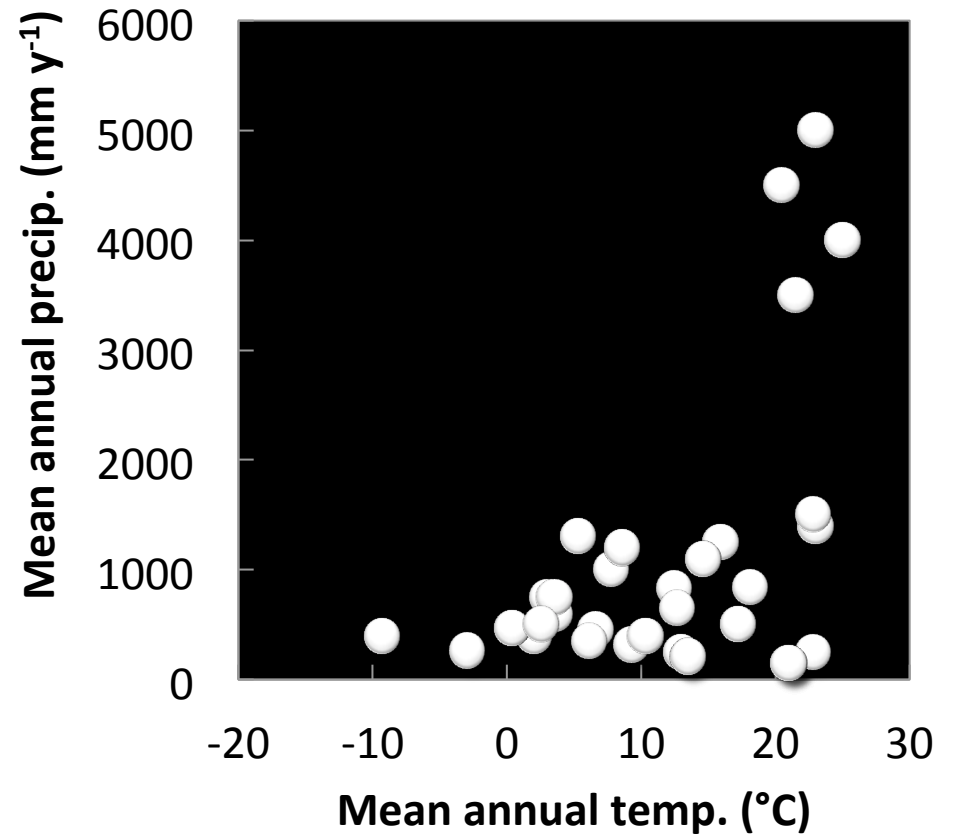
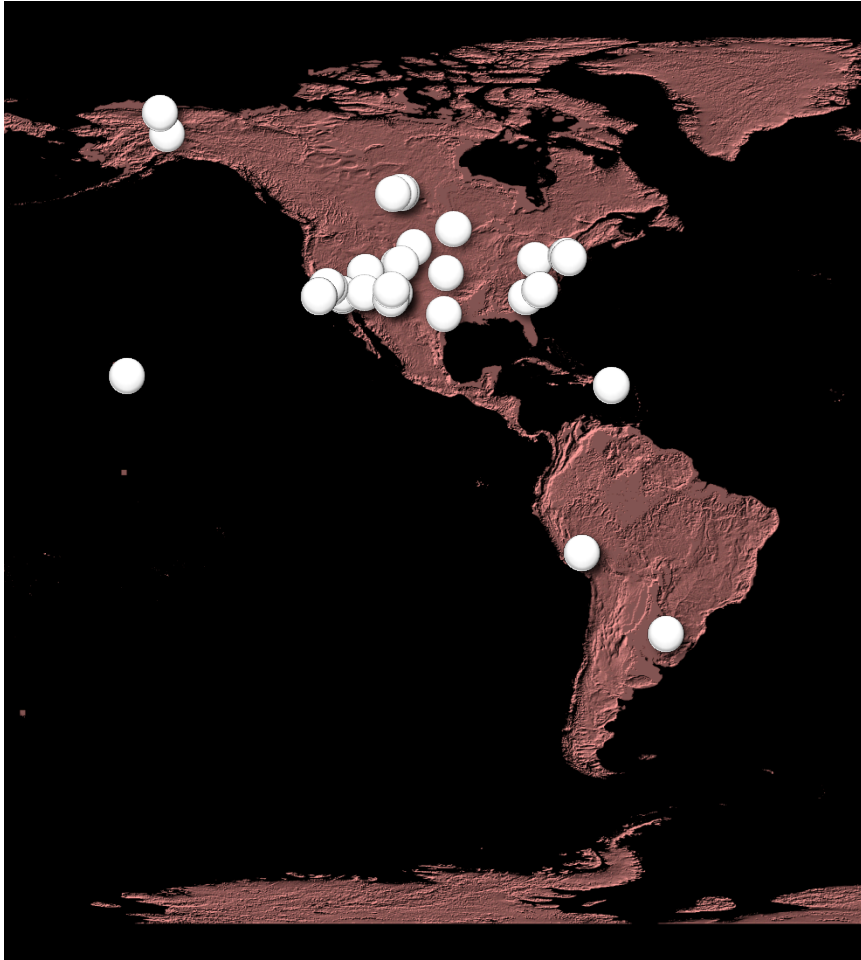


