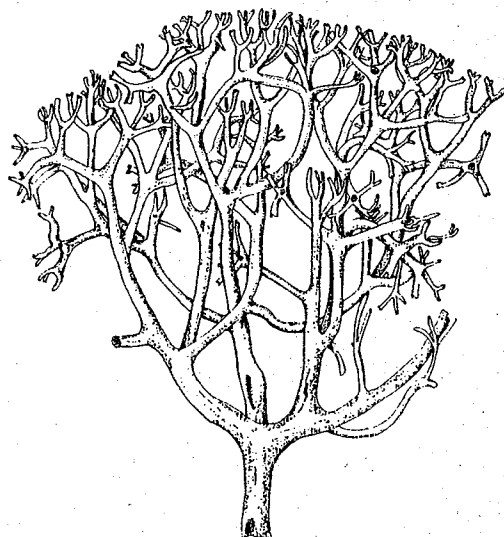


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Acharius. David Galloway and Roland Moberg will lead this excursion.

- * 1993, May: International Workshop Meeting "First International Workshop on Ascomycete Systematics, Problems and Perspectives in the Nineties". A NATO Advanced Research Workshop in Paris. Cosponsored by: IMA, IAL, ICTF, Association Française de Lichénologie etc.
- * 1993, September: International Botanical Congress in Tokyo.
- * 1994, August: Fifth Mycological Congress in Vancouver, Canada.
- * 1995: Symposium on foliicolous lichens in Hungary.
- * 1995: Field Meeting in New Zealand.
- * 1996: IAL 3 in Salzburg.

7. Election of Officers and Council Members. The IAL executive Council 1992-1996 is as follows:

President: Ingvar Kärnefelt, Lund, Sweden
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8. IAL Awards.

Mason Hale Award: Dagmar Triebel, München, Germany was the first winner of the Mason Hale Award which was presented by the Vice-President.

Acharius Medal: Thirteen medals were distributed to the following lichenologists:

Gunnar Degelius (presented by the Secretary)
 Rolf Santesson (presented by Roland Moberg)
 John Thomson (presented by Irwin Brodo)
 Otto Lange (presented by Ludger Kappen)
 Josef Poelt (presented by Hannes Hertel)
 Aino Henssen (presented by Martin Jahns)
 Hildur Krog (presented by Peter James)
 Peter James (presented by Brian Coppins)
 William Culberson (presented by Tom Nash)
 Chicita Culberson (presented by Clifford Smith)

Antonin Vezda (presented by Josef Poelt)
 Dharani Awasthi (presented by Isao Yoshimura)
 Hans Trass (presented by Teuvo Ahti)

9. The President closed the meeting by expressing his thanks to all participants, conveners, chairmen and speakers for their contribution, and particularly to Ingvar Kärnefelt and his staff for making this symposium such a success.

--- Lars Arvidsson

The lichens in the Ukrainian National Herbarium in Kiev (K W)

The National Ukrainian Herbarium is included in the N. G. Kholodny Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine. It consists of five sections: vascular plants, mycology, bryology, lichenology and algology. The lichen herbarium has been revised by Sergey Kondratyuk together with Mrs. Natalya Beznis. This work was finished in December 1992, and the main results are presented here.

The present Ukrainian National Herbarium was created in 1921 as the herbarium of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine. The first collector and curator of lichens was A. Archimovich. Since 1925 the lichenological collections increased quickly due to A. Oxner, who was the main founder of lichen herbarium.

The lichen herbarium comprises about 46,000 specimens. They originate mainly from the Ukraine (Carpathian mountains, plains and Crimea) and various parts of the former Soviet Union. The material was at first arranged according to the system of Zahlbruckner, later to that of Poelt (1973). Within the families, the genera and species are ordered alphabetically, and within each taxon there is a geographical arrangement in three main groups: the Ukraine, the countries of the former Soviet Union, and the other countries. Material from the Ukraine is organized according to 25 administrative regions.

The lichens of the Ukraine have been mainly collected by A. N. Oxner and M. F. Makarevich, further by A. S. Lazarenko, E. M. Bradis, N. V. Kondrat'yeva, D. K. Zerov, E. Elin, F. Gryn', M. I. Kotov, E. M. Lavrenko, Y. D. Kleopov, I. Zoz.

Large collections (comprising more than 300 specimens) are also present from Byclarus', Azerbajdzan, Ural mountains, Altai, Baikal Chita and Far East made by A. N. Oxner, from Azerbajdzan by S. Barkhalov, from Arctica by F. Gryn', B. N. Gorodkov and B. A. Tikhomirov, from the Ural by V. Govorukhin, from Middle Asia by A. S. Lazarenko, and from Yakutiya by M. Karavayav, T. Rabotnov, N.

