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RESEARCH NEWS & NOTES

Ahmadjian, Vernon (Worcester, USA) was visited from 5-9 June by Daniél Armau and Philippe Clerc. They shared information on photobiont isolation techniques and DNA isolation methods from lichens and bions. Together with Araf Shehata and John Brink, he is studying restriction fragment length polymorphisms in mitochondrial DNA among mycobiont clones of Cladonia cristatella. In particular, comparing RFLPs in clones that lichenize well in culture and those that do not. His student John Brink is studying protein synthesis of C. cristatella clones, using mRNA isolated from the cultured mycobiont. His book, written with S. Paracer, "Symbiosis: an introduction to biological associations", University Press of New England, has gone into a second printing.

Teaching assistantships (on a competitive basis) are available at Clark University to study lichen fungi, for study towards M.A. or Ph.D. degrees. Contact: Vernon Ahmadjian, Dept. of Biology, Clark University, Worcester, MA 01610-1477, USA.

Almborn, Ove (Lund, Sweden) has issued Fasc. 5 of his exsiccatae Lichenes Africanae. Copies and odd specimens are available for exchange. Fasc. 6 is in preparation. Material (35 duplicates of each collection) from all parts of Africa and surrounding islands will be appreciated. The Botanical Museum, University of Lund, offers rich duplicate material of Scandinavian lichens (many well-known collectors).

Egea, José (Murcia, Spain) finished his work on the flora and vegetation of lichens in the littoral zone of East and Southeast Spain. Taxonomic revisions have been completed for (1) Hepha and Peltula, (2) the family Opegraphaceae on the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa (in cooperation with Pilar Torrente), and (3) the family Lichinaceae on the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa (in cooperation with P.P. Moreno). The manuscripts of (1) and (2) have been accepted for publication in Bibliotheca Lichenologica. The results of (3) and of the study on lichens in the littoral zone will be dealt with in several articles. In addition, he is completing a study of the ombrophobic commu-
nities of the littoral zone of Western Europe and North Africa. A new project was started on the flora and vegetation of lichens in western Mediterranean coastal lowlands, entitled "Flora y Vegetación liqüénica de las tierras bajas costeras entre Almería (España) y Sintra (Portugal)." Estudio biogeográfico comparado del litoral mediterráneo de la Península Ibérica con el litoral de Marruecos". This study is supported financially by the Spanish government and should be finished in 1992. It will be carried out in collaboration with P. Torrente, P.P. Moreno, F.L. Alonso and M.J. Baeza from Murcia and J.G. Rowe from Sevilla.

As a continuation of the taxonomic revisionary work investigations of the genus Lecanactis in Europe and North Africa (in collaboration with P. Torrente) and the genus Pertusaria in the Mediterranean region (in cooperation with J.G. Rowe, Sevilla, and E. Manrique, Madrid) are planned. Jose Egea would be pleased to receive specimens in connection with this investigation.

Diederich, Paul (Luxembourg, G.D. de Luxembourg) has successfully completed his doctorate at the University of Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium) under the direction of Professor J.R. De Sloover. The title of his thesis is: "Etude taxonomique et écogéographique des lichens épiphytiques et de leurs champignons lichénicoles (macrolichens exceptés) du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg". In cooperation with E. Sérusiaux (Belgium), he is now preparing a computerized database, a checklist and a distribution atlas of the lichens and lichenicolous fungi of Luxembourg, Belgium and Northern France. He assisted G. Clauzade and C. Roux (France) in preparing keys for all the lichenicolous fungi of the world, published recently. In the future he will devote most of his time to the study of lichenicolous fungi.

Farkas, Edit (Vácátót, Hungary) participated in the Usambara Integrated Rain Forest Project Workshop, 13-17 March, in Morogoro, Tanzania, where she spent four weeks in the field, together with Hildur Krog. She collected many interesting foliicolous lichens. Afterwards she visited Rosemarie Honegger in Zürich (Switzerland) to study foliicolous lichens by SEM.

Fletcher, Anthony (Tony) (Leicester, UK) has returned to England after three years in Washington, D.C., to head the Botany Section of Leicestershire Museums Service (96 New Walk, Leicester LE1 6TD). He will complete publications on South American Parmelia sensu lato and continue studies on the British flora.