Current climate

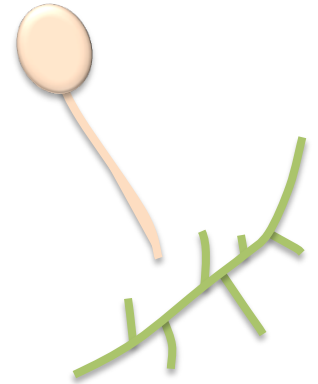
Evolution of fungi



Western Hemisphere soils



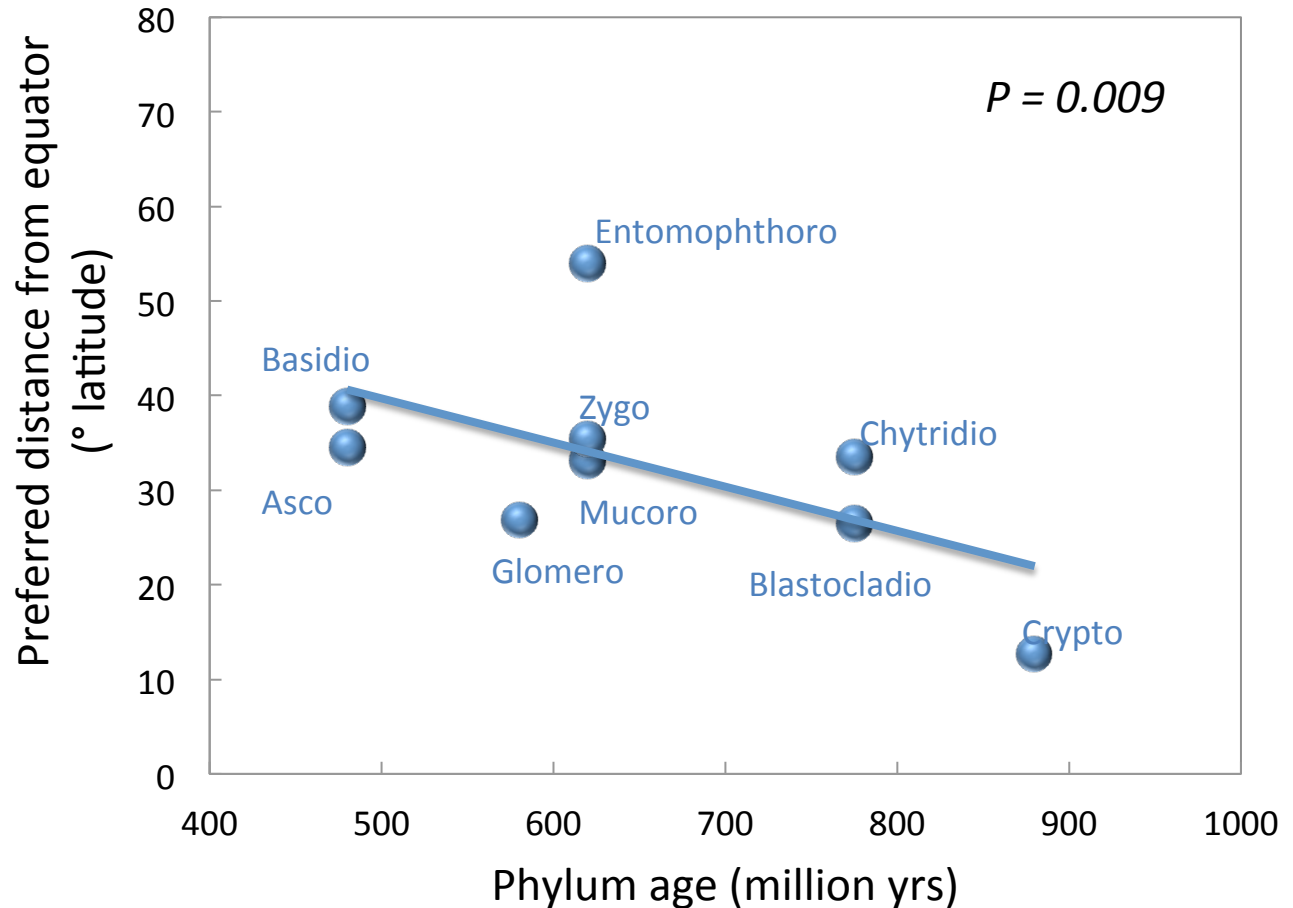
517 fungal taxa (~families)



