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RESEARCH NEWS & NOTES

Almborn, Ove (Lund, Sweden). His paper "Revision of the lichen genus Teloschistes in central and southern Africa" has been accepted for publication in the Nordic Journal of Botany (end of 1988). He is preparing a continuation of his exsiccat "Lichenes Africani".

Arup, Ulf (Lund, Sweden) has recently begun a revisionary study (for a Ph. D.) on the marine species of Caloplaca occurring in North America. He will concentrate on the west coast but both the east coast as well as the Great Lakes will be included. Arup has also a general interest in the genus Caloplaca. He would be grateful to receive any material of marine species as gift or loan. Address: Botanical Museum, O. Vallgatan 18, S-223 61 Lund, Sweden.

Brako, Lois (Beltsville, USA) completed her doctoral studies on the genus Phyllopora in October, 1987. She is currently employed as a post-doc at the National Fungus Collections (BPI) of the USDA, BARC-West, Building 011A, Beltsville, Maryland 20705, USA. Lois would like to receive loans of any additional material of Phyllopora on a worldwide basis to continue her study of this interesting genus. Loans may be sent c/o The Director, BPI.

Clerc, Philippe (Berne, Switzerland) has received a postgraduate fellowship from the Swiss National Foundation. He will spend a year at Duke University (North Carolina, USA) with C. & W. Culberson, where he will study new methods in the field of lichen systematics. From August 1988 to August 1989 his new address will be: Department of Botany, Duke University, Durham NC 27706, USA. He will join the IAL field meeting in Baja California at the end of the year. He is furthermore continuing his studies on the systematics of the genus Usnea in Europe and Macaronesia.

Ekman, Stefan (Lund, Sweden) has begun a taxonomic revision (for a Ph. D.) on the corticolous species of Bacidiella occurring in North America. He will also try to delimit taxa
at the generic level within Bacidia s. lat. Stefan will be pleased to receive fresh collections (gift or loan) of Bacidia. He would also like to get in touch with anyone interested in the same subject. Contact: Botanical Museum, O. Vallgatan 18, S-223 61 Lund, Sweden.

Grundlehner, Sibylle (Lausanne, Switzerland) has started a Ph.D. thesis on the systematics of Neotropical Usnea. At the end of this year she will spend two months in South America to collect Usnea.

Fröberg, Lars (Lund, Sweden) will soon complete his Ph. D. thesis concerning calcicolous lichens on the island of Öland, Sweden. It will include descriptions of the species and their habitats, with special emphasis on some taxonomically difficult groups, such as the Verrucaria fuscella-group, V. sphinctrina-group (= Bagliettoa), Aspicilia calcarea-group and Leconora dispersa-group. Some synecological analyses are also made.

Lönn, Kristina (Uppsala, Sweden) has started a methodological study of spore-size variation in Sphaerophorus globosus. She will deal with variation within samples, within populations as well as between samples from widely separated populations. She would therefore welcome on loan specimens of fruiting Sphaerophorus globosus from all over the world. Specimens can be sent to Dr. R. Möberg, Director of the Herbarium, P.O. Box 541, S-75121 Uppsala, Sweden.

Marcelli, Marcelo Pinto (Sao Paulo, Brazil) finished his thesis on the ecology and distribution of mangrove lichens in the Southeast of Brazil. Publication will follow soon. He continues his investigations of the foliose lichen flora in the coastal areas of São Paulo State, where habitats include mangroves, restinga and rocky shores.

Sérsiaux, Emmanuel (Liège, Belgium) has been appointed as Senior Assistant of the "Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique", resuming his lichenological studies in February 1988.

Stubbs, Constance S. (Orono, Maine, USA) received her Master of Science degree in 1987 for a thesis on Corticicolous Lichen Ecology: Distribution Patterns and Lichen-Invertebrate Associations. Present research includes investigating lichen-invertebrate interactions for her doctorate and collaborating on an interdisciplinary investigation of coastal red spruce (Picea rubens) decline, supported by a Mellon Foundation grant to forest biologist Richard Jagels (University of Maine). She is assessing red spruce lichen assemblage distribution patterns and health along an acid fog and ozone gradient.