Savich and V. Sheludyakova.

Selected type specimens, a small collection of historically interesting lichens and some exsiccates (Vezda, Mereschowsky, Rabenhorst, etc.) are kept separately. The collection of selected type specimens is comparatively small. It includes type specimens of *Bacidia pulchra* Oxner, *Endocarpon inconspicuum* Oxner, *E. obscuratum* Oxner, *Lecania zinaidae* Oxner, *Lecanora multispora* Makarevicz, *L. nemoralis* Makarevicz, *Melaspilea oxneri* Makarevicz, *Staurothele columellaris* Oxner, *Thrombium cretaceum* Oxner, *Verrucaria cretophila* Oxner, and *V. pontica* Oxner from Ukraine. Further type specimens of *Bacidia zerowii* Oxner, *Parmelia altaica* Oxner and *P. submundata* Oxner from the Altai; *Leptotrema lithophila* Oxner and *Parmelia duplicatoides* Oxner from the Far East; *Aspicilia transbaicalica* Oxner from the Ural; *Cetraria annae* Oxner, *Cladonia kanewskii* Oxner, *Lecidea gorodkovii* Oxner, *Lecidea karavajevii* Oxner, *L. lenensis* Oxner, *Parmelia borysororum* Oxner, *P. teretiuscula* Oxner and *P. tominii* from Siberia; *Acarospora zeravshanica* Kudratov, *Aspicilia lazarenkoi* Oxner, *A. oxneriana* Blum, *A. thjyanchanica* Oxner, *Buellia gordiaginii* Oxner, *Buellia kirgisorum* Oxner, *Caloplaca ferganensis* Tomin, *Cetraria potaninii* Oxner, *Lecania bullata* Oxner, *L. ferganae* Oxner, *Placodium kotowii* Oxner, *P. sphaeroideum* Oxner, *P. verruculiferum* Oxner, *Ramalina kazakhorum* Oxner, *Staurothele lazarenkoi* Oxner and *S. laevinae* Oxner from Middle Asia; *Aspicilia grossheimii* Oxner, *Phylloporina obsoleta* Oxner and *Ramalina kardakovae* Oxner from the Caucasus.

Undetermined specimens are available from Belarus' (collector M. F. Makarevich), the Crimea (O. G. Kopachev's'ka), the islands of Oceania and Africa (O. B. Blyum), Mongolia and the Kuril Islands (als O. B. Blyum), the Novosibirsky islands (N. D. Alexandrova) etc.

A detailed description of the material (collectors, localities, etc.) will be published in the Ukrainian Botanical Journal. Loan requests, appointments to do research in the herbarium and requests for more information regarding the contents and collectors should be addressed to: Dr. S. Kondratyuk, Lichen Herbarium, N. G. Kholodny Institute of Botany of Academy of Science of Ukraine, Tereshchenkiv's'ka Street 2, 252601 Kiev-DSP-1, Ukraine.

--- S. Kondratyuk

Reorganization of botany in Copenhagen

From January 1st, 1993 the three Botanical Institutes of the University of Copenhagen have fused to form a single Botanical Institute. The correct work addresses of U. Søchting and V. Alstrup are now:

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Other addresses remain the same.

From February 15th a new telephone system will also be operative and all telephone and fax numbers will change. The new numbers are:

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Mona Nissen (assistant), see lichen herbarium.

Ulrik Søchting, phone (45) 3532 2313, fax (45) 3532 2321.

--- Vagn Alstrup

A letter from the President: The state of Dutch lichenology

Mark Seaward and myself were fortunate to have been invited to attend the defense of André Aptroot's thesis "Systematic studies on Pyrenocarpous lichens and related fungi" which took place in Utrecht in the historic Academiegebouw on 15 February 1993. It was a very traditional ceremony with a large number of professors wearing cap and gown, some of them only listening and a few others acting as opponents. David Hawksworth was one of the invited opponents who was allowed to ask a few questions in the exactly 45 minutes long ceremony. André did rather well in spite of the tradition of wearing tails and standing in front of a desk. After the defence he was promoted by Professor Hennipman.

The future seems rather good for him now being appointed to a post doc opportunity at the Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures in Baarn. However, he is supposed to work mainly on various groups of fungi and not on tropical lichens, his own specialism. It is remarkable that a rich country like The Netherlands with a population of 15 million people, with high social standards and an excellent system of education, does not seem to be able to maintain one single position for lichenology. Harrie Sipman, who defended his thesis on the lichen family Megalosporaceae in 1983, had to go to Berlin to continue his work as a lichenologist and Hans Martin Jahns and Fred Daniëls also left to Germany. In the same time where re-