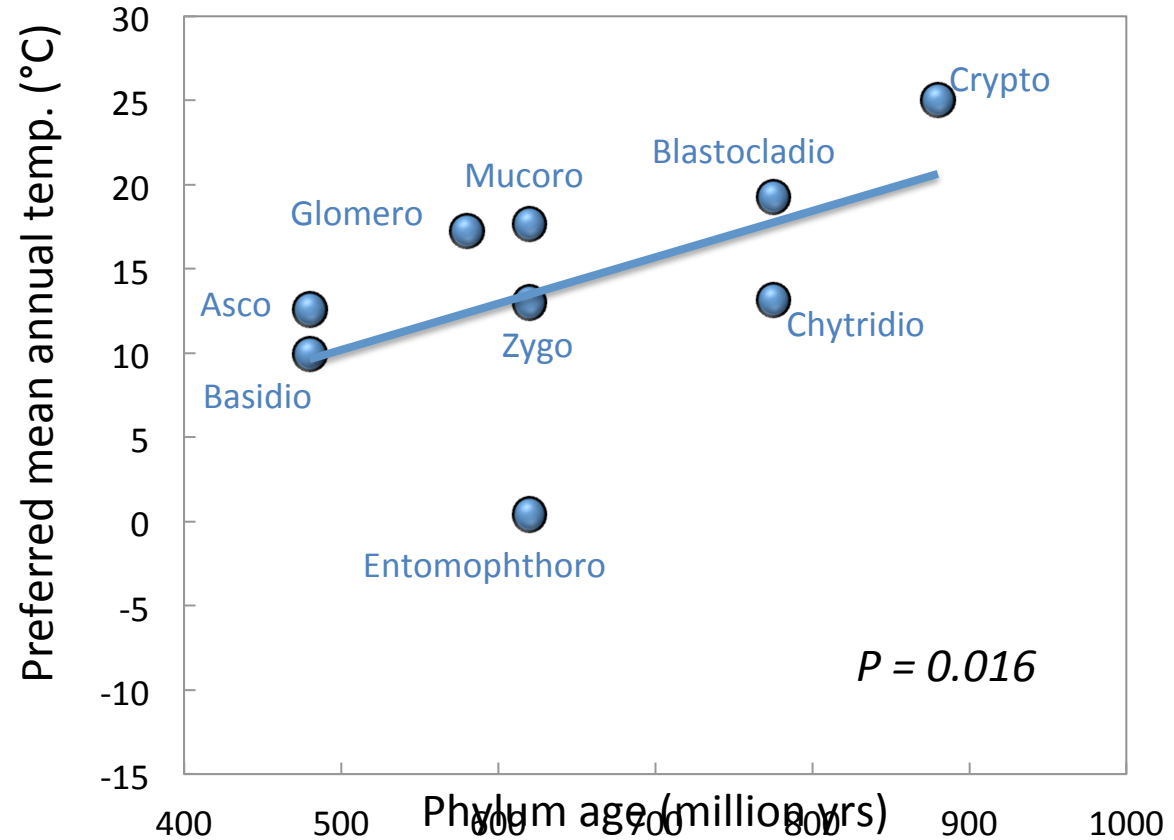
For each fungal taxon:

- Assigned to phylum (nine phyla)
- Calculated environmental “preferences”
 - Average latitude
 - Average temperature
 - Average precipitation
- Phylogenetic independent contrasts with phylum age

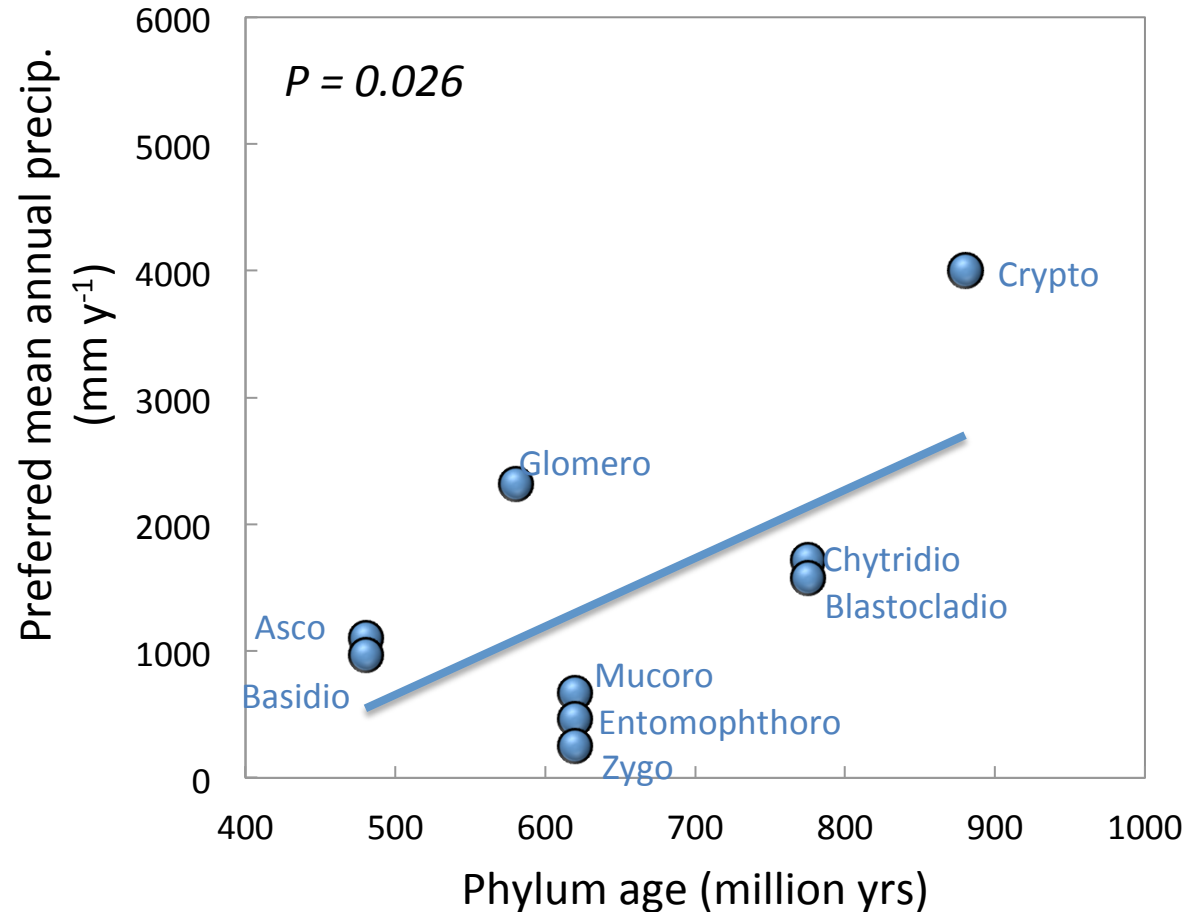
Younger phyla reside in higher latitudes