Follmann, Gerhard (Cologne, West Germany) spent local springtime in the Atacama Desert (Chile, Peru), where he completed his chorological, ecological, and sociological studies on Roccellaceae-dominated lichen communities, begun 25 years ago. Simultaneously, additional material of rarer species has been re-collected for his world monograph of this unique Arthonialean family, which has its main diversity centre in Pacific South America. For the same purpose, field trips to Namibia and Socotra are planned for the near future.

Hageman, Cecilia (London, Ontario, Canada) successfully defended her PhD thesis in the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Western Ontario. Her thesis was on intrapopulational and intraspecific isozyme variation, and the application of enzyme characters to taxonomic questions in the Umbilicariaceae. In 1989 she also received a law degree and she will now be involved with environmental law and patent law, as well as maintaining an interest in lichen research. She expects to present some of her research at Madrid in the spring of 1990.

Hansen, Eric Steen (Copenhagen, Denmark) is continuing his studies of epigaetic and epilithic lichen vegetation in Greenland. In 1989 he visited Upernavik, Uummannaq, Mârmorilik and Nûggssuaq in West Greenland and collected a representative material of lichens in these areas. Attention was also paid to lichenicolous fungi. Comprehensive collections of lichenicolous fungi collected by him mainly in more northern parts of Greenland, e.g. Thule, now are available for further studies in collaboration with specialists on this group of fungi.

Lökös, László (Budapest, Hungary) is preparing a checklist of the lichens of Kiskunság National Park, and also made collections, which are being identified now, for a study of the lichens of Aggtelek National Park.

Manrique, Esteban (Madrid, Spain) is starting a study on Umbilicariaceae including their distribution on the Iberian Peninsula, chemistry, ecophysiology, physiology, and morpho-anatomical comparative studies. This will be undertaken in cooperation with Dr. Carmen Ascaso, Dr. Leopoldo G. Sancho and Pilar Estevez. A study of the chemistry and dis-
ttribution of the genus Ramalina in Spain, the doctoral thesis project of Rosario Arroyo, has just been completed, and a chemical screening of macrolichen from Madrid province, the doctoral thesis project of Estela Seriñá, is in progress. Both studies are based on TLC and HPLC techniques.

Recently, studies are being focused on "lichens and air pollution": the pattern of response of four lichen species (Anaptychia ciliaris, Evernia prunastri, Ramalina farinacea and R. fraxinea) when exposed to acute and chronic SO2 fumigations, with or without a nitrate supply, is being studied. Lichen pigment status has been assessed by means of phaeophytinization quotient. A synergistic pattern of SO2-NO2-mixture interaction has been observed. This work is being done by Luis Balaguer in collaboration with Dr. A.W. Davison (Newcastle University). An investigation of nitrate and nitrite reductase activity in lichens and their relationship with NOx and SO2 pollution is also scheduled. Next October, Dr. Manrique will visit Dr. Davison in Newcastle to work on the effect of ozone fumigation on lichens, measuring the early chlorophyll fluorescence response, CO2 exchange and superoxide dismutase activity.

McCarthy, Pat (South Yarra, Australia) has started work at the National Herbarium of Victoria in April 1989, as successor of Rex Filson. He will concentrate on microlichens and has started dealing with Verrucariaceae and other saxicolous pyrenocarps. His first impressions suggest that the saxicolous pyrenocarp flora of Australia is rich, especially in the more temperate south-eastern states.

Osorio, Héctor (Montevideo, Uruguay) was visited during the first half of this year (1989) by the following colleagues: T. Ahti and S. Stenroos (Helsinki, Cladonia), S. Grundleheuer (Lausanne, Ussia), Th. H. Nash, III and C. Gries (Tempe, Xanthoparmelia). In addition to the groups of their particular interest, many other lichens were collected. In East Uruguay, with Th. Nash and his wife, Relicina abstrusa was discovered, a genus not previously known from Uruguay, which constitutes the southernmost record from South America. During May 1989 he and Mariana Fleig from Porto Alegre, Brazil, collected many specimens in the Highlands north of Santa Maria City, as a contribution to their long-term project, a study of the lichen flora of the Highlands from Rio Grande do Sul State, Brazil.

