# An overview of *Aspergillus* (Hyphomycetes) and associated teleomorphs in southern Africa

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#### ABSTRACT

An overview is given of literature concerning the genus *Aspergillus* Link and its teleomorphs, *Chaetosartorya* Subram., *Emericella* Berk. & Broome, *Eurotium* Link, *Fennellia* B.J. Wiley & E.G. Simmons, *Neosartorya* Malloch & Cain and *Sclerocleista* Subram. encountered in the Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Transkei and Zimbabwe up to 1993. The information is grouped under headings that indicate the field of research, namely general mycology, plant pathology, human pathology, animal and insect pathology, industrial relevance and secondary metabolites and mycotoxins. An alphabetical list of recorded *Aspergillus* species is provided and the relevant host or substrate is given together with a literature reference, while the fungal nomenclature has been updated. All the *Aspergillus* species that are regarded as common have been reported from southern Africa. No in-depth research has been done here on this group, except for chemical work on mycotoxins.

#### UITTREKSEL

<sup>\*</sup>n Oorsig van literatuur aangaande die genus Aspergillus Link en sy teleomorwe, Chaetosartorya Subram., Emericella Berk. & Broome, Eurotium Link, Fennellia B.J. Wiley & E.G. Simmons, Neosartorya Malloch & Cain en Sclerocleista Subram., aangetref in die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, Botswana, Lesotho, Mosambiek, Namibië, Swaziland, Transkei en Zimbabwe tot 1993 word gegee. Die informasie word gegroepeer onder opskrifte wat die aard van die navorsing aandui naamlik mikologie, plantpatologie, menslike patologie, dierlike- en insekpatologie, industriële toepassings en sekondêre metaboliete en mikotoksiene. <sup>\*</sup>n Alfabetiese lys van aangetekende Aspergillus spesies word verskaf en die relevante gasheer of substraat word saam met <sup>\*</sup>n verwysing gegee terwyl die swamnomenklatuur op datum gebring is. Die algemene Aspergillus spesies in suidelike Afrika is almal aangeteken. Geen diepgaande navorsing is hier op hierdie groep gedoen nie, behalwe die chemiese werk op mikotoksiene.

## INTRODUCTION

'Species of the great group *Aspergillus* form a very considerable percentage of all the mould colonies encountered in the cultural examination of foodstuffs, of soil and of miscellaneous materials' (Thom & Church 1926).

Economically and ecologically Aspergillus is a very important group, not only because of its ubiquitous nature, but it also has the ability to grow under a wide range of conditions (Domsch et al. 1980). There are probably few substrates that cannot be colonized and degraded. These fungi also synthesize an extraordinary variety of metabolites with biological activity (Raper & Fennell 1973). Profitable and advantageous applications of Aspergillus can be found in the production of antibiotics, antifungal substances, vitamins and organic acids, in the preparation of oriental foods, the use of various species in physiological experiments and testing of fungicides as well as in genetic work (Kozakiewicz 1989). Aspergilli also have a deleterious impact: some members of the genus are plant pathogens (Raper & Fennell 1973; Gorter 1977), there are well-known human (Martin & Berson 1973) and animal pathogens (Neitz 1965), many are mycotoxin producers (Frisvad 1989) and they contribute greatly to spoilage (Kozakiewicz 1989).

The genus name *Aspergillus* dates back to Micheli, who used the term because of the similarity between the conidial head and a holy water sprinkler called an aspergill (Raper & Fennell 1973). The development of the taxonomy of *Aspergillus* is described in detail by Raper & Fennell (1973), Christensen & Tuthill (1985) and Kozakiewicz (1989).

The first comprehensive work on the genus *Aspergillus* was by Thom & Church (1926) and the second revision of this work is the monograph currently used for *Aspergillus* identifications (Raper & Fennel 1973). These authors recognised 132 species and separated them into 18 groups. In an update by Samson (1979), he accepted another 34 taxa and nomenclaturally separated the asexual from the sexual states.

A shortcoming of the work of Raper & Fennell (1973) is the fact that both anamorph and teleomorph species are treated under the anamorph genus, *Aspergillus*. The nomenclatural separation of the anamorph from the teleomorph, as incorporated by Benjamin (1955), was not accepted by Raper & Fennell (1973). Benjamin (1955) selected the previously published generic names, *Eurotium* Link, *Emericella* Berk. and *Sartorya* Vuill. for the teleomorphic states. The typification of 190 taxa of *Aspergillus* was investigated by Samson & Gams (1985) and adjustments were made to meet the rules of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, giving teleomorphic names priority over anamorphic ones. The taxonomic work of Horie (1980), Gams & Samson (1985) and

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Kozakiewicz (1989) further contributed to our knowledge of the group.

Various authors have studied specific groups of the genus: Al-Musallam (1980) did a revision of the black Aspergilli, Christensen (1982) revised the *A. ochraceus* group and Kurtzman *et al.* (1986) and Klich & Pitt (1988) differentiated between species in the *A. flavus* group. Horie (1980) and Kozakiewicz (1989) used ascospore and conidial ornamentation as an aid to identification.

More sophisticated methods such as DNA relatedness (Kurtzman *et al.* 1986), mycotoxin production (Klich & Pitt 1988; Frisvad 1989), API-Zym strips (Jain & Lacey 1991) and genetic similarity studies (Peterson 1992) have been used with success in *Aspergillus* identification. Samson & Pitt (1985, 1990) described the use of nucleic acid relatedness, serological methods, exocellular polysaccharides, enzyme electrophoresis, ubiquinone systems and DNA and RNA studies for the same purpose. Their findings confirm the value of a multidisciplinary approach to fungal taxonomy in general, including that of *Aspergillus*.

A major contribution to *Aspergillus* taxonomy has been made by the workshops on *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* systematics (Samson & Pitt 1985, 1990) as well as the formation of the Subcommission on *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus* Systematics under the International Commission on Taxonomy of Fungi (Samson & Pitt 1990).

This paper is an overview of publications dealing with all aspects of *Aspergillus* in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Transkei and Zimbabwe. Literature is grouped under headings indicating the scope of the research and is in chronological order. A list of recorded species is appended in which isolates in the dried collection (PREM) as well as the culture collection (PPRI) of the National Collection of Fungi were included. Culture collections donated to the Mycology Unit as well as catalogues of international culture collections were consulted for additional information. No attempt has been made to verify published data, the identity of *Aspergillus* isolates or any other information. Names of fungi and hosts or substrates are given exactly as in the original text.

#### OVERVIEW OF LITERATURE

## General mycology

The first entry of an *Aspergillus* in the National Collection of Fungi is *A. glaucus* Link (PREM 701—see checklist), collected by J.H.T. De Villiers from *Nicotiana tabacum* in the Cape Colony, on 24 December 1909. *Eurotium herbariorum* Link (PREM 833—see checklist), identified by R.N. Adlam and collected by Medley Wood from *Cephalanthus natalensis* in Transvaal (*Wood 3920*), is the second entry. No author citation or date is given but Medley Wood collected during the previous century and died in 1915 (Doidge 1950). In all probability this specimen represents the first record of an *Aspergillus* in southern Africa.

Aspergillus isolates are often listed in general fungal surveys. Cohen (1950) studied soil fungi and recorded

three *Aspergillus* species. Doidge (1950) listed 19 species of *Aspergillus*. Many of these species names are no longer in use. The mycological Herbarium of the Timber Research Laboratory, connected to the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, had a collection of over 1 400 timber-deteriorating fungi, mostly obtained underground. Many of these isolates had been identified overseas by Thom and the CBS (see checklist). Fortunately, Doidge (1950) listed these fungi, including the Aspergilli, as the original information and lists could not be traced.

Ascosporic Aspergillus spp. present in the collection of the University of the Witwatersrand were discussed by Swart (1959). Five Aspergillus spp., four of which were new records for South Africa, were isolated from forest soil in Zululand (Eicker 1969). The majority of fungi isolated from Zululand soil belonged to the Fungi Imperfecti, with Aspergilli well represented (Eicker 1970a), and distributed evenly in vertical profiles of these soils (Eicker 1970b). In a paper dealing with the occurrence, isolation and identity of thermophylic fungi, Eicker (1972) indicated that A. fumigatus Fresen, can grow and sporulate at temperatures ranging from 20°C to 50°C. A. japonicus Saito was present in three of the four Eucalyptus leaf litter horizons (Eicker 1973). From savanna soil of the Transvaal 16 species of Aspergillus were isolated (Eicker 1974), and most of these were deposited in IMI (see checklist). Few isolates of Aspergillus were found on litter of Panicum coloratum L. (Eicker 1976). In the western Transvaal, seven species of Aspergillus were found in the soil of an Acacia karroo community (Papendorf 1976). Bezuidenhout (1977) found nine Aspergillus spp. among Hyphomycetes associated with the grass, Cenchrus ciliaris L. Hyaline amerospores, including those of Aspergillus, were found to make up 4.5% of the aerospora above an Eragrostis curvula (Schrad.) Nees pasture (Van der Merwe et al. 1979).

Gorter (1979) compiled a checklist of fungi recorded in South Africa up to 1977: the original publications are listed here. A. clavatus Desm. was found to be present in 45% of industrial malt samples, while A. flavus Link comprised about 25% of the fungi found on commercial malt (Rabie & Lübben 1984). Roux (1985) isolated five Aspergillus spp. from a Karoo pasture. A. carbonarius (Bainier) Thom has been recorded on Eucalyptus (Lundquist & Baxter 1985) and Aspergillus spp. were found on Pinus (Lundquist 1987).

Aspergillus spp. were the dominant fungi isolated from the bare patches on the Giribes plains in Namibia, making up 21% of fungi isolated (Eicker et al. 1982), but no explanation could be given for this phenomenon. Allsopp et al. (1987) isolated fungi associated with roots of proteaceous seedlings and recorded A. duricaulis Raper & Fennell and A. unilateralis Thrower from South Africa for the first time. A. ficuum (Reichardt) Hennings and A. ustus (Bainier) Thom & Church were found to be endophytes in grass (De Villiers 1989). Aspergillus spp. were commonly isolated from indigenous stored seed (Isaacs & Benic 1990). Watson et al. (1990) found among others, A. terreus in the gut of dune dwelling lepismatids, but neither the role nor the effect of these fungi could be determined. Conidiogenesis of A. niger Tiegh. was studied by Tiedt (1992).

## Plant pathology and seed deterioration

Verwoerd (1929) indicated *A. niger* as the cause of disease of onions and pomegranates in the winter rainfall area. Rosselet (1953) used *A. niger* as test organism in determining available potassium in lowveld soil, and later (Rosselet 1955) to determine levels of potassium, magnesium and phosphorus in citrus orchards as well as in virgin soil. This method is based on the assumption that elements available to micro-organisms will be available to plants. These references possibly have more relevance to plant nutrition than to plant pathology.

Doidge & Van der Plank (1936) indicated A. niger and Aspergillus spp. as a cause of rot on stored citrus fruit. A. carbonarius, A. niger and A. ochraceus group were listed as plant pathogens by Doidge et al. (1953). A. niger was found to comprise 6% of fungi in citrus orchard soil whereas in virgin soils A. fumigatus was one of the dominant species. The latter species was rarely isolated from citrus soil (Martin 1960). Four species of Aspergillus contributed to the decay of litchi fruit, according to Roth (1963) whereas A. niger has been isolated from banana hands (Roth & Loest 1965).

Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972) found several *Aspergillus* species on high quality maize, *A. flavus*, *A. niger* and *A. sydowi* (Bain. & Sart.) Thom & Church being among the most prevalent ones. Stored lucerne seed was found to yield only a few *Aspergillus* spp. and no increase during storage was reported (Marasas & Bredell 1973). An index of plant pathogens (Gorter 1977) listed *A. flavus* and *A. niger*.

According to Bornman (1978) a large proportion of seeds of *Welwitschia mirabilis* (Hook, f.) are sterile and this situation is aggravated by *A. niger*. This fungus infests the inflorescence, rendering more than 99% of all seeds infertile. This same fungus has also been listed in connection with post-harvest decay of mangoes (Wehner *et al.* 1981). *Aspergillus* contamination of both stored seed and seedlings of maize is high: members of the *A. glaucus* group are often isolated and it is suggested that some *Aspergillus* spp. may be seed-transmitted (McLean & Berjak 1987).

Various Aspergillus species were isolated from the roots of Medicago spp., but they were not pathogenic (Lamprecht et al. 1988). Steinke et al. (1990) found that Aspergillus spp. deteriorated both Avicennia and Bruguiera leaves but they made up less than 12% of isolations. This group of fungi occurred in less than 10% of sorghum grain (Bosman et al. 1991). A. niger commonly occurred in citrus soil but did not have a pronounced antagonistic effect on various fungal pathogens of citrus (Botha & Wehner 1990). Four Aspergillus spp. were recorded to be antagonistic to Rhizoctonia solani by Weideman et al. (1990).

Aspergillus spp. did not pose problems on stored homoiohydrous seeds (Mycock & Berjak 1990). Mycock et al. (1990) found that A. flavus var. columnaris Raper & Fennell can infect maize seedlings and survive in the maturing plant, and Mycock & Berjak (1992) found that hot water treatment of maize seed decreased internal Aspergillus counts from 61% to 5%. Healthy chicory roots were inoculated with Aspergillus spp. isolated from infected roots, but the fungi had no detrimental effect (Prinsloo *et al.* 1991).

## Human pathology

Species of *Aspergillus* are indicated as pathogens worldwide in various aspects in the pathology of humans and of other mammals and insects. In the case of humans information is grouped below according to the effect of the fungus. Thiel (1986) as well as Marasas (1988) considered foodborne mycotoxins such as aflatoxin, produced by *A. flavus* to be of great medical relevance.

## Aspergilli as allergens

Members of this genus have allergenic qualities and the first southern African report in this regard is a survey done by Ordman & Etter (1956). They found that Aspergillus spp. made up only 0.7% of airborne fungi in Johannesburg and showed no seasonal incidence. A later survey (Ordman 1963) indicated the same tendencies, with similar results obtained for Windhoek (Ordman 1970). Patients with positive precipitins to Aspergillus had these to either A. fumigatus or A. niger; the antigens were prepared locally (Benatar et al. 1980). Patients of certain population groups were found to be more allergic to A. fumigatus than others (Joubert et al. 1988). Ten per cent of allergic children in the Western Cape were sensitive to Aspergillus spp. when positive skin tests were done, whereas 12% tested positive to this fungus when IgE responses were used (Potter et al. 1991)

## Aspergilli and cancer

In an appraisal of liver cirrhosis and hepatoma in the local population, Isaacson (1966) came to the conclusion that liver cell necrosis can be a result of *A. flavus* toxicosis rather than of infective hepatitis. Purchase & Vorster (1968) suggested that aflatoxin M found in milk also had a carcinogenic effect.

Gilman (1972) conducted a comprehensive survey into fungal contamination of food in the Eastern Transvaal and Swaziland and the findings supported an association between mycotoxins in the diet and incidence of liver cancer. Various Aspergillus spp. were recorded and aflatoxin was found to be more prevalent in groundnut products than in maize. Peers et al. (1976) found a significant correlation between ingested aflatoxin and the incidence of primary liver cancer in Swaziland. Aspergillus was present in 3.3% of samples from the low rate area and 6.7% samples from the high rate area of an oesophageal cancer area in Transkei (Marasas et al. 1981). The correlation of high risk of exposure to aflatoxin and the hepatitis B virus to hepatocellular carcinoma has been indicated (Bressac et al. 1991), but is beyond the scope of this overview. The above-mentioned references are merely representative of this subject; more were traced but they did not refer to a specific fungus.

## Aspergillosis, keratitis and otitis

Cases of infection by *Aspergillus* are often associated with degenerative disorders. Jacobs *et al.* (1965) found that pulmonary aspergillosis was extremely rare in all race groups in South Africa and they described a single case. Martin & Berson (1973) gave a comprehensive account of fungal diseases in southern Africa, listing cases of aspergilloses: various *Aspergillus* spp. were considered responsible for 69 cases of diseases of the ear.

Two cases of aspergillosis of the skin were recorded by Findlay et al. (1971) and in both cases the organism involved was A. fumigatus, while Caro & Dogliotti (1973) described a similar case. Block & Young (1977) indicated the value of early diagnosis of opportunistic fungal infections and again referred to A. fumigatus. They also found that the use of membrane filter blood cultures gave better results than serological methods. This same fungus was responsible for four cases of pneumonia described by Kallenbach et al. (1977). Bak & Wagenveld (1983) discussed the treatment of otitis where one of the organisms causing problems was A. niger. A. fumigatus as well as an unidentified Aspergillus sp. was found to cause fatal fungal pneumonia in heart transplant patients (Cooper et al. 1983). A case report of paranasal sinus aspergillosis was given by Glass et al. (1984) but no fungus was indicated. Pulmonary aspergillosis caused by A. fumigatus complicated pneumonia and was the cause of death of an otherwise healthy patient (Lewis et al. 1985).

Aspergillus spp. were identified in four cases of fungal keratitis that responded well to miconazole treatment (Fitzsimons & Peters 1986). In the area where Mseleni joint disease is found, 41% of homegrown groundnuts were contaminated by Aspergillus (Marasas & Van Rensburg 1986). A. stromatoides Raper & Fennell was found to cause a fatal sino-orbital infection (Sacho et al. 1987), while A. niger was isolated from a patient with a fatal brain abscess (Berkowitz et al. 1987). Govender et al. (1991) reported five cases of A. fumigatus infection of the spine and found that the patients responded well to antifungal drugs.

## Animal and insect pathology

Prinsloo (1960) found that *A. parasiticus* Speare infected brown locusts both in the laboratory and in the field. Neitz (1965) indicated *A. fumigatus* as an enzootic pathogen in various birds, having obtained some of this information by personal communication. Prozesky *et al.* (1971) gave an account of *A. fumigatus* infection of scaly weavers. An outbreak in a colony of these birds kept at Onderstepoort is described: fortunately, the indicated treatment quickly put an end to the morbidity and deaths. Nesbit (1986) described aspergillosis of a piglet but no causative organism could be isolated.

## Industrial relevance

The first record of Aspergilli mentioned in an industrial sense was by Van der Bijl (1920) who studied deterioration of sugar by fungi. Isolates were sent to Thom in America and his full report is included in Van der Bijl's publication. The production of the enzyme invertase by micro-organisms such as *A. niger* and *A. terreus* Thom was influenced by various factors and these were indicated. In the dairy industry *Aspergillus* spp. were reported by Davel & Neethling (1930) to be troublesome. Purchase & Vorster (1968) tested milk samples for the presence of aflatoxin M, as this mycotoxin may be carcinogenic: 21 samples were tested and five gave positive results. A problem with sticky molasses meal was addressed by Roth (1968) who tested many micro-organisms, among others seven species of *Aspergillus*, to render the product more free-flowing.

When fungi found on cheese were tested for toxicity, all isolates of *A. ustus* were found to be toxic to ducklings, but no mycotoxins were detected in the cheese (Lück *et al.* 1976). Likewise, no aflatoxin was detected in cheese or milk powder but 23% of milk samples tested positive (Lück & Wehner 1979).

Aspergillus spp. were found to be more prevalent on grapes infected by *Botrytis* than on healthy ones (Le Roux *et al.* 1973). Using three different techniques, Eicker (1977) isolated thermophylic fungi, including *A. fumi-gatus*, from mushroom compost. Fungal growth on wetblue leather is a common occurrence and Russell (1981) tested various fungicides by using fungi including *Asper-gillus* spp. isolated from this substrate.

Relative cellulytic activity of 14 species of *Aspergillus* was also determined, when mesophilic fungi on compost was studied (Eicker 1980). Various casing materials for mushroom production were evaluated by Smit (1984) and Aspergilli were encountered during microbiological evaluation. Thermotolerant fungi, namely *A. fumigatus* and an *Aspergillus* sp., were grown on spent sulphite liquor from a pulp mill (Pretorius 1993a, b, c). The potential for single cell protein production, the growth characteristics of these fungi and three reactor configurations were discussed.

# Secondary metabolites and mycotoxins

Species of *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* are potent secondary metabolite and mycotoxin producers (Frisvad 1989). The use of secondary metabolite profiles in the identification of these species is well established and these substances are the subject of ongoing research (Samson & Pitt 1985; Frisvad 1989; Samson & Pitt 1990).

In the early 1960's aflatoxin, a metabolite of A. flavus and A. parasiticus, was discovered and soon found to be highly carcinogenic (Raper & Fennell 1973). Previously Thom & Church (1926) had already indicated that grain contaminated with A. flavus could be poisonous to cattle and swine. As a result of these findings, research in secondary metabolites and mycotoxins became a high priority world-wide. Rabie et al. (1964) indicated that A. amstelodami (L. Mangin) Thom & Church had a toxic effect on poultry and rabbits. The fungus proved to be lethal to rabbits and reduced the growth of ducks. The work done subsequently by Scott (1965) attracted international attention. He investigated the toxigenicity of fungi obtained from various commercial products: 46 fungal strains belonging to 22 species caused the death of ducklings in only 14 days. Of these, 12 species belonged

to the genus *Aspergillus*. Five of these *Aspergillus* spp. also had a detrimental effect on mice and rats.

Rabie *et al.* (1965) found that *A. wentii* Wehmer was toxic to experimental animals, but the toxin was not identified. Rabie & Terblanche (1967) compared the influence of temperature on two *A. wentii* isolates with variable toxicity. The toxins were characterized and found to be mildly toxic to ducklings (Rabie *et al.* 1986).

Van Warmelo (1967) investigated the correlation between the incidence of toxicity of stock feeds and certain fungal species. Aflatoxin was found in only five of the 39 samples in which *A. flavus* was detected. Van Warmelo *et al.* (1968) found that aflatoxin can accumulate in maize naturally infected with *A. flavus* and that moisture and temperature affect this process.

Holzapfel *et al.* (1966) showed that sterigmatocystin was produced by fungi other than *A. versicolor* (Vuill.) Tiraboschi and found that three out of five strains of *A. nidulans* (Eidam) Wint. caused rapid deaths in ducklings. *A. niger* was the most frequent fungus found on dried fruits and nuts. Wehner & Rabie (1970) indicated that maize on which *A. niger* as well as *A. flavus* was grown had a detrimental effect on ducklings.

The production of ochratoxin by *A. ochraceus* Wilhelm is well documented (Kellerman *et al.* 1988). The structure of the mycotoxin has been determined by Van der Merwe *et al.* (1965a, b), and Purchase & Theron (1968) illustrated the acute toxicity of this fungus to rats.

Rabie *et al.* (1976) grew *A. versicolor* on various media and at various temperatures to determine optimum production of sterigmatocystin: when *Aspergillus* isolates obtained from international culture collections were tested for production of sterigmatocystin, *A. aurantio-brunneus* (Atkins, Hindson & Russel) Raper & Fennell, *A. quadrilineatus* Thom & Raper and *A. ustus* gave positive results (Rabie *et al.* 1977). The latter was a local isolate, producing a low quantity of sterigmatocystin. The effect it had could have been partly due to other toxins such as ausdiol, which were not tested for.

A. clavatus produced a tremorgenic substance which had a lethal effect on cattle and sheep (Kellerman *et al.* 1976). This fatal substance was produced by the fungus when it was grown on malt sprouts as well as on sorghum beer residue (Kellerman *et al.* 1984). In both cases the toxin involved was unknown. The mycotoxins cytochalasin E and K were isolated from an isolate of *A. clavatus* (Steyn *et al.* 1982). The tremorgenic and lethal effect of *A. clavatus* was illustrated with photographs by Coetzer *et al.* (1985) and a similar report was given by Kellerman *et al.* (1988).

Dutton & Westlake (1985) tested agricultural commodities for fungi and their toxins. They found *A. flavus* and *A. parasiticus* in 22% of the samples whereas 27.2% of samples yielded aflatoxin B1 and often also B2, G1 and G2. Westlake & Dutton (1985) reported on the incidence of mycotoxins in the broiler industry and found that aflatoxin may depress growth rates and could play a role in poultry diseases. Rabie (1986) reviewed contamination of foods by toxigenic fungi and mycotoxins and discussed law-enforcement problems. Rheeder *et al.* (1990) warned that *Aspergillus* on maize grain should be monitored as it poses a mycotoxological threat. Lübben (1992) tested various isolates of fungi obtained from oats and wheat for toxicity and found that several *Aspergillus* isolates tested positive. All isolates that proved to be toxic in the above research are indicated in the appended checklist with an asterisk (\*) preceding the reference.

Mutagenic activity of various secondary metabolites of *Aspergillus* spp. has been indicated by Wehner *et al.* (1978), Wehner *et al.* (1979a, b) and Kfir *et al.* (1986). Extracellular enzyme production of *Aspergillus* spp. was studied by McLean *et al.* (1985): *A. flavus* and *A. candidus* Link were found to be prolific enzyme producers. HPLC determinations of aflatoxin B and G in groundnut seed, indicated a 79.1% presence of *A. parasiticus* and 20.9% of *A. flavus* (Labuschagne & Wehner 1990). McLean *et al.* (1990) found that aflatoxin B1 is toxic to callus tissue of maize.

The large number of references concerning work of a chemical nature, is beyond the scope of this overview. However, the following works serve as general references. A symposium on mycotoxins (Anon. 1965) treated various aspects of aflatoxin. Purchase & Theron (1967) gave a comprehensive review of work on mycotoxins in South Africa. Steyn (1980) summarised studies on secondary metabolism, highlighting contributions by South African scientists. The sixth International IUPAC Symposium on Mycotoxins and Phycotoxins (Steyn & Vleggaar 1986) was held in South Africa and two local papers on aflatoxin were included. An update on the mycotoxins produced by *Aspergillus* spp., is included in the work of Frisvad (1989).

## DISCUSSION

The 25 commonly encountered species of *Aspergillus* (Domsch *et al.* 1980) have all been recorded from southern Africa, although of the estimated 170–200 described Aspergilli (Christensen & Tuthill 1985), only 72 or about 40% of species with *Aspergillus* anamorphs have been traced and included in the checklist. Forty per cent of all described *Aspergillus* spp. have been recorded from single locations or are restricted in geographic distribution (Christensen & Tuthill 1985); so many probably do not occur here. This may explain why such a relatively low percentage of *Aspergillus* species have been recorded from southern Africa.

It may be concluded that southern Africa, with its varied climatic regions and some of the oldest geological formations in the world, may be a source of *Aspergillus* species differing from those already known. Most records of Aspergilli here have been from foodstuffs, and little information is available concerning the ecological adaptation of members of this genus to the diverse conditions in this country. It is significant that on the arid Giribes Plain of Namibia, the dominant genus isolated from soil in the perplexing bare patches has been *Aspergillus* (Eicker *et al.* 1982). Unfortunately there is no indication how many, if any, of those isolates were difficult to identify and were consequently lumped under the heading '*Asper*-

useful but as yet undescribed species.

South African isolates of *Aspergillus* have been mentioned by authorities such as Thom & Church (1926), and Raper & Fennel (1973) who described *A. cristatus* Raper & Fennell on the basis of an isolate 'received in 1954 from the CBS as *H. Swart 168* isolated by H. Swart, S. Africa'. Neither the authors of this fungus name, nor the CBS catalogue (see checklist), indicated a substrate or locality for this isolate. Swart's (1959) writings however, stated that his specimen No. 168 was isolated from mangrove soil, collected on the island of Inhaca off Maputo [Lourenço Marques], Mozambique.

of various ecological niches may prove to be a taxonomi-

cally rewarding undertaking and may yield potentially

Although no local scientist has made a major contribution to the taxonomy of this group, much attention has been paid to the detection and characterisation of mycotoxins, and South Africans have become world leaders in this field. A large number of references concerning aflatoxin, a metabolite of *A. flavus* and *A. parasiticus*, are available, but these have not been treated here as they do not refer to specific fungal isolates. The same goes for other mycotoxins such as austocystins, ochratoxin and sterigmatocystin. It is of interest that ochratoxin A, B, and C were characterised in South Africa (Van der Merwe *et al.* 1965a, b), and their toxicity determined (Purchase & Theron 1968), but the toxins themselves have never been isolated here (Mantle & McHugh 1993).

Eicker (1975) found that *A. aculeatus* had an antagonistic effect on both *Staphylococcus* and *Candida*. Shortly afterwards a secondary metabolite of this fungus, namely aculeacin A, was found to have strong activity against filamentous fungi, as well as yeasts (Mizuno *et al.* 1977). There may be other members of the group with similar undetected beneficial characteristics.

Species of *Aspergillus* such as *A. ochraceus* K. Wilh., *A. niger* and *A. terreus*, but especially *A. parasiticus*, are known insect pathogens (Domsch *et al.* 1980). Isolates from arthropods have been recorded in southern Africa (Prinsloo 1960), but their potential as agents in biological control has not been investigated. *Aspergillus* spp. are chemically very active and may even be valuable in the control of plant pathogens.

The value of sophisticated chemical methods employed by many *Aspergillus* taxonomists (Samson & Pitt 1985, 1990) as well as that of electron microscopy (Kozakiewicz 1989) has been indicated. They have become indispensable in Hyphomycete taxonomy, but little attention has been given to these methods in South Africa. Morphological and physiological characteristics are almost the only criteria by which *Aspergillus* is identified here. Although this is still the most accessible way of taxonomic determination, the new techniques could become a powerful tool in the hand of South African taxonomists. It is clear that the field for workers on *Aspergillus* is wide open, be it in industry, ecology, biological control, biochemistry, the various pathology disciplines or by implementing the modern methods available to the taxonomist.

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## CHECKLIST OF ASPERGILLUS, CHAETOSARTORYA, EMERICELLA, EUROTIUM, FENNELLIA, NEOSARTORYA (= SARTORYA) AND SCLEROCLEISTA RECORDED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Aspergillus spp. recorded in southern Africa up to 1993 are arranged alphabetically and the host and/or substrate from which each species was recorded is given with the relevant literature reference. Species names as well as substrates are listed as cited in the original publications. To update the nomenclature, cross references to names currently accepted are given and Samson (1979), Horie (1980), Samson & Gams (1985), Samson & Pitt (1985, 1990), Kozakiewicz (1989) as well as Pitt & Samson (1993) were consulted. Aspergillus is essentially an anamorphic genus but until recently anamorphic as well as teleomorphic states were grouped under this genus. These two states have now been separated and are therefore listed separately: Aspergillus spp. followed by the teleomorphic genera in alphabetical order. In some cases there is more than one reference, or additional culture collection numbers for the same isolate: these are given in square brackets.

The following abbreviations are used in the list:

CBS. South African isolates listed in the 1990 List of Cultures of the Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, 32nd edition, Baarn, The Netherlands. IMI, cultures listed in the 1992 Catalogue of the Culture Collection, 10th edition, CAB International Mycological Institute, Kew, United Kingdom. PPRI, isolates in the Culture Collection of the National Collection of Fungi. Isolates identified or verified by Z. Lawrence (neë Kozakiewicz) of the IMI (pers. comm.) are indicated as ver. Z.L. IMI.

PREM, dried material in the National Collection of Fungi. Those specimens that were identified by the CBS are indicated.

The National Collection of Fungi has acquired additional fungal collections over the years. Aspergillus isolates in these collections (many no longer viable) are listed under the following abbreviations:

CSIR, isolates listed in a collection received from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

MCP, the collection of Papendorf (1979) received from the University of Pochefstroom for C.H.E. Isolates are listed under the substrate soil, but some could have been from *Acacia karroo* litter.

TRL, a collection of the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, some isolates determined by Thom, as listed by Doidge (1950).

UCT, a collection obtained from the University of Cape Town containing isolates of Allsopp et al. (1987).

VdB, records in the Van der Bijl collection which is administered by the National Collection of Fungi; some are mentioned by Van der Bijl (1920).

# State of the fungus uncertain.

\* Aspergillus species indicated as toxic.

## aculeatus (see A. japonicus) allahabadii B.S. Mehrotra & Agnihorti litter: Eicker (1973) soil: Eicker (1969, 1970a, b) alliaceus Thom & Church aerospora: IMI 087 209 cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) grass litter: PPRI 3638 Medicago spp.: Lamprecht et al. (1988) [PREM 48323, 48324] soil: PPRI 3185 [PREM 49038]; CSIR 556 alutaceus (see A. ochraceus) ambiguus Sappa Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972) amstelodami (see Eurotium amstelodami) avenaceus G. Sm. cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) commeal: CBS 237.65 soil: CSIR 826 awamori Nakaz. aeropsora: PPRI 4098 grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) groundnut hay: Van Warmelo (1967) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) maize hay: Van Warmelo (1967) swine meal: Van Warmelo (1967) caespitosus Raper & Thom Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972) campestris M. Chr. mouse nest material: PPRI 4080 [PREM 50885, ver. Z.L. IMI 344 489] candidus Link Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) cheese: Doidge (1950) cotton wool: PPRI 3841 maize meal: Van Warmelo (1967) man: Martin & Berson (1973) mouse nest material: PREM 50887 pasture: Roux (1985) peanut butter/meal/kernels: Gilman (1972) peat: Smit (1984) soil: PPRI 4081 [id. Z.L. IMI 344 490], 4518; CSIR 113, 114, 115, 116 [PREM 49364] sorghum: CSIR 544 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) swine meal: Van Warmelo (1967) Zea mays: Gilman (1972); McLean & Berjak (1985); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); PPRI 3713 [PREM 49889] carbonarius (Bainier) Thom Eucalyptus spp. Lundquist & Baxter (1985) [PPRI 3776, PREM 47143] undetermined host: IMI 138 280 [CBS 111.80] Vitis vinifera: Doidge (1950) [Doidge et al. (1953); Gorter (1977)] carneus Blochwitz cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) leather: PPRI 3635 peat: Smit (1984) soil: Eicker (1974, 1975); Eicker et al. (1982); Papendorf (1976) [MCP 131, 133, PPRI 3636]; CSIR 239, 240, 241, 243 undetermined host: CSIR 1208, 1210, 1211 [PPRI 3570, PREM 49363] cervinus Massee

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litter: Eicker (1973) soil: UCT [PPRI 3284]

chevalieri (see Eurotium chevalieri)

chevalieri var. intermedius (see Eurotium cristatum)

clavatoflavus Raper & Fennell man: Martin & Berson (1973) clavatus Desm. Avena sativa: Lübben (1992) cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) compost: Eicker (1980) grass roots: PREM 49066 Hordeum vulgare: PREM 47911 maize sprouts: \*Kellerman et al. (1984) peanut butter/meal/kernels: Gilman (1972) soil: CSIR 133; MCP 1302 sorghum: CSIR: 304, 519, 520 sorghum beer residue: \*Coetzer et al. (1985); \*Kellerman et al. (1976); PREM \*44972, 45108 sorghum malt : Rabie & Lübben (1984); Steyn et al. (1982) Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); PREM 44702, 44708, 45046, 48598; CSIR 61, 519, 520 cremeus (see Chaetosartorva cremea) cristatus (see Eurotium cristatum) duricaulis Raper & Fennell Hakea sericea roots: Allsopp et al. (1987) Leucospermum parile roots: Allsopp et al. (1987) soil: Allsop et al. (1987) [UCT] eburneus (see Fennellia nivea) echinulatus (see Eurotium echinulatum) effusus (see A. oryzae) elegans Gasperini lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) maize hay: Van Warmelo (1967) ficuum (see A. niger var. ficuum) fischeri (see Neosartorva fischeri) fischeri var. glaber (see Neosartorya glabra) fischeri var. spinosus (see Neosartorya spinosa) flavipes (see Fennellia flavipes) flavus Link aerospora: Doidge (1950); IMI 089 137 agricultural commodities: Dutton & Westlake (1985) apricot: Klich & Pitt (1988) Arachis hypogaea: Anon. (1965); Gorter (1977); Marasas & Van Rensburg (1986) Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) Avicennia seeds: PREM 47526 barley: Klich & Pitt (1988) beer: Martin & Keen (1978) biltong: CSIR 1413 [PREM 47906], 1414 [PREM 47908] Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) chicken feeds and litter: Westlake & Dutton (1985) coconut matting: ; PREM 33293 [TRL det. CBS] Cussonia paniculata seed: PPRI 3643 debris: PPRI 3200 face cream: PPRI 3273, 3274, 3275, 3276, 3277, 3278 fenugreek: Klich & Pitt (1988) flannel bag: Doidge (1950) [TRL det. Thom] fodder: PREM 43024, 47799 foodstuff: Marasas (1988); Purchase & Vorster (1968) grapes: Le Roux et al. (1973) grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) groundnut seeds/hay: Labuschagne & Wehner (1990); Van Warmelo (1967) insects (dead Chrysomelidae spp.): PPRI 5062 Litchi chinensis: Roth (1963) litter: Eicker (1973) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) maize meal/silage: Van Warmelo (1967) malt: Klich & Pitt (1988) man: Martin & Berson (1973) manure: PPRI 3475 [PREM 49335] material: Doidge (1950) molasses meal: Roth (1968) natural gum: Roth (1968) nuts/dried fruit: \*Wehner & Rabie (1970)

Nicotiana tabacum: Doidge (1950)

- oats: Klich & Pitt (1988)
- paper: PPRI 3644
- pasture: Roux (1985)
- peanut: Klich & Pitt (1988)
- peanut butter/meal/kernels: Gilman (1972)
- sclerotia (Sclerotinia sclerotiorum): PREM 47228
- soil: Allsop et al. (1987); Eicker (1969, 1970a, 1974, 1975) [PREM 44262]; Papendorf (1976); Weideman et al. (1990); CSIR, 203, 204, 205, 209, 211, 212, 213, 215, 216, 217, 222, 223, 224, 225, 229, 231, 237
- sorghum: CSIR 299
- sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984)
- sugar cane cariopsis: PREM 47532 sunflower hay: Van Warmelo (1967)
- sunflower seed: Klich & Pitt (1988)
- swine meal: Van Warmelo (1967)
- termite comb (Macrotermes bellicosus): Doidge (1950) [PREM 1253]
- termites (dead Hodotermes mossambicus): PPRI 3753
- Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992)
- Zea mays: Gilman (1972); Marasas & Van Rensburg (1986); McLean & Berjak (1985, 1987); Mycock et al. (1990); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); PREM 44927, 44952, 47530, 47552, 47553; CSIR 57, 63, 136, 146. 283, 500, 501, 508, 515, 776, 840, 843, 848, 851, 852, 856, 857
- = flavus var. columnaris Raper & Fennell compost: Eicker (1980) cornmeal: CBS 242.65 soil: CSIR 147, 151; MCP 49 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) Zea mays: Mycock et al. (1990); PREM 47529
- flavus var. columnaris (see A. flavus)

## foetidus Thom & Raper

Allium cepa: PPRI 4046 [PREM 49175] leather: PREM 48031

#### fumigatus Fresen.

- aerospora: Roth (1968) antigen of: Benatar et al. (1980) Avena sativa: Lübben (1992) bagasse: PPRI 4975 birds: Doidge (1950) 'blesbok' dung (Damaliscus dorcas phillipsii): Eicker (1972) cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) compost: Smit (1984); PPRI 3477 [PREM 49330], 3479 [PREM 420901 duck (Anatidae spp.): Doidge (1950) faeces of Cape sparrow (Passer melanurus): Eicker (1972) fowl (Gallus domesticus): Neitz (1967) groundnut seeds: Van Warmelo (1967) Hakea sericea roots: Allsopp et al. (1987) jackass penguin (Sphenicus demursus): Doidge (1950); Neitz (1967) king penguin (Aptenodites pathagonica): Neitz (1967) Leucospermum parile roots: Allsopp et al. (1987) litter: Eicker (1976) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) maize silage: Van Warmelo (1967) man: Jacobs et al. (1965); Findley et al. (1971); Martin & Berson (1973); Caro (1973); Block & Young (1977); Kallenbach et al. (1977); Cooper et al. (1983); Lewis et al. (1985); Joubert et al. (1988); Govender et al. (1991) molasses meal: Roth (1968) mushroom compost: Eicker (1977); PREM 42090 natural gum: Roth (1968) onion seed: PREM 44770 ostrich (Struthio camelus): Doidge (1950); Neitz (1967) peat: Smit (1984) scaly weaver (Sporopipes squamifrons): Prozesky et al. (1971) sclerotia (Sclerotinia sclerotiorum): PREM 47929 soil: Allsopp et al. (1987) [UCT]; Cohen (1950); Eicker (1974, 1975); Eicker et al. (1982); Martin (1960); Papendorf (1976) [MCP 340]; PPRI 3283; CSIR 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 94, 97, 98, 99 sorghum: CSIR 305 [PPRI 3290], 306 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984). spent sulphite liquor: Pretorius & Lempert (1993a, b, c) straw: PPRI 3478 [PREM 49331] sugar: Van der Bijl (1920) [VdB 906, Doidge 1950, PREM 14258] swine meal: Van Warmelo (1967)
- turkey (Meleagris gallopavo): Neitz (1967)

undetermined host: CSIR 1203

- Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); CSIR 160, 552, 567
- = fumigatus var. ellipticus Raper & Fennell fodder: PPRI 4687 grass roots: PREM 49065 soil: PPRI 3210

fumigatus var. ellipticus (see A. fumigatus)

#### giganteus Wehmer sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984)

glaucus (see Eurotium herbariorum)

#### heteromorphus Bat. & H. Maia

medical supplies: PPRI 4688

#### japonicus Saito

- grapes: Le Roux et al. (1973)
- litter: Eicker (1973)
- soil: Eicker (1969, 1970a, 1975); PPRI 4070; PREM 44279 = aculeatus Iizuka
  - debris: PPRI 3842 [PREM 50884], 4097
  - grass roots: PPRI 3326 [PREM 49201, ver. Z.L. IMI 343 117] soil: Eicker (1974, 1975); PPRI 4227, 4286 [PREM 50884], 4962
  - Trichilia seeds: PPRI 4854 Zea mays: PPRI 4858

#### mangini (see Eurotium herbariorum)

#### melleus Yukawa

- citrus fruits: Doidge & Van der Plank (1936) Medicago sativa seed: Marasas & Bredell (1973) [PREM 44411, 44495, 44518]; PPRI 4228 [PREM 50862]
  - = quercinus (Bain.) Thom & Church
  - Litchi chinensis: Roth (1963)

## minutus (see A. ustus)

multicolor Sappa debris: PPRI 3840 [id. Z.L. IMI 343 121]

nidulans (see Emericella nidulans)

#### nidulans var. echinulatus (see Eurotium echinulata)

- nidulans var. latus (see Emericella nidulans)
- niger (see A. niger var. niger)

niger var. ficuum (Reichardt) Kozak. = ficuum (Reichardt) Henn. Allium cepa: PPRI 3389 [PREM 49173], 3390 [PREM 49174], 3391 [PREM 49170], 3424 [PREM 49171], 3425 [PREM 49172] compost: PPRI 3476 [PREM 49338] grass endophyte: De Villiers (1989) [PPRI 3455, PREM 49280] sand/soil: PPRI 3321 [PREM 49203], 3322 [PREM 49200], 3323 [PREM 49204, id. as A. niger Z.L. IMI 343 118] niger Tiegh, var. niger = niger Tiegh. aerospora: Doidge (1950); Roth (1968) Allium cepa: VdB 95 [Verwoerd (1929), Doidge (1950), Doidge et al. (1953); Gorter (1977)]; PPRI 3253 [PREM 49169]: PPRI 5017 Allium sativum: PPRI 3388 [PREM 47499, ver. Z. L. IMI 343 1191 antigen of: Benatar et al. (1980) Arachis hypogaea: Doidge (1950) [Doidge et al. (1953), Gorter (1977)]; Marasas & Van Rensburg (1986) Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) Avicennia marina: Steinke (1990) banana: Roth & Loest (1965) Bruguiera gymnorrhiza: Steinke (1990) Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) citrus fruits: Doidge & Van der Plank (1936) Citrus limonia: Doidge (1950) Citrus sinensis: Doidge (1950) [Doidge et al. (1953), Gorter (1977)]

- compost: Eicker (1980); Smit (1984)
- contaminant on malt agar: PREM 25960
- cowpea hay: Van Warmelo (1967)

dairy: Davel & Neethling (1930) debris: PREM 48974, 48982, 49202 dried sausage: \*PREM 45524, \*45525 flannel bag: Doidge (1950) (TRL) fodder: PPRI 3618 [PREM 48029] fruit (rotting): Doidge (1950); [Doidge et al. (1953)] Gardenia fruits: Doidge (1950) [PREM 23647] grapes: Le Roux (1973) grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) groundnut hay: Van Warmelo (1967) insect (dead Chrysomelidae sp.): PPRI 4966 leather (wet-blue): Russell (1981) [PPRI 3255] Litchi chinensis: Roth (1963) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) Lycopersicum esculentum: Doidge et al. (1953) maize meal/hay/silage: Van Warmelo (1967) man: Doidge (1950); Martin & Berson (1973); Bak & Wagenfeld (1983); Berkowitz & Jacobs (1987) Mangifera indica: Doidge (1950) mango: Wehner et al. (1981) material: Doidge (1950) Medicago sativa seed: Marasas & Bredell (1973) Medicago spp.: Lamprecht et al. (1988) [PPRI 3739, PREM 48327] molasses meal: Roth (1968) nuts/dried fruit: \*Wehner & Rabie (1970) paper: PPRI 3640 [PREM 49877] paper pulp: Smit (1984) pasture: Roux (1985) peanut butter/ meal/ kernels: Gilman (1972) phylloplane: Eicker (1976) pomegranate (Punica granatum): Verwoerd (1929) Pyrus malus: Doidge (1950) soil: Allsopp et al. (1987) [UCT]; Botha & Wehner (1990); Cohen (1950); Eicker (1974); Martin (1960); Rosselet (1953, 1955); Weideman et al. (1990); PPRI 3328; CSIR 170, 171, 172, 173; MCP 1012 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) sugar: Van der Bijl (1920) [VdB 905, PREM 14260] Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992) ventilation tubing: Doidge (1950) (TRL det. Thom) Vitis vinifera: Doidge (1950) [Doidge et al. (1953), Gorter (1977) Welwitschia mirabilis: Bomman (1978); PREM 36987, 41961, 43736; CBS 139.54 Ximenia americana: PREM 5599 Zea mays: Doidge (1950); Gilman (1972); Marasas & Van Rensburg (1986); McLean & Berjak (1987); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); PREM 47914; CSIR 56, 156, 334, 513, 550, 559, 628 = welwitschiae (Bres.) Hennings Welwitschia bainesii: Doidge (1950) [VdB 2499]; Raper & Fennell (1973); PREM 46296 niger var. tubengensis (Mosseray) Kozak. = tubengensis Mosseray compost: Eicker (1980) debris: PREM 48979, 48981 soil: Eicker (1969, 1970) [PREM 44288] sugar cane cariopsis: PREM 47531 Zea mays: PREM 47554, 48864 niveus (see Fennellia nivea) nutans McLennan & Ducker soil: Raper & Fennell (1973) [CBS 122.56]; UCT [PPRI 3227] ochraceus K. Wilh. Asclepias stem: PPRI 3764 Andropogon sorghum seed: \*CSIR 806 [CBS 263.67] Avicennia seed: PREM 47524, 47525 cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) Citrus limonia: Doidge et al. (1953) contaminant on malt agar: PREM 25961 fodder: PPRI 4687 lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) Medicago sativa seed: Marasas & Bredell (1973) [PREM 44359]

peanut butter/meal/kernels: Gilman (1972)

soil: Eicker (1974, 1975); Eicker et al. (1982); Martin (1960); Papendorf (1976) [MCP 337, 1013]; CSIR 101, 102, 140, 142, 144,

153, 154, 157, 161, 162, 163, 164, 167, 168, 169, 490, 516, 551 sorghum: \*Van der Merwe et al. (1965b); CSIR 289, 291, 803, 804 Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992) unknown host: \*Van der Merwe et al. (1965a, b); \*IMI 132 429 Zea mays: Gilman (1972); McLean & Berjak (1987); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); PPRI 3854 [PREM 47920], 3855 [PREM 47534]; CSIR 60; MCP [PPRI 3865] ornatus (see Sclerocleista ornata) oryzae (Ahlb.) Cohn cassava: Klich & Pitt (1988) cattle pellets: PREM 47142 cereal and legume products: Scott (1965) grass roots: PPRI 3151 manure: PPRI 3474 [PREM 49334] Zea mays: Mycock & Berjak (1992); PPRI 3629 [PREM 47624]; PREM 47625, 47926 = effusus Tirab. cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) ostianus Wehmer sorghum: CSIR 290 parasiticus Speare aerospora: Doidge (1950) agricultural commodities: Dutton & Westlake (1985) Avena sativa: Lübben (1992) corn: Klich & Pitt (1988) groundnut seed: Labuschagne & Wehner (1990) insect (dead Chrysomelidae sp.): PPRI 5063 locust (Locustana pardalina): Prinsloo (1960) man: Martin & Berson (1973) Medicago spp. Lamprecht et al. (1988) [PREM 48325] oats: Klich & Pitt (1988) paper: PPRI 3641 [PREM 49873] soil: Klich & Pitt (1988); CSIR 214 sunflower seed: Klich & Pitt (1988) termites (dead Hodotermes mossambicus): PPRI 3754 Zea mays: Klich & Pitt (1988); CSIR 62 penicilloides Speg. Arachis hypogaea: CBS 234.65 phoenicis (Corda) Thom Welwitschia sp. inflorescence: PPRI 4110 (ver. Z.L.), 4111; IMI 056 824 proliferans G. Sm. = sartoryi Syd. gold mine: Thom & Church (1926), type of A. sartoryi [Doidge 1950] puniceus Kwon-Chung & Fennell Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) soil: Papendorf (1976) [MCP 46, 174, 236] quadrilineatus (see Emericella quadrilineata) quercinus (see A. melleus) repens (see Eurotium repens) restrictus G. Sm. cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) soil: CSIR 39, 40, 42 Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); PPRI 4841 ruber (see Eurotium rubrum) rugulosus (see Emericella rugulosa) sartoryi (see A. proliferans) sclerotiorum G.A. Huber

grass litter: PPRI 3678 insects (dead Chrysomelidae spp.): PPRI 5061 paper: PPRI 3304 (PREM 49209) termites (dead Hodotermes mossambicus): PPRI 3305 [PREM 49205]

sparsus Raper & Thom soil: PPRI 4082 [PREM 50863 ver. Z. L. IMI 344 491]

#### stromatoides (see Chaetosartorya stromatoides)

subsessilis Raper & Fennell compost: PPRI 4016 (id. Z.L. IMI 343 123)

sydowii (Bainier & Sartory) Thom & Church

sulphureus (Fresen.) Wehmer Nicotiana tabacum: Doidge (1950)

cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) compost: Eicker (1980) grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) maize silage: Van Warmelo (1967) man: Martin & Berson (1973) Medicago sativa seed: Marasas & Bredell (1973) [PREM 44470, 44471, 444811 Melianthus comosus seed: PPRI 3810 [PREM 50888] oats: Doidge (1950) silage: CBS 170.63 soil: Eicker (1974); CSIR 122, 123, 124, 125, 126; UCT sugar: Doidge (1950) Watsonia marginata seed: PPRI 3839 Zea mays: Gilman (1972); Mycock & Berjak (1992); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); PREM 47555; CSIR 59 tamarii Kita

cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) debris: PPRI 4018 [PREM 49064, ver. Z.L.] dried beans: Klich & Pitt (1988) peanut butter/meal/kernels: Gilman (1972) soil: PPRI 4018; CSIR 127, 128, 129, 130, 131 sorghum grain: Bosman *et al.* (1991); CSIR 313 sunflower seed: Klich & Pitt (1988) Zea mays: Gilman (1972); PREM 47922

#### terreus Thom

- aerospora: Roth (1965) Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) debris: PPRI 3182, [PREM 49036]; PREM 48978, 48980 fishmoth gut (Namibmormisma muricauda): Watson et al. (1990) [PPRI 36141 grass roots: PPRI 3613 [PREM 48975]; PREM 48976, 48978, 48980 groundnut seeds: Van Warmelo (1967) leather (wet-blue): Russell (1981) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) maize meal/hay/silage: Van Warmelo (1967) man: Martin & Berson (1973) Melianthus comosus seed: PPRI 3615 natural gum: Roth (1968) pasture: Roux (1985) sclerotia (Sclerotinia sclerotiorum): PREM 47927 soil: Eicker et al. (1982); Weideman et al. (1990); PPRI 3180 [PREM 49037], 3613; CSIR 174, 175, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191 sorghum: CSIR 307, 309 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) straw: PPRI 3480 [PREM 49333] sugar: Van der Bijl (1920) [VdB 904, Doidge (1950), PREM 14261] Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992) Zea mays: Gilman (1972); McLean & Berjak (1987); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); PREM 47915, 47916, 47917, 47918, 47919; CSIR 159, 536, 539, 616 = terreus var. boedijni (Blochwitz) Thom & Raper soil: CSIR 177, 178 = terreus var. floccosus Thom & Raper soil: CSIR 175 terreus var. aureus Thom & Raper compost: Eicker (1980) millet seed: PPRI 4229 [PREM 50864] terreus var. boedijni (see A. terreus) terreus var. floccosus (see A. terreus)
- terricola E.J. Marchal
- Watsonia marginata seed: PPRI 3788 Zea mays: PREM 47551

tubengensis (see A. niger var. tubengensis)

umbrosus (see Eurotium herbariorum) unilateralis Thrower Hakea sericea roots: Allsopp et al. (1987) Leucospermum parile roots: Allsopp et al. (1987)

soil: Allsopp et al. (1987) ustus (Bainier) Thom & Church aerospora: Roth (1968) Arachis hypogaea: PPRI 3189 [PREM 49027] Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) canvas ventilation tubing: IMI 089 359 Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) cheese: Lück et al. (1976); Lück & Wehner (1979) compost: Eicker (1980) culture contaminant: Rabie et al. (1977) debris: PPRI 3198 [PREM 49063], 3199, 3639 flannel bag: IMI 089 360 grass endophyte: De Villiers (1989) [PPRI 3456, PREM 49281] grass roots: PREM 49063 insect (dead Chrysomelidae sp.): PPRI 3191 [PREM 49051], 3192 [PREM 49052], 3193 [PREM 49053] lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) maize hay: Van Warmelo (1967) Medicago sativa seed: PREM 44553 natural gum: Roth (1968) soil: Eicker (1974, 1975); CSIR 117, 118, 119, 120, 121 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); CSIR 8 = minutus E.V. Abbott flannel bag: Doidge (1950) (TRL det. Thom)

## variecolor (see Emericella variecolor)

- versicolor (Vuill.) Tirab. Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) canvas: Doidge (1950) (TRL det. Thom) Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) flannel bag: Doidge (1950) (TRL det. Thom) grapes: Le Roux et al. (1972) Leucospermum parile roots: Allsopp et al. (1987) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) man: Doidge (1950); Martin & Berson (1973) Medicago sativa seed: Marasas & Bredell (1973) [PREM 44486] Medicago spp.: Lamprecht et al. (1988) [PPRI 3502, PREM 48326] paper: PPRI 3315 [PREM 49208] peanut butter/meal/kernels: Gilman (1972) Salvia stenophylla seed: PPRI 3519 soil: Martin (1960); Eicker (1974, 1975); Papendorf (1976) [MCP 339]; CSIR 179, 192, 193, 194, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202; UCT sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) undetermined host: Rabie et al. (1976); CSIR: 1365, 1367, 1370 wooden floor boards: PPRI 3890 Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992) Zea mays: Van Warmelo et al. (1968); Gilman (1972); McLean & Berjak (1985, 1987); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); PREM 47626, 47923; CSIR 478 viridinutans Ducker & Thrower grass debris: PPRI 3327 [PREM 49206] grass roots: PPRI 3208 [PREM 49067], 3209 [PREM 49068] soil: PPRI 4976 welwitschiae (see A. niger var. niger) wentii Wehmer Avena sativa: Lübben (1992) cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) [Rabie & Terblanche (1967)] compost: Smit (1984) groundnuts: \*Rabie et al. (1965) palm seed (Arega catechu): PREM 49026 peanut butter/meal/kernels: Gilman (1972) soil: Eicker (1974); Weideman et al. (1990); CSIR 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 254 sorghum: CSIR: 294, 295
  - sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984); \*Rabie et al. (1986)
  - sugar cane cariopsis: PREM 47527
  - unknown host: Rabie & Terblanche (1967)

Zea mays: Gilman (1972); McLean & Berjak (1987); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); PPRI 3905; CSIR 155, 336, 357, 376, 418, 431; IMI 162 039

## Aspergillus species undetermined

aerospora: Ordman (1963, 1970); Ordman & Etter (1956); Potter et al. (1991); Van der Merwe et al. (1979) agricultural commodities: Dutton & Westlake (1985) Allium cepa: PREM 46375 Arachis hypogaea : Marasas & Van Rensburg (1986) Avicennia marina: Mycock & Berjak (1990); Steinke et al. (1990) banana: Roth & Loest (1965) beer: Martin & Keen (1978) Bruguiera gymnorrhiza: Steinke et al. (1990) Camellia sinensis: Mycock & Berjak (1990) Castanospermum australe: Mycock & Berjak (1990) cereal and legume products: Isaacson (1966) cheese: Lück & Wehner (1979) chicken feeds and litter: Westlake & Dutton (1985) Cichorium intybus: Prinsloo et al. (1991) citrus fruits: Doidge & Van der Plank (1936) Citrus sinensis: Doidge (1950) [Doidge et al. (1953)] compost: Eicker (1980); Smit (1984) corn: Marasas et al. (1981); Van Warmelo (1967) cowpea hay: Van Warmelo (1967) feedstuffs: Dutton & Westlake (1985); Van Warmelo (1967) Ficus carica: Doidge (1950) [Doidge et al. (1953)] grapes: Le Roux et al. (1973) grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) groundnut hay: Van Warmelo (1967) groundnuts: Marasas & Van Rensburg (1986) indigenous seed: Isaacs & Benic (1990) Landolphia kirkii: Mycock & Berjak (1990) Litchi chinensis: Mycock & Berjak (1990) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) man: Martin & Berson (1973); Cooper et al. (1983); Fitzsimons & Peters (1986); Glass et al. (1984) oranges: Doidge & Van der Plank (1936) Passiflora quadrangularis: Doidge (1950) pasture: Roux (1985) piglet: Nesbit (1986) Pinus sp.: Lundquist (1987) Podocarpus henkelii: Mycock & Berjak (1990) Prunus persica: Doidge et al. (1953) Pyrus malus: Doidge et al. (1950) Saccharum officinarum: Doidge (1950) [Doidge et al. (1953)] scale: PREM 26137, 28447 Scadoxus membranaceus: Mycock & Berjak (1990) soil: Eicker (1974, 1975); Eicker et al. (1982); Papendorf (1976) sorghum grain: Bosman et al. (1991) spent sulphite liquor: Pretorius & Lempert (1993a, b, c) sunflower hay: Van Warmelo (1967) swine meal: Van Warmelo (1967) Zea mays: Gilman (1972); Marasas & Van Rensburg (1986); Rheeder et al. (1990); PREM 47913

#### GENUS CHAETOSARTORYA

cremea (Kwon-Chung & Fennell) Subram.
# A. cremeus Kwon & Fennell Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972)

stromatoides B.J. Wiley & E.G. Simmons # A. stromatoides Raper & Fennell man: Sacho et al. (1987) [IMI 292 883)]

## **GENUS EMERICELLA**

acristata (Fennell & Raper) Y. Horie celery seed: PPRI 4961

echinulata (Fennell & Raper) Y. Horie compost: PPRI 3465

# A. nidulans var. echinulatus Fennell & Raper culture contaminant: PREM 48909

nidulans (Eidam) Vuill. compost: PPRI 3466, 3467 # A. nidulans (Eidam) Wint. aerospora: Roth (1968) Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) compost: Eicker (1980) grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) groundnuts: \*Holzapfel et al. (1966); Van Warmelo (1967) litter: Eicker (1976) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) lupin seeds: Van Warmelo (1967) maize hay/silage: Van Warmelo (1967) Medicago sativa seed: PREM 44520, 44532 molasses meal: Roth (1968) natural gum: Roth (1968) pasture: Roux (1985) soil: Eicker (1974, 1975); Eicker et al. (1982); CSIR 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 997, 998 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992) Zea mays: \*Holzapfel et al. (1966); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); CSIR 835 # A. nidulans var. latus Thom & Raper air-sac of penguin: CSIR 999 compost: Eicker (1980) quadrilineata (Thom & Raper) C.R. Benj. Arachis hypogaea: \*CBS 235.65 compost: PPRI 3468 # A. quadrilineatus Thom & Raper Medicago sativa seed: PREM 44514, 44515 Pisum sativum: PREM 44326 soil: CSIR 1000

rugulosa (Thom & Raper) C.R. Benj. straw: PPRI 3469
# A. rugulosus Thom & Raper Avena sativa: \*Lübben (1992) compost: Eicker (1980) Pisum sativum: PREM 44327 soil: Eicker (1974, 1975)

sorghum: CSIR 295

variecolor Berk. & Broome
# A. variecolor (Berk. & Broom) Thom & Raper Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972)

violacea (Fennell & Raper) Malloch & Cain forest soil: CBS 314.89

#### **GENUS EUROTIUM**

amstelodami L. Mangin aerospora: PPRI 4851 contaminant: PPRI 3429 lupin: PPRI 3720 [PREM 50889] Melianthus comosus seed: PPRI 3869 Zea mays: PPRI 3836 # A. amstelodami (L. Mangin) Thom & Church Arachis hypogaea: PREM 48049 cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) groundnut seeds: Van Warmelo (1967) Litchi chinensis: Roth (1963) lucerne hay: Van Warmelo (1967) lupin seeds: Van Warmelo (1967) mangrove soil: Swart (1959) Medicago sativa seed: Marasas & Bredell (1973); PREM 44494, 44496 mine timber: Doidge (1950) [TRL det. Thom] soil: CSIR 19, 20, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 36, 38 sugar: Doidge (1950) swine meal: Van Warmelo (1967) Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992) unknown substrate: \*Rabie et al. (1964); Swart (1959); PREM 48049 Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); CSIR 137, 841, 863

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#### chevalieri L. Mangin

Zea mays: PPRI 3847 [PREM 49437], 4908 # A. chevalieri (Mangin) Thom & Church cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) compost: Eicker (1980) soil: CSIR 52, 53, 54, 64, 65, 67, 78, 79, 82 *Triticum aestivum*: Lübben (1992) unknown substrate: Swart (1959) Zea mays: Gilman (1972); Mycock & Berjak (1992); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); PREM 47921, 47924, 47925; CSIR 143

#### cristatum (Raper & Fennell) Malloch & Cain horse feed: PPRI 4973

# A. chevalieri var. intermedius Thom & Raper soil: CSIR 975, 976
# A. cristatus Raper & Fennell unknown substrate: Raper & Fennell (1973), type of A. cristatus [CBS 123 53, IMI 172 278]

Zea mays: PREM 44574, 44575

## echinulatum Delacr.

#A. echinulatus (Delacr.) Thom & Church Zea mays: Gilman (1972); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972)

#### herbariorum Link

Melianthus comosus seed: PPRI 3582 Pisum sativum seed: CBS 127 55 # A. glaucus Link aerospora: Roth (1968) Abrus precatorius seed: PREM 23617 Avena sativa: Lübben (1992) Carvopemon cruciger: Doidge (1950) [PREM 23618] Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cheese: Doidge (1950) contaminant on malt agar: PREM 25959 [id. CBS] dairy: Davel & Neethling (1930) Medicago sativa seed: PREM 44364 molasses meal: Roth (1968) Nicotiana tabacum: Doidge (1950) [PREM 701] nuts (Corvlus avellana): PREM 23649 sorghum malt: Rabie & Lübben (1984) sugar: VdB 902 Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992) unknown substrate: Doidge (1950) Zea mays: McLean & Berjak (1985, 1987); Van Warmelo et al. (1968); PREM 47529, 47535 # A. mangini Thom & Raper cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) herbarium material: Swart (1959) mangrove soil: Swart (1959) soil: CSIR 45 = Eurotium umbrosum (Bainier & Sartory) Malloch & Cain. Arachis hypogaea: CBS 232.65 # A. umbrosus Bainier & Sartory Medicago sativa seed: Marasas & Bredell (1973) soil: CSIR 43, 44, 46, 47 Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); PREM 44570, 44576 repens De Bary Cussonia paniculata seed: PPRI 3666 kiwi jam: PREM 47738 Melianthus comosus seed: PPRI 3665 [PREM 49891] # A. repens (De Bary) Fischer aerospora: Doidge (1950) cereals and legume products: Scott (1965) compost: Eicker (1980) culture contaminant: Swart (1959)

#### dried sausage: \*PREM 47101 peas: Swart (1959) soil: CSIR 48, 50; MCP 1014 sorghum: CSIR 535, 537, 540 sugar: VdB 901

Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992)

Zea mays: Gilman (1972); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972)

rubrum J. König et al.
contaminant: PPRI 3609
# A. ruber (J. König et al.) Thom & Church cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) compost: Eicker (1980)
Nicotiana tabacum: IMI 168 779
soil: CSIR 6, 7, 12, 21, 26, 27, 74
Triticum aestivum: Lübben (1992)
Zea mays: Gilman (1972); Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); CSIR 308, PREM 47534

## GENUS FENNELLIA

flavipes B.J. Wiley & E.G. Simmons
# A. flavipes (Bainier & Sartory) Thom & Church Cenchrus ciliaris: Bezuidenhout (1977) cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) debris: PREM 48977 insect (dead Chrysomelidae sp.): PPRI 4965 Leucospermum parile roots: Allsopp et al. (1987) soil: Martin (1960); Eicker (1974); PPRI 3181 [PREM 50865], 4226; CSIR 134 [PREM 48046], 135; UCT sorghum: CSIR 804 Zea mays: Van der Westhuizen & Bredell (1972); CSIR 1085 [PREM 48047]; PREM 48055
nivea (B.J. Wiley & E.G. Simmons) Samson
# A. niveus Blochwitz

cereals and legume products: \*Scott (1965) grass hay: Van Warmelo (1967) soil: CSIR 132; IMI 161 651; UCT # A. eburneus Biourge

timber: Doidge (1950)

## GENUS NEOSARTORYA

aurata (Warcup) Malloch & Cain
= Sartorya aurata (Warcup) Subram. soil: CSIR 977, 978 [PPRI 3418, PREM 49322, id. Z. L. IMI 343 120], 979, 980 [PPRI 3419], 981
fischeri (Wehmer) Malloch & Cain face cream: PPRI 4230 [PREM 50867] Leucospermum parile roots: Allsopp et al. (1987)
# A. fischeri Wehmer litter: Eicker (1973) peat: Smit (1984) soil: Cohen (1950); Eicker (1969); CSIR 988, 996, 1050 [PPRI 3195, PREM 49038]; PPRI 4975; IMI 332 643; CBS 317.89; UCT

glabra (Fennell & Raper) Kozak.
soil: UCT [PPRI 3247, PREM 49193]
# A. fischeri var. glaber Fennell & Raper soil: CSIR 991, 992 [PPRI 3427, PREM 49319], 993

spinosa (Raper & Fennell) Kozak.
sterilised compost: PREM 47727
# A. fischeri var. spinosus Raper & Fennell
soil: CSIR 990 [PPRI 3428, PREM 49320]; IMI 332643

stramenia (R. Novak & Raper) Malloch & Cain = Sartorya stramenia (Novak & Raper) Subram. soil: CSIR 982, 983, 984, 985, 986

#### GENUS SARTORYA (see genus NEOSARTORYA)

#### GENUS SCLEROCLEISTA

ornata (Raper et al.) Subram. = A. ornatus Raper et al. Zea mays: Gilman (1972)