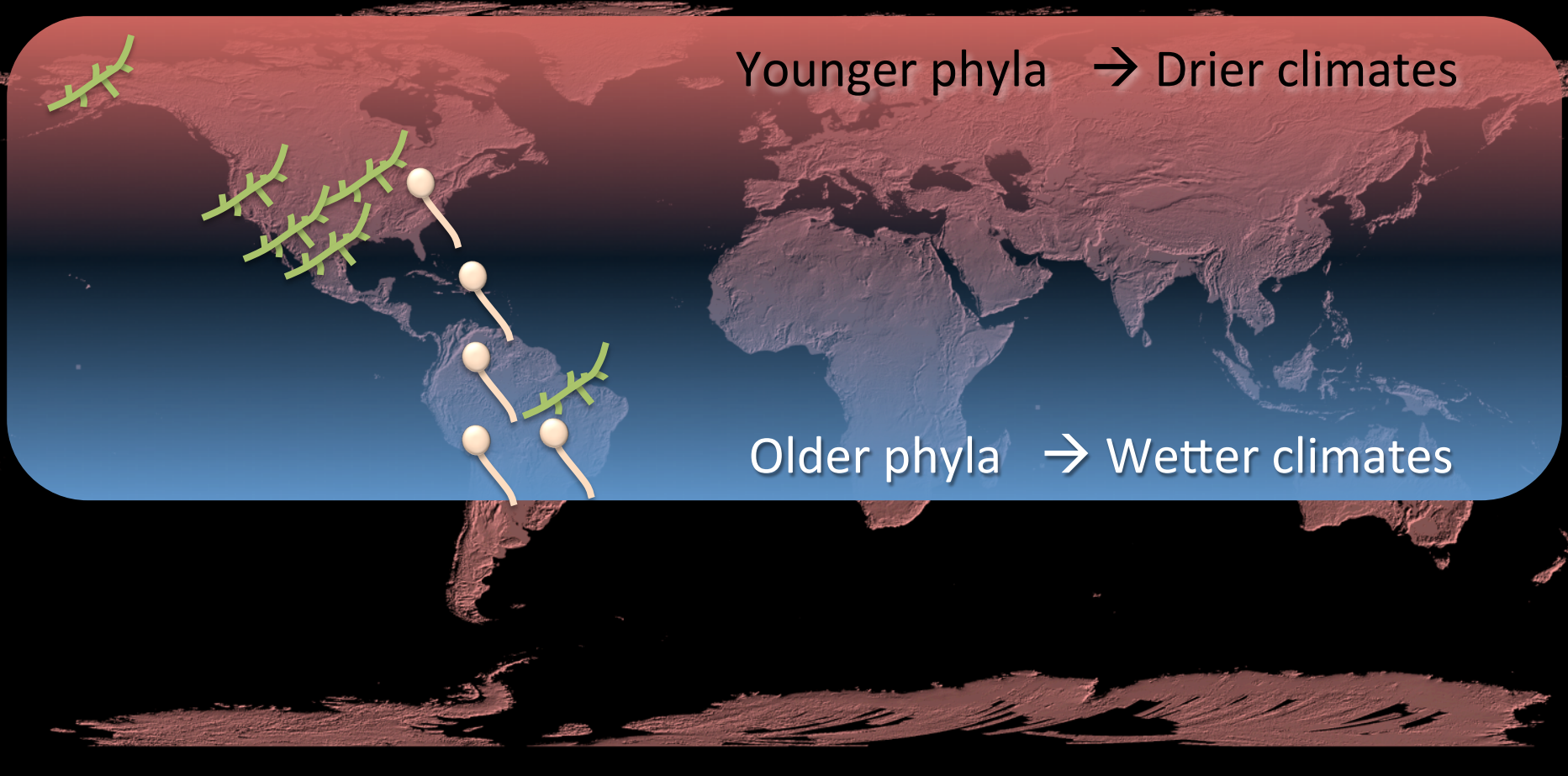
Younger phyla can tolerate lower temperatures



