

Report about participation in the Seventh International Mycological Congress.

I gave the poster presentation "Fungi from Northwestern Caucasus: from the mountains to the molecular level". My poster consisted of two major parts: synecological study of soil fungi in high-altitude ecosystems of Teberda Reserve (Karachaevo-Cherkessia, Russia) and taxonomic study (including morphological and molecular methods) of two isolates from above mentioned ecosystems.

I attended to the lectures of following symposia:

- Character evolution in ascomycetes: phylogenetic approaches employing molecular and morphological data.
- Puzzles, conflicts and classifications in the non-lichenized inoperculate discomycetes - 70 years after Nannfeldt.
- Fungal biodiversity: What do we know? What can we predict?
- Mycorrhizal and root-endophytic ascomycetes: ecological roles and boundaries.
- Computerized databases for capturing, curating and using mycological information
- Ecology of fungi in the boreal forest.
- Anamorph and teleomorph classifications in concert?
- Ascomycete taxonomy.

The most useful contact I made was that to R.S. Currah and his colleges (namely S. Hambleton and A. Rice). This contact is relevant to my present (taxonomy of the genus *Leptodontidium*) and future (isolation of fungi from Sphagnum mosses and peat) studies.

Other persons contacts to whom may be useful in future were: R.Zare, W.Meyer, A.A. Zavarzin.

Also I discussed some important topics with people whom I had known already: T.W. Kuyper (perspectives of mycological research in Rdeysky Natural Reserve), A.E. Kovalenko (possibilities for training in identification of agarics).

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