Wirth, Volkmar (Stuttgart, West Germany) finished a provisional lichen mapping scheme for Baden-Württemberg. As part of an interdisciplinary research project on forest damage in Southwest Germany he has made lichenological observations in permanent plots, which should enable a registration of quantitative changes in the lichen flora. Together with Tom Nash he is preparing a series of publications on "Assessing Air Quality with Lichens and Bryophytes". He was a guest at the field meeting of the Nordisk Lichenologisk Forening to Bornholm. He has been nominated for a professorship (C 4) in Geobotany and Ecology at Frankfurt University, and is preparing a second edition of his "Flechtenflora". Suggestions for improvement and corrections are very welcome.
Sonoran Desert Field Meeting
27 Dec., 1988 to 12 Jan., 1989

Those interested to participate in this meeting (announced in ILN 21(1): 18-19, where a tentative schedule is given) should send reservations using a photocopy of the form below together with $100.00 deposit (or payment in full) to:
Dr. T.H. Nash III, Dept. of Botany, Arizona State University,
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Full payment in US dollars will be due by no later than Dec. 1, 1988. Payment should be made to Arizona State University.

Name
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Place an "x" by your choice:
Single room occupancy ..........($750.00) 
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Roommate preference

Will join Dec.27 - Jan.12 _____; only Dec.27 - Jan.5 _____

Prices are based on per person. Please submit one form for each person registering. Prices include overnight accommodations (Dec. 27 thru Jan. 4th), ground transportation (Dec. 28-Jan. 12 for approximately 4500 km, Phoenix to Baja California and return to either San Diego or Phoenix), and meals (most days) that are cooked together. In addition, each person should bring approximately $100 to pay for meals in public restaurants.

People departing on Jan. 5th will be placed on a bus in San Quintin to the border in Tijuana where they can cross the border and take public transportation to San Diego's airport.

People participating on the Jan. 5th to 12th portion of the trip are expected to bring 1) a sleeping bag and ground mat, 2) a plate, cup and utensils, and 3) portable tents (please advise me if you have a tent and are willing to share; likewise, please advise me if you would need space in a tent).

Weather: It is the rainy season and last year southern Arizona had a rare snow at Christmas, but most days should be fair with high temperatures in the 10° to 15° range in Arizona and somewhat higher in Central Baja California.

X Congress of European Mycologists

The 10th Congress of European Mycologists will be held at Tallinn (Estonian SSR, USSR) from 20 to 25 August 1989. The preliminary programme contains lectures and symposia, and most presentations are scheduled as posters, with ample time for discussion. The themes of the symposia will be: Protection of fungi - environment protection; "Higher" fungi in biotechnology; Taxonomy of Agaricales; Personal computers in mycology. Before and after the congress, field meetings will show the forests of South and West Estonia. No special lichen program is scheduled. Address for correspondence: Organizing Committee, 10 CEM, Institute of Zoology and Botany, 21 Vanemuise Str., 202400 Tartu, Estonian SSR, USSR.

The Lichenologist

Dr. D.H. Brown has recently become co-editor of The Lichenologist dealing with all aspects of the processing of manuscripts. In future all authors should send their manuscripts to him at the following address:

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New Journal: Symbiosis

Symbiosis, An International Journal, publishes results of original research contributing to the understanding of symbiotic interactions at the molecular, cellular and organismic levels. Symbiosis aims to introduce new or unknown symbioses for research in symbiology and intends to provide a central information point for this intriguing subfield to enhance interaction among researchers in its various sectors.

Topics of particular interest are: nutritional interactions, mutual regulatory and morphogenetic effects, structural coadaptations, interspecific recognition and specificity, ecological adaptations, evolutionary consequences of symbiosis, culture and other specific methods used for symbiotic research.

Symbiosis publishes articles which are accounts of original studies, review articles, book reviews and a calendar of events. Publication of refereed Proceedings of relevant meetings will also be considered.

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IAB Software Library also available for Lichenologists

The INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Bryologists has built up a software library for IBM PCs and compatibles which contains at present 110 diskettes. It includes programs for all applications needed by botanists such as word processors, database programs, herbarium management programs, herbarium label programs, statistics (Cladistics, Multivariate Analyses, Cluster Analyses), CAD and paint programs, desktop or bibliographic utilities. All programs are in the public domain or have been placed at the disposal for colleagues and may be copied free. They are available free by sending the appropriate number of blank diskettes. A list of the software library can be ordered from Dr. Jan-Peter Frahm, Universität Duisburg, Fachbereich 6, Botanik, Postfach 101629, D-4010 Duisburg, F.R.G.

--J.-P. Frahm

A Revision of Sphaerophorus - Project Presentation

The genus Sphaerophorus is principally south-hemispherical and comprises about 25-30 species. Some of the species are morphologically very plastic and the genus as a whole has a complex, and to some extent uninvestigated, chemistry. The genus was revised by K. Ohlson in 1974, but his thesis is still unpublished, and there are also some undescribed species not treated in it.

As a research project for a PhD thesis the morphological and chemical variation will be investigated within and between populations of some species with different degrees of disjunct distribution and with different reproduction strategies. The project aims at a better understanding of these variation patterns and in this way hopes to contribute to a better classification.

The research will include intensive field studies. A two month trip to southern Chile together with Dr. Leif Tibell, my supervisor, is planned for January-February 1989. Later on, a field trip to New Zealand-Australia will be made.

Along with this thesis work, preparation of a monograph on the genus is also scheduled.

I would appreciate receiving (preferably fertile) material of Sphaerophorus for study and revision. For the time being, material from Patagonia is particularly welcome, but also other material that
could be of interest! Specimens on loan can be sent to Dr. R. Moberg, Director of the Herbarium, P.O. Box 541, S-75121 Uppsala, Sweden.

--Mats Wedin

Reports from the International Botanical Congress XIV: 27 Lichenologists in Sardinia

The "Pre-congress Field Trip No. 49 to Sardinia (Italy)" attracted an international group of heliophilous and rather thermotolerant lichenologists to Cagliari: T. Ahti (Helsinki), A. Aproo (Heemskerk), E. Barreno (Valencia), I. Brodo (Ottawa), A. Buschardt (Berlin), G. Caniglia (Padova), C. Fauste (Brescia), S.N. Christensen (Copenhagen), M. Cologna (Arcavate), A. Gerhardt (Bielefeld), M. Grillo (Catania), H.M. Jahn (Düsseldorf), H. Kümmerling (Berlin), T.H. Nash III (Würzburg/Temble), P.L. Nimis (Trieste), P. McManus (Somerset), A.M. O’Dare (Somerset), S. Ott (Düsseldorf), D. Otonello (Palermo), J. Poelt (Graz), D. Puntillo (Arcavate), W. Sanders (Berkeley), C. Scheidegger (Bern), H. Sipman (Berlin), M. Tretiach (Trieste), A. Vezda (Brno) and R. Wendering (Berlin) took part in this excursion.

Unfortunately, the bus in which we travelled for 10 days was adapted to drive on avenues in towns rather than on the small roads through the mountainous inner part of the island. Nevertheless we travelled, often at a snail’s pace, from South to North through the main lichen landscapes of this picturesque Mediterranean scenery.

Firstly, the excursion moved from Pta. Molentis near Cagliari (Thelenella modesta) to Giara di Gesturi with a richly developed and colourful lichen vegetation on basaltic rocks (Caloplaca incomnexa var. nesodes, C. interna, Lecidella vorax, Rhizocarpon frutecida). At Mte. Arcueri and Mte. Arbo, epiphytic lichens were studied on rather well developed remnants of Mediterranean woodland.

Mte. Arbo and Mte. Mandra de Caia at Gennargentu massif displayed the alpine vegetation in all its richness. Lecanora placeniformis and Cyphelium lecideinum are two of the exceptional findings from these localities. The collection sites on volcanic rocks at Torre Argentina remain unforgettable because of the easily collectable and rich flora (Xanthopsorella illinonae).

In consequence of the typical Mediterranean summer aridity, lichenologists were not overly distracted by the dessicated phanerogams. The fact that more than 300 kg of lichens were sent home illustrates the success of this excursion.

On behalf of all of us I wish to acknowledge the perfect organization of the field-trip as well as the unique guidebook to the excursion (some 269 pages, 901 lichen species mentioned) by Pier Luigi Nimis and Josef Poelt.

---Christoph Scheidegger

Lichen flora project of Great Britain and Ireland

This project, to produce a diagnostic flora for the identification of all 1600 lichen-forming fungi recognised in Great Britain and Ireland, is supported by a research grant from the National Environment Research Council; it is directed by Prof. D.M. Moore (Reading University) and Prof. D.L. Hawksworth (CAE International Mycological Institute) assisted by Mr. P.W. James (BM) and Dr. B.J. Coppins (RBG, Edinburgh). A post-doctoral research assistant, Dr. O.W. Purvis, was appointed in February 1986 on a 3-year contract awarded to the University of Reading in collaboration with the Botany Dept. of the British Museum (Natural History). An advisory group of an additional 8 members of the British Lichen Society has been established to comment on the content and draft contributions as well as to prepare particular accounts; other specialist lichenologists have also agreed to write drafts of particular genera.

In a little over two years, over 1000 species accounts have been prepared, in addition to a generic key and a key to the sterile corticolous lichens. Great emphasis is being placed on the testing of draft keys in the field. A recent workshop, partly funded by the Systematics Association and the British Lichen Society, was held in Ilfracombe, Devon, to enable approximately 30 lichenologists to examine and test drafts of the Flora. It is hoped to publish the Flora in 1990.

Photobiont cultures donated to University of Texas

Professor Vernon Ahmadjian (Clark University, Worcester, USA) deposited the following photobiont cultures in the Culture Collection of Algae at the University of Texas at Austin (UTEX) (c/o Richard C. Starr, Dept. of Botany, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78713-7640, USA):

a. Nostoc photobionts of Peltigera canina, Peltigera rufescens, and
Camp Pool on the Lennard River, 120 km from the nearest local town of Derby. The scientists' research in the King Leopold and Napier Ranges will be aided by some of the latest satellite images, including those taken from the U.S. Space Shuttle programme. The team will include members of the local Aboriginal community (Bunuba people), who will conduct the scientists through areas of special interest and share their knowledge of the region that spans many generations.

The life scientists will collect basic field data and study plant and animal species which will add to the existing knowledge of flora and fauna of the region. Particular attention will be paid to less well known groups such as the fungi, lichens, snails, crustaceans, insects, and small mammals. Lichenologists taking part in the project are David Galloway, Jack Elix and Nathan Sammy.

Close collaboration between British and Australian scientists and local Aboriginal people, together with the challenge of an exiting and diverse area, will produce significant scientific results and provide a cultural interchange, that will contribute to an expanding knowledge of the Kimberley region - Australia's greatest wilderness area.

---David Galloway

Flora of Australia

In the framework of the above-mentioned project, the study of lichens is being actively supported. In 1988 grants have been provided by the Bureau of Flora and Fauna for the following projects, which should result in taxonomic treatments:

Elix, J.A. & J. Johnston, Australian National University, ACT: A Taxonomic revision of the lichen genus *Pseudoparmelia* s.l. in Australia.

Elix, J.A. & D. Verdon, Australian National University, ACT: A Taxonomic revision of the lichen genus *Leptogium* in Australia.


Rogers, R.D. & G.N. Stevens, University of Queensland: Taxonomic revision of the lichen genus *Usnea* in Australia.

---V. Ahmadian

Kimberley Research Project, Western Australia 1988

The Kimberley region of Western Australia is a wild, sparsely populated area that lies between the Great Sandy Desert in the south and the Timor Sea to the north. It encompasses a great variety of habitats. Among these is one of the most striking areas of limestone terrain and deeply dissected sandstone in the world. This will be the Project's main focus of study.

The Project has been jointly organised by two British learned societies: The Linnean Society of London and the Royal Geographical Society, in co-operation with the Government of Western Australia. The societies have set up a joint project committee under the Chairmanship of Lord Shackleton and patronage of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent. The Project has also established a coordinating committee in Western Australia and appointed an Australian Director of Operations.

In 1988 a team of 40 British and Australian scientists will work together for four months from April to August in this Kimberley area. They will focus on geomorphology (land forms, erosion etc.) and on a number of zoological and botanical studies.

A research base camp, with accommodation for 30, will be constructed with the help of the Australian Defence Force at Police
News from CHINA

1. In Beijing a Systematic Mycology & Lichenology Laboratory (SMLL) was established on August 12, 1985. It was among the first of the 19 laboratories/institutes open to the outside world, that have been set up by the Academia Sinica. SMLL was founded on the basis of the Department of Mycology, Institute of Microbiology, Academia Sinica. Although it is subordinate to the Institute of Microbiology, it is relatively independent in its research work and conducts its own scientific activities.

SMLL welcomes applications from both Chinese and foreign researchers, in accordance with the "Guidelines for Applying to SMLL for Research Projects" formulated by SMLL. Once the applications have been approved by the Scientific Council, the applicants can research at, and receive funds from, SMLL. Mycologists and lichenologists may also apply for a position in SMLL to participate in a joint project. Foreign researchers can likewise come to work at, and be financially supported by SMLL on a reciprocal exchange basis. Mycologists and lichenologists either at home or abroad, belonging to Academia Sinica or not, who are supported by their own institutions, are also welcome to do their research work in SMLL.

Science Advisors of SMLL are: Prof. Dr. N. Hiratsuka, Member of the Japanese Academy, Japan; Prof. Dr. R. Santesson, Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Sweden.

The Scientific Council of SMLL consists of 15 mycologists and lichenologists from different universities and institutes in China and abroad, including T. Ahti, Professor at the University of Helsinki (Finland) and R.P. Korf, Professor at Cornell University (USA). Director of both SMLL and its Scientific Council is Research Professor Dr. J.C. Wei, invited by the president of Academia Sinica, Professor Lu Jia-xi. Address: Systematic Mycology and Lichenology Laboratory, Institute of Microbiology, Academia Sinica, Beijing, China.

2. A new journal "MYCOSYSTEMA", Annual Report of SMLL, will be published in English with Chinese abstracts. The first fascicle will be issued in April of this year by Science Press (Beijing, China). The first two volumes of it, at least, will be edited by the Co-Editors-in-Chief J.C. Wei (SMLL) and D.L. Hawksworth (CMI).

3. Dr. Syo Kurokawa (Japan) spent two weeks in China in March 1987 as a visitor in SMLL. He talked with Dr. J.C. Wei about lichenological and mycological cooperation between China (SMLL) and Japan in 1989. He also did revisional work on Chinese Anaptychia in the herbarium and gave a lecture during his stay in SMLL. A joint paper together with J.B. Chen from SMLL is in preparation.

4. Dr. Teuvo Ahl (Finland), member of the Scientific Council of SMLL, spent about one month in China from April to May 1987. He attended the Second Congress of this Council in Beijing from May 7 to 9, 1987 and gave two lectures. He also worked for a short time on Caiadonia in the herbarium and made a lichenological excursion in the suburbs of Beijing. Before the Congress he visited the Mt. Yulongxue xuan in north-western Yunnan together with J.B. Chen, lichenologist at SMLL. He and Dr. Wei discussed cooperation between SMLL and University of Helsinki.

5. Dr. D.L. Hawksworth (CMI, UK) attended the Second Congress of the Scientific Council of SMLL as a special invited representative, and gave several lectures. A draft of a Co-operative Agreement between SMLL and CMI was prepared. After the Congress Dr. Hawksworth went to Hangzhou city (Zhejiang prov.) to participate in a mycological workshop and give a series of mycological courses. He made some lichenological excursions together with his students from the workshop in the suburbs of Hangzhou city.

6. Dr. R. Moberg (Sweden) spent about one month in China from September 8 to October 6 1987, together with Dr. R. Santesson, as visitors of SMLL. They made expeditions to the subtropical zone Xishuangbana in Southern Yunnan and the temperate zone Mt. Yulong shan in North-Western Yunnan, together with a mycological and lichenological team from SMLL under the guidance of Dr. J.C. Wei. Dr. Moberg is interested in Chinese Physciaceae and will publish a joint paper with Mr. Gao in the future. Dr. R. Santesson is interested in foliicolous lichens and lichenicolous fungi.

7. Dr. R. Santesson (Sweden), Science Adviser of SMLL, visited SMLL in 1987. He gave a lecture, made many valuable comments on the work of SMLL and made some helpful suggestions.

8. Dr. J.C. Wei (China) is continuing his systematic studies on Umbilicariaceae in Asia. He will begin with a study of the representatives occurring in Australia.

9. Mr. Xiang-gun Gao (China) defended his M.Sc. thesis, entitled "Macrolichen flora of Mt. Dahingganling in North-Eastern China" under the guidance of Dr. J.C. Wei, in May 1987 at SMLL in Beijing. He is now starting his Ph.D. dissertation on "The lichen genus Cerraria in China", under the guidance of Drs. T. Ahti (II), R. Moberg (UPS), and J.C. Wei (SMLL). He will spend about one year in Finland and Sweden in 1989.
10. Mr. Cheng-hua Ma (China) is starting his M.Sc. thesis entitled "Physiological injuries in lichens transplanted to air pollution areas", under the guidance of Dr. J.C. Wei.

--- Jiang-chun Wei

**News from the Lichenological section of the Polish Botanical Society**

The fifth meeting of the Polish Lichenologists will be held in Pszczew and Gorzów Wielkopolski (district Gorzów Wielkopolski, western Poland) on 12-16 September 1988. The main aim of this meeting will be to work on the lichen flora of the Pszczew Landscape Park. Application to attend should be sent to dr. Ludwik Lipnicki, Laboratory of the Biology and Nature Protection, Estkowskiego 13, 66-400 Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland. The whole cost of participation, except travelling cost to Poland, is being paid by the organisers.

--- Wieslaw Faltynowicz

**Lichenology in Italy**

In September 1986, during a course of lichenology organized by Prof. Pier Luigi Nimis at the University of Trieste, the participants decided to found the Italian Lichen Society (Societa Lichenologica Italiana) in order to encourage the development of lichenology in Italy. The Society was officially formed in May 1987 and held its first meeting in Trieste in September 1987, on the occasion of another lichen course. At present, it has ca. 80 members.

The Society Council is as follows:
President: Pier Luigi Nimis (Trieste)
Secretary and Treasurer: Giovanni Caniglia (Padova)
Editor of the Bulletin: Rosanna Piervittori (Torino)
Auditors: Paolo Modenesi (Genova), Giulio Scarpa (Venezia).

The foreign guests who acted as teachers in the first lichen courses held in Trieste are honorary members of the Society. They are: T. Ahti, P. James, X. Llimona, J. Poelt and A. Veza

The main activities of the Society in 1987 were:
- Lichenological excursion in coastal Latium (Spring)
- Second Lichen Course in Trieste (35 participants) and general meeting of the S.L.I. (September)

--- Michele Codogno

**New Literature**

A.J. de BAKKER & H.F. van DOBBEN. Effecten van ammoniakemissie op epifytische korstmossen. Een correlatief onderzoek in de Peel. RIN-rapport 88/35. Rijksinstituut voor Natuurbeheer, Leersum, Netherlands. 1988. 48 pages. (Study on the effect of ammonia emission by intensive animal husbandry on epiphytic lichens, with chemical analyses of bark, and lichen vegetation analyses; 37 species observed; study area lies in the Southeastern part of the Netherlands, and has considerable air pollution; in Dutch.)

57-68; F. Rose, Phytogeographical and ecological aspects of **Lobarion** communities in Europe, pages 69-79; M.R.D. Seaward, Progress in the study of the lichen flora of the British Isles, pages 81-95)

José Ma. EGEA & Xavier LLIMONA. **Las comunidades de líquenes de las rocas silíceas no volcánicas del SE de España.** Acta Botanica. Barcinonensia 36. 1987. 123 pages. (Describes 21 phytosociological units (associations, subassociations, communities), mainly in the orders **Aspicillieta gibsosa** and **Umbilicarietalia cylindracea**, from a Mediterranean area between 0 and 200 m elevation, based on 200 relevés and over 200 species)

Eric Steen HANSEN, Josef POE LT & Ulrik SÖCHTING. **Die Flechtengattung Caloplaca in Grönland.** Meddelelser om Grönland Bioscience Vol. 25. 1987. 52 pages (Contains keys to and descriptions of 42 species, mainly saxicolous and terricolous)

Néstor H. HLA DUN. **Aportación a la flora, morfología y vegetación de los líquenes de la parte alta del Montseny.** Institut d'estudis catalans, arxiu de la secció de ciències, LXX. 1985. (Contains a description of the area and an annotated catalogue with descriptions of 200 species; in Catalan)

Helmut MAYR HOFER. **Monographie der Flechtengattung Thel et e n i a.** Bibliotheca Lichenologica 26. 1987. 166 pages and 58 photographs. (Worldwide treatment of 17 species, containing descriptions, key, distribution maps)

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7-11 August. ABLS Annual Meeting in conjunction with AIBS meeting, University of California, Davis, USA.
15-26 August. BLS Summer field meeting in the Gower Peninsula, South Wales, UK.
28 August - 2 September. ABLS bryological and lichenological field meeting in Virgen (East Tirol, Austria).
29 August - 1 September. Excursion AFL to Chamonix (Haute Savoia, France).
4-10 September. AEFTAT Congress. Info see ILN 20(2), p. 42.
12-16 September. Polish Botanical Society, lichenological field meeting in Pszczew and Gorzów Wielkopolski, western Poland, see p. 48.
15-18 September. ABLM lichenological field meeting in the Sauerland, West Germany.
19-23 September. Italian & British Lichen Societies field and lecture meeting on 'Lichens and ancient monuments' based near Rome. Local secretary Prof. P.L. Nimis. Further details from: Mrs. A.M. O'Dare, Springfield, 13 Barrows Road, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3AY, U.K.
21-24 October. BLS Autumn field meeting at Howgill Fells, Cumbria.
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