

## **BMS Recording Network News**

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To: BMS Recording Network Contacts  
Cc: BMS Field Mycology & Conservation Committee members  
  
From: Nathan Smith, BMS Recording Network Coordinator

### **1. Upcoming Online Talk from Sydney Glassman**

Dr. Greg Mueller will be giving an online talk on the subject of 'Progress and challenges in advancing fungal conservation' at 19.30 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

It promises a deeply informative talk on a subject of increasing importance. In this talk, Greg will talk about the progress made in fungal conservation over the past ten years along with the challenges that persist.

Tickets can be acquired for free from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157373302785>

If you would like to suggest any ideas for future talks or online events, please email me at [ns565@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ns565@cam.ac.uk).

### **2. BMS Newsletter**

The next issue of the *BMS Newsletter*, on the theme of 'The Future of Mycology' is still seeking submissions. Additionally, the *BMS Newsletter* welcomes submissions that give an overview on local issues such as commercial picking, land encroachment by developers, environmental shift and profiles on long-term members of recording groups. Articles detailing substantial group news, foray reports, the history of mycology, and all other mycological topics not covered by the other journals of the BMS are also encouraged.

Please send articles for the *BMS Newsletter* to myself at [ns565@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ns565@cam.ac.uk) or [cwe.smith@gmail.com](mailto:cwe.smith@gmail.com) and Norman Porrett at [norman@britmycolsoc.info](mailto:norman@britmycolsoc.info).

### **3. BMS Recording Network News**

Articles and news any size (but particularly those under 500 words) are also requested for future editions of the *BMS Recording Network News*. Please share upcoming events, news, and mycological top tips and tricks. Please send articles to myself at [ns565@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ns565@cam.ac.uk) or [cwe.smith@gmail.com](mailto:cwe.smith@gmail.com).

### **4. Survey on loss of CHEG grasslands in the UK**

The survey regarding the loss of CHEG grassland (particularly to tree planting schemes) remains open and can be accessed here for all those who would like to contribute:

<https://forms.gle/Ctis8rVZztym3GC46>

5. **Interested in *Lamprospora* spp. Can you help?**

Marcel Vega and colleagues have just produced a paper on three new species of *Lamprospora*. The paper is available here: <https://t1p.de/91l1>.

Vega *et al.* are now planning a second paper on this topic as there are still several undescribed species with spores with isolated warts. They believe there could be colleagues in the UK who might have found one of these species —it would be nice if they were interested in getting involved.

For contact, please get in touch with the corresponding author of the paper mentioned above.

6. **A new Norfolk Mycota**

Tony Moverley has earned the gratitude of Norfolk mycologists (and other round the country) by bringing together the Norfolk fungus records in an accessible form. The database contains 90,000 records of approximately 3650 taxa, including myxomycetes and oomycetes but not lichens. He has created an output in the same format as the late Richard Shotbolt's Naturbase5 which was based on 60,000 records but had not been maintained since Richard left Norfolk in 2008. It is intended to make the Mycota available to interested parties in a form that will run on home devices.

The new database has built on the work of many. In 1997-98 Dave Leech (in receipt of a grant from English Nature) digitised approximately 35,000 paper records made by Reg and Lil Evans after they returned to Norfolk in 1976. To these, Richard added many of Ted Ellis's records, from Wheatfen between 1916 and 1987. An ever-growing band of Norfolk recorders, supplemented by those from elsewhere, have continued to add records.

Tony's achievement allows the uploading of around 30,000 Norfolk records made since 2008 to the Fungus Record Database of Britain and Ireland as well as to the local biological record centre (Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service). Work will now proceed to add historical records and to search other sources of information.

Approximately 475 taxa have been added to the Norfolk list in eleven years. This boom has been made possible through the efforts of many recorders. Amongst the most prolific have been Anne Crotty, Trevor Dove, James Emerson, Keith Fox, Steve & Gill Judd, Yvonne Mynett, Jenny Kelly, Tony Leech, Neil Mahler, Steve Pinnington, Jonathan Revett, Ian Senior and Stewart Wright (microfungi).

This revision of the Norfolk Fungus Record Database has been facilitated by the adoption of a county recording spreadsheet. Members of the Norfolk Fungus Study Group (and others) are invited to send records to one member who accumulates them monthly and passes them to those who have submitted data, including the county fungus recorder who can