Ryan, Bruce (Tempe, USA) completed his dissertation in May 1989, on "Contributions to the systematics of Lecanora subg. Placodium (lichenized Ascomycotina) in North America" and received a Ph.D. degree in Botany from Arizona State University. He will be staying at A.S.U. at least during August 1989, working with Tom Nash as a research assistant and completing articles for publication. He has considerably more data on lobate species of Lecanoreaceae than those included in his dissertation, and will continue working on the group and preparing publications for several years. He is also continuing to work on the preparation of a catalogue of the lichens of Washington State, USA, which he hopes will be ready for publication in a few years.

Seaward, Mark (Bradford, UK), in collaboration with Dr. C. Giacobini (Istituto Centrale del Restauro, Roma), has for several years been researching lichen biodeterioration of ancient monuments and frescos. Recent activities have included fieldwork in and around Rome (see BLS Bulletin 64: 1-7, 1989), and participation in the International Conference on Biodeterioration of Cultural Property held in Lucknow, India in February 1989. He has also been invited to contribute a paper at a Conference on Oxalate Encrustations to be held in Milan in October 1989.

Sipman, Harrie (Berlin, West Germany) visited Mount Kinabalu Park in Sabah, Malaysia in May 1989. He promised the Park Warden to prepare a list of the lichens of the Park, and would therefore like to contact anyone who collected lichens there. He would like to cooperate with them in preparing the lichen list, and maybe in the identification of collections. He also participated in the Tropical Lichenology Workshop in Puerto Rico. (For a short report on this meeting see the contribution of André Aptroot on p.59)

Söchting, Ulrik (København, Denmark) spent a second field season on Svalbard (Spitzbergen) in August 1989, studying Arctic Caloplaca. He is also studying Antarctic species, in cooperation with Dag Olov Øvstedal from Bergen, Norway and Maria Olech from Krakow, Poland. Together with Steen N. Christensen, he is investigating the present status of Lobaria pulmonaria and the suphylitic lichen vegetation of beech forests in Denmark. A method for biological monitoring of acid deposition with lichens has been de-
veloped and the use of lichens as a tool for estimating nitrogen deposition is now being investigated. In cooperation with Vagn Alstrup, a Red List of Danish lichens has been drawn up and a Danish checklist is in preparation.

News about IMC 4

The Second Circular of the Fourth International Mycological Congress, to be held in Regensburg, Germany (F.R.G.) 28th August - 3rd September 1990, is out! It includes a survey of all symposia, a programme, and a survey of the excursions.

Among the activities of lichenological interest are General Lectures by D.H.S. Richardson and J. Poelt. Symposia with a special significance for lichenologists will include (name of convenor in brackets) in Section A, Systematics and Evolution: Lichen taxonomy and systematics (H. Hertel), Tropical fungi including foliicolous lichens (G.J. Samuels), Lichenicolous and fungicolous fungi (D. Hawksworth); in Section B, Morphology and Ultrastructure: Morphogenesis in Ascomycetes (including lichenized taxa) (R. Honegger); in Section C, Ecology: Distribution of lichenized and non-lichenized fungi in the southern hemisphere (E. Horak, D.J. Galloway), The ecological role of lichens (T.H. Nash).

A special 7-day lichen excursion in Tirol will be led by J. Poelt before the congress. According to present calculations, fees will be: Full members DM 330, Students DM 100, Accompanying persons DM 100. (Present exchange rate 100 DM = 55 US$.)

The final Circular, including forms for registration and hotel booking, will be mailed before March 1, 1990.

Award for Wirth's Flechten Baden-Württembergs

On the "Internationale Buchkunstausstellung 1989" ("Best Designed Books Exhibition") in Leipzig (German Democratic Republic) a lichenological publication was honoured. "Die Flechten Baden-Württembergs, Verbreitungsatlas" by Dr. Volkmar Wirth, published by Verlag Eugen Ulmer, Stuttgart (German Federal Republic), was awarded a silver medal. The author and the publisher are to be congratulated on this distinction, seldom achieved by scientific books. It shows that a high bibliographic standard can match a high scientific standard, for which the book is already famous among lichenologists. The quality of the many colour photographs is outstanding.

V Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica

The second circular for this Congress, the most important in Latin America, is available. It will be held from 24-29 June 1990 in La Habana, Cuba. The programme features 11 symposia treating many branches of botanical research, poster presentations, general lectures, and satellite meetings of 16 special interest groups, e.g. the Sociedad Latinoamericana de Briología. Opportunities for visits to the major herbaria in La Habana will be provided and 10 excursions of one or more days organized. Special attention to lichens will be paid in session 2, Botánica Sistemática y Evolutiva, coordinator Miguel Rodríguez, Jardín Botánico Nacional, Ciudad de La Habana. Further activities of special interest to lichenologists may include the 2. Simposio Latinoamericano de Briología y Mesa Redonda Nr. 2, Floras of the Gondwanic Continents. Registration before 31 January 1990, fee US$ 140 ($120 for members of Asociación Latinoamericana de Botánica, $80 for students and $ 60 for accompanying members).

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Rare Lichens Project in the USA and Canada

A project to determine the conservation status of the lichens of North America north of Mexico, and Hawaii was recently begun by Mason E. Hale, Jr., and Sherry K. Pittam of the Department of Botany, Smithsonian Institution, in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy.

The project's goal is to generate a list of rare or endangered lichens with the necessary information to seek protection for species as appropriate, and to provide
this information to the Conservancy and to other conservation organizations and land-management agencies. When possible, potential threats to individual species, as well as geographic distribution and abundance, will be noted. Taxonomy will follow Egan's checklist (as revised).

Those interested are invited to provide names of potentially rare or endangered species of lichens, with available supporting information. Please send them to Sherry K. Pittam, Rare Lichens Project, Smithsonian, Botany/NHB 166, Washington, D.C. 20560, USA, tel. (202) 357-2545.

Flora Neotropica - Lichens
Progress Report September 1989

The Organization for FLORA NEOTROPICA (OFN) is a non-profit making organization set up by the Commission of UNESCO in 1964 to publish a complete flora of the tropical American region, i.e. of the area bounded to the north by the Tropic of Cancer and to the south by the Tropic of Capricorn. It fosters the use of the services and skills of specialized botanists and the cooperation of botanical institutions throughout the world. About 50 volumes have now been published, most of them on angiosperms, and many more are in preparation. Contributions are prepared according to a detailed set of guidelines, which can be obtained from the Deputy Director of Cryptogams, Dr. S. Rob Gradstein (address see below), of from the Managing Editor of Flora Neotropica, Dr. Maria Lebron-Luteyn, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y. 10458-5126, U.S.A.

Colleagues wishing to contribute a monograph on neotropical lichens to the FLORA NEOTROPICA should write to S. Rob Gradstein, Deputy Director OFN, Institute of Systematic Botany, Heidelberglaan 2, 3584 CS Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Lichen treatments have not yet been published, but at least two monographs are nearing completion (Brako, Phyllophora; Ahti, Cladoniaceae) and several are in preparation. The list of lichen monographs currently in preparation for FLORA NEOTROPICA is as follows (species numbers given are approximations):

**Bacidaceae**

- Phyllophora (20 spp.) L. Brako (MO) 1989
- Baemycetaceae
- Cladoniaceae (130 spp.) T. Ahti (H) 1990
- Collemataceae
- Leptogium azureum group (20 spp.) M. Lindstrom (GB)

**Parmeliaceae** (c. 400 spp.)

- **Peligeraceae**
  - Peligera (25 spp.) O. Vitikainen (H) 1990
- **Physciaceae** pr. p.
- **Pyrenulaceae**
- **Ramalinaceae**
- **Stereocaulaceae** (25 spp.) H. Kashiwadani (TNS) 1992
- **Theletomataceae** (200 spp.) H. J. Sipman (B)
- **Trypetheliaceae** (150 spp.) M. Hale (US) 1990
- **Usneaceae** (50 spp.) R. Harris (NY) 1990