Younger phyla require less precipitation



Summary



Younger phyla → Drier climates

Older phyla → Wetter climates

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Management of the network

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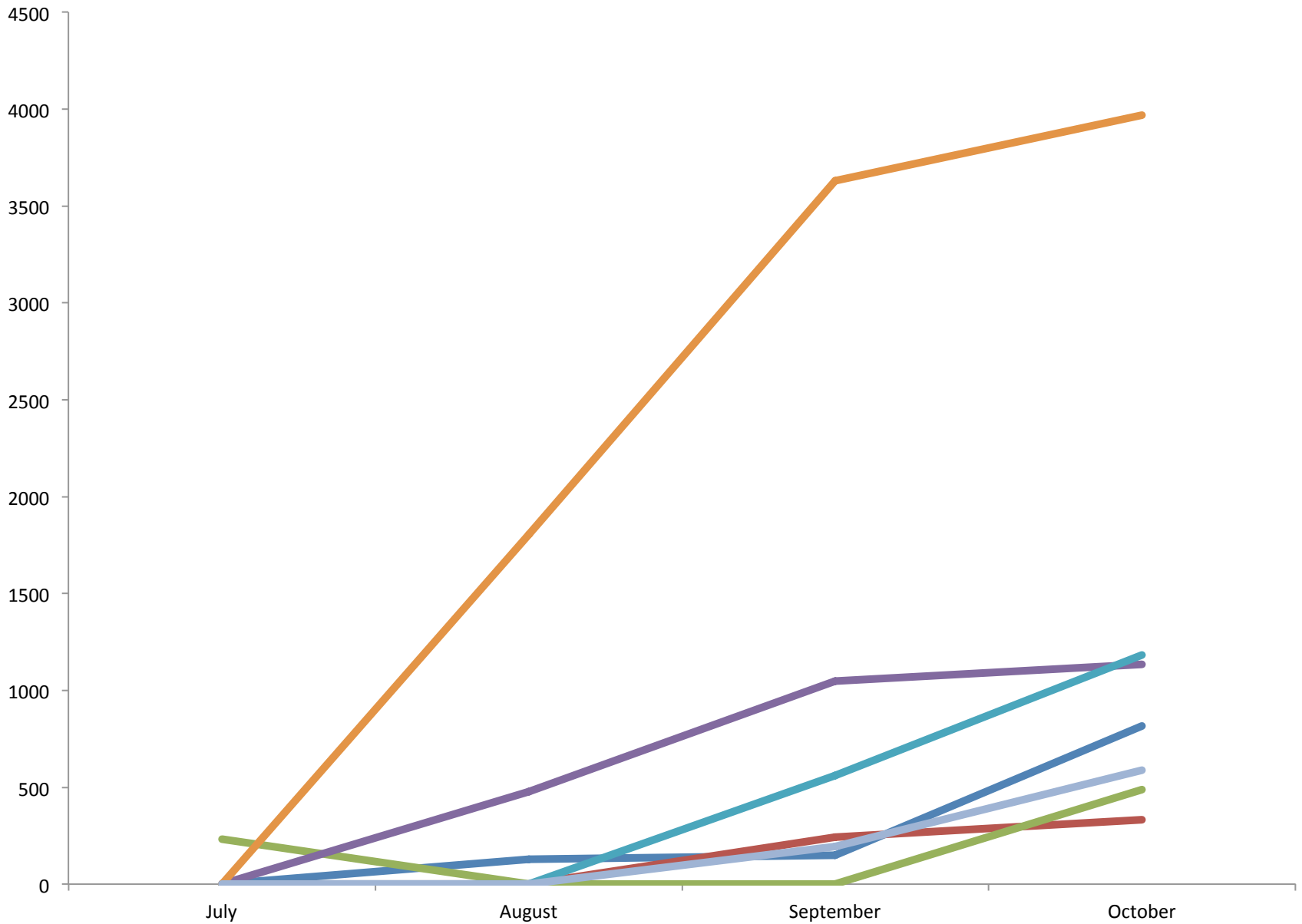
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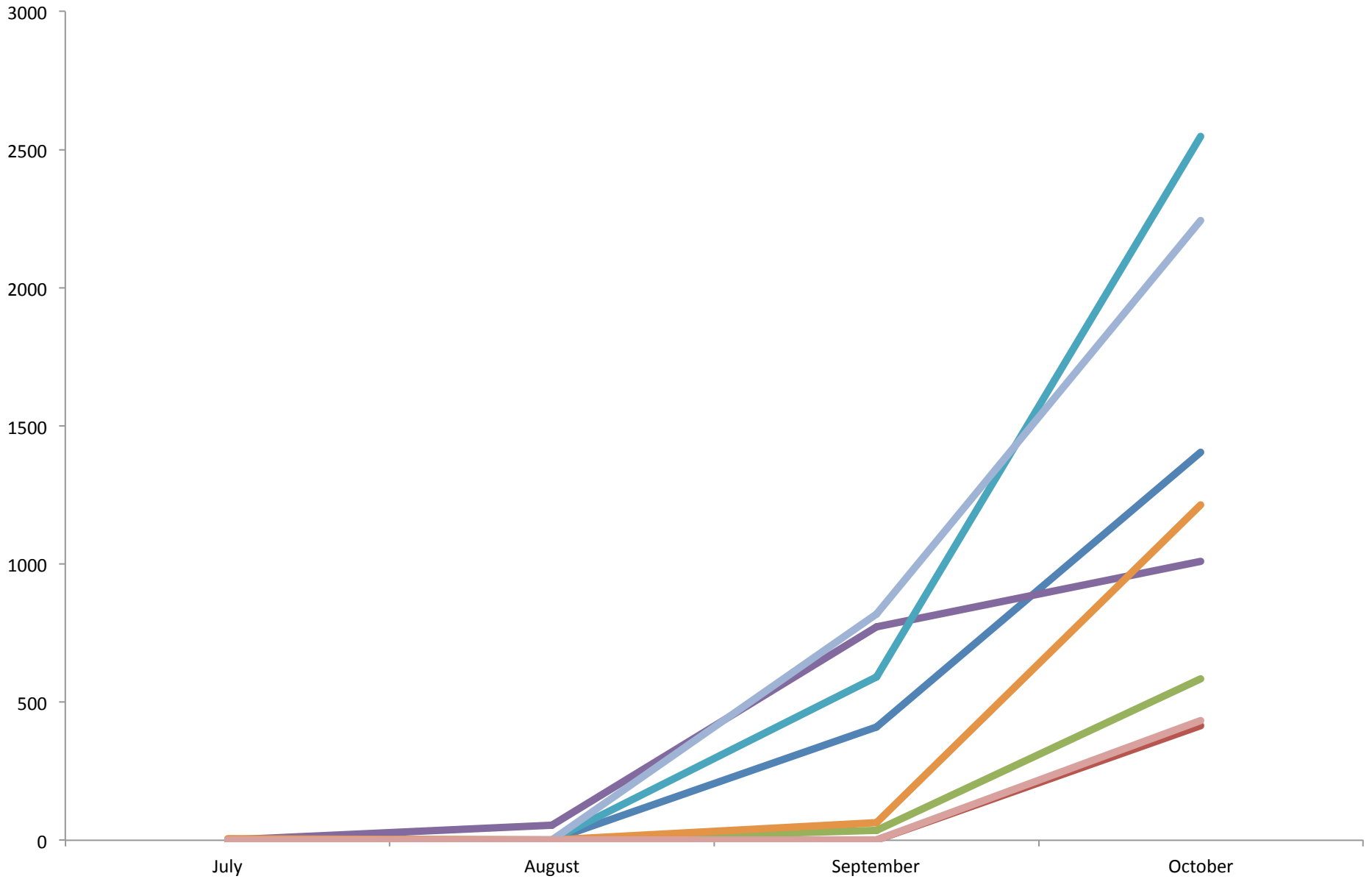
Past Year Totals

Institution	Object	2014-10	2014-11	2014-12	2015-1	2015-2	2015-3	2015-4	2015-5	2015-6	2015-7	2015-8	2015-9	2015-10
Ada Hayden Herbarium, Iowa State University	Specimens	14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	150	446
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	149	409
	Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Images	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	411	970
Arthur Fungarium, Purdue University	Specimens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Images	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bernard Lowy Mycological Herbarium (Louisiana State University)	Specimens	23	1050	341	218	112	0	0	2	0	0	1	245	208
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2
	Stage 2	7	562	180	117	43	0	0	0	0	0	1	209	201
	Stage 3	15	482	155	100	69	0	0	2	0	0	0	22	2
	Images	1068	215	615	0	4154	7	5	24	1	0	1	0	415
Field Museum of Natural History	Specimens	39	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	476	1047	830
	Stage 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246	405	276
	Stage 3	14	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Images	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	772	736
Julian H. Miller Mycological Herbarium	Specimens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	559	765
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660
	Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	559	105
	Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Images	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	592	1845
University of Illinois Herbarium	Specimens	156	203	71	0	0	0	0	31	6109	2775	3406	1017	
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159	0	0	4	
	Stage 2	154	164	71	0	0	0	0	31	80	0	1033	1012	
	Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Images	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	8328	12423	6515	1362
University of Nebraska State Museum, C.E. Bessey Herbarium	Specimens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2135
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Images	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2135
University of Wisconsin-Madison Herbarium	Specimens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1805	3631	2423
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
	Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1775	3609	2414
	Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Images	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	820	1330
Wilhelm G. Solheim Mycological Herbarium	Specimens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195	349
	Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194	349
	Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Images	0	0	0	406	0	0	442	0	0	0	0	0	0

Specimen records



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Microfungi comprise a loosely defined artificial group of Fungi and fungal-like organisms that include such things as bread molds, plant pathogens, powdery mildews, rusts, slime molds, and water molds. In general, these fungi are difficult or impossible to see with the unaided eye. A **taxonomical classification of microfungi** suggests the group contains 4468 genera and 55,989 species.

Microfungi are ubiquitous throughout the world and some cause major economic impacts as pathogens of animals, plants, and other fungi. Many **microfungi** are harmless saprobes, breaking down large complex chemical structures such as lignin found in wood into usable simple compounds. Despite their importance, little is known about the diversity, distribution, ecology, or host relationships of microfungi throughout the United States.

The Microfungi Collections Consortium (MiCC) is a collaborative effort among **38 US institutions** to digitize specimen label data from 2.3 million North American microfungi specimens and make these data available online to the broader community through the **MyCoPortal** website. A proposal submitted in October 2014 to the National Science Foundation's **Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections** program was **granted in July 2015**. **Dr. Andrew N. Miller** of the **Illinois Natural History Survey** serves as the Project Leader.

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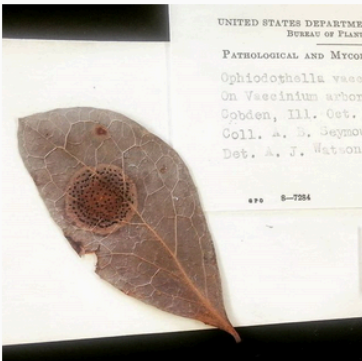
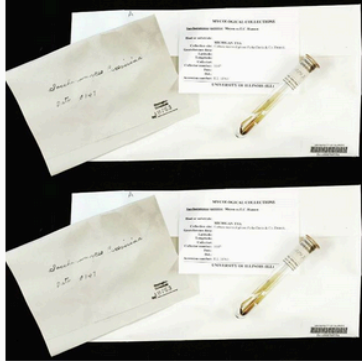
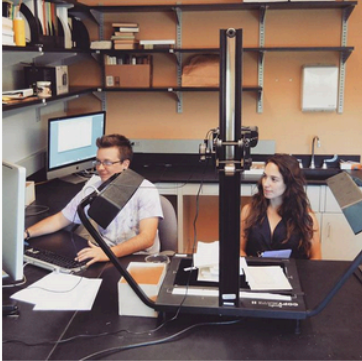
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