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The first edition of the International Directory of Mycorrhizologists (IDM) was distributed on the occasion of the Fifth North American Conference on Mycorrhizae (NACOM), which took place at Laval University, Quebec City, in 1981. It was the beginning of a new era in the mycorrhiza research world. Since then, an updated edition has been prepared and distributed to participants at each NACOM. The most recent edition was published in *Mycorrhiza* (vol 6, no. 4, pp 280–402) in 1996. Dr Valentine Furlan has been responsible for preparing each edition. The mycorrhiza community is truly indebted to him for his efforts on their behalf and for his vision in producing this excellent and useful resource.

I am providing an online version of the IDM. With the internet and near world-wide access to it, it seems appropriate that the IDM assume an electronic format. The IDM went online in January 2000, and it is available on the Mycorrhizal Information Exchange (MIE) web site (<http://mycorrhiza.ag.utk.edu/>, described below). The online IDM has been compiled from several sources: the participant list and IDM updates at the Second International Conference On Mycorrhizae (ICOM), listings assembled by Dr Furlan from the first ICOM, responses to a notice on the MIE site, and responses to recent MICRONET listserv requests posted by the organizers of the Third ICOM (ICOM3). ICOM3 organizers will use this directory for their e-mailings.

To add, revise, or delete an IDM entry, send an e-mail to [auge@utk.edu](mailto:auge@utk.edu), including the applicable information formatted as below:

1. Surname, first name (and other names).
2. Department/office.
3. University/organization.
4. Street address/post box.
5. City province/state postal code (as appropriate for your country).
6. Country.
7. Phone number (Tel.).

8. Fax number (Fax).
9. E-mail address.
10. Web site URL.
11. Last degree/title (e.g., PhD, research scientist).
12. Keywords (e.g., arbuscular; ecology; physiology; elevated CO<sub>2</sub>; glomalin; soil aggregation).

I will reply to your e-mail to let you know that I received your entry update and have made the requested changes. You then might want to check that your entry is correct. Please alert colleagues to the IDM if you notice that their entry is out-dated or absent.

The IDM currently lists about 1,940 mycorrhizologists, 1,350 of whom include an e-mail address (some entries comprise only an e-mail address). Since the IDM went online, people have submitted information to add or revise about 600 entries. Date of last update is included with each entry to notify users how recent are the data. Entries not showing this “entry last revised” note have not been updated since the last ICOM or before. Many of these contain out-dated information, particularly e-mail addresses. I did not remove them from the directory because, when attempting to locate someone, some information probably is better than no information. Hopefully, each ICOM will occasion a thorough updating of the IDM. Nevertheless, you can check your entry online and e-mail corrections to me at any time.

One can browse the IDM alphabetically or search it by entering a term in one of several categories (surname, keyword, country, etc.). Search results are an alphabetical listing of full entries meeting search criteria, and number of entries returned is given at the bottom of each search or browse. For example, one could easily determine who works with genetics or with nitrogen-fixing symbioses, how many mycorrhizologists work in Australia, or how many are in botany departments. Currently, fewer than 20% of entries include keywords, and I invite you to e-mail those to me for your entry (for both your general and specific areas of interest). The IDM web page gives a list of the very useful keyword types and general areas formerly used by Dr Furlan that were associated with nu-

meric codes. You might choose applicable keywords from this listing, in addition to more specific ones.

The web site will give additional details about the history of the IDM, provided by Dr Furlan. There is a brief statistics page and a listing of web sites of mycorrhiza groups (please send your group's URL if you would like it listed). Sometime this year I will post the directory online as a printable Adobe pdf file for those without access to the internet who may be able to have a colleague or librarian print a paper copy for them.

The online IDM is endorsed by Dr Valentin Furlan, by Dr Vivienne Gianinazzi-Pearson and Dr David Janos (managing editors of *Mycorrhiza*), and by Dr Dieter Czeschlik, Executive Editor Life Sciences, Springer (publisher of *Mycorrhiza*). Thanks to everyone who has sent entry information.

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### **Mycorrhizal Information Exchange**

The MIE (Augé 1998) is a web site that acts as a table of contents to mycorrhiza information posted on the internet. Additional features include a mycorrhiza discussion forum; an image exchange site; a news page, referencing

**Note added in proof** The MIE now includes full-text search tools for querying the entire site or limiting queries to mycorrhizal journal articles.

new online mycorrhiza resources and events; a literature resource, with listings of mycorrhiza books, reviews, journal articles, theses and dissertations, and a few bibliographies for specific mycorrhiza research areas; links to vendors, journals, and professional societies;... and mycological t-shirts. If you have posted a mycorrhiza essay, technique or image online, or if you have an announcement or news item to share, I will be glad to provide a link to it from the MIE. I am attempting to build a complete online bibliography of mycorrhiza reviews, books, theses and dissertations, so as you and your students publish these, I would be glad to receive an e-mail with the full citation and abstract. Thanks!

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### **References**

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