**A Round-the-World Field Trip**

With today's frequent air connections available all over the world, lichen collecting in the tropics has much increased. However, much of the collecting done seems to be rather general, with emphasis on macrolichens. Most crustose groups, like the pyrenocarpous lichens, still tend to be neglected, and are not yet becoming available to specialists on a large scale. It was therefore considered important to carry out specialist collecting in the tropics for my PhD project on the taxonomy and phylogeny of part of the *Pyrenulaceae*. Fortunately many of the relevant lichens grow in coastal habitats, for instance mangroves and palm beaches. Therefore, the planned field trip did not need to include time consuming Livingstone-type expeditions to the interior of some uninhabited areas. Instead, one round-the-world trip, during which several different countries could be briefly visited, seemed to be the most effective. The trip was carried out May-July 1989, with my wife as my only company during most of the trip.

To start with, we participated in the workshop 'Tropical Lichenology' in Puerto Rico (see announcement in ILN 22: 6). This was a very fruitful experience due to the unique combination of a convenient field station with excellent lichen flora nearby, in the mountain forests near Maricao. The possibility to examine freshly collected material immediately was very valuable, and brought interesting observations on characters like hamathecium impersion. Among the collected lichens was the rare *Lithothelium cubanum* and many undescribed species. Various other localities all over Puerto Rico were visited during the workshop, varying from dry coastal scrub with many *Lichinaceae* and *Heppiaceae* on the rocks and soil to submontane forest with *Sticta* and *Dictyonema*.

Our next stop was southern Florida, where collecting was done mainly in populated areas like Homestead. In addition the Everglades and the Keys were visited. An
important aim in Florida was to gather fresh material from several selected species for cultivation of the mycobiont. The cultures will be included in the collections of the Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, Baarn, Netherlands.

In the Hawaiian archipelago we visited two islands, viz. Oahu and Hawaii. Emphasis was laid on the collection of possible endemics. Some shaded rock outcrops on Oahu proved to be surprisingly rich, and yielded several weird Porinae. On Hawaii the influence of a natural source of air pollution in the form of a recent lava flow on the lichen vegetation at the SE coast was seen. All pyrenocarps were heavily affected unlike some other lichen species.

In Singapore the last remaining primary rain forest reserves were visited. As expected these forests were not very rich in pyrenocarps. Some other areas however, especially on St. John's Island off the coast were particularly rich.

As the last country, we visited the Maldives, from which I had never seen any lichen specimen or any reference to lichens before. Thus any lichen found was bound to be a new record. Fortunately, one of the three islands visited (Velassaru) was fairly rich in lichens. The number of lichen species even appeared to exceed that of phanerogams. Most lichens grew on the palm trees, many belonging to species with a pantropical distribution.

In total, over 700 specimens were collected, mainly pyrenocarpous lichens, belonging to some 200 species, and some 30 living collections. Many of these will be treated in my future work on pyrenocarps. Apart from this, separate publications on our observations on Hawaii and the Maldives are planned.

--- A. Apteot

New Literature

Reino ALAVA. 1988. Edvard August Vainio's Types in Tur-V and other herbaria. Publications from the Herbarium, University of Turku, 2. 513 pp. Price FIM 100. (a list of all collections cited in the original descriptions of new lichen taxa by Vainio, arranged by taxa, with indications which material is present in the Vainio herbarium in Turku or elsewhere; recent type designations are often indicated)

Back issues of ILN

The following back issues of ILN are still available: 9(1), 9(2), 10(1), 10(2), 11(1), 11(2), 12(1), 12(2), 13(1), 13(2), 14(1), 14(2), 15(1), 15(2), 16(1), 16(2), 17(1), 20(1), 20(2), 20(3), 21(1), 21(2), 21(3). In photcopy available are: vol. 1 (1), 1(2+supp.), 1(3), 2(1), 3(2), 6(2), 7(1-2), 8(1-2). Two indexes are also available: Index to vol. 1-8, Index to vol. 9-13.

According to a resolution of the IAL Executive Council, published in ILN 16 (1), April 1983, the following charges will be levied for back issues of ILN: Vol. 1: US$ 0.25 per number (3 per volume); vol. 2-8: US$ 0.50 per number (2 per volume); vol. 9-13: US$ 1.00 per number (2 per volume); vol. 14-17: US$ 1.50 per number (2 per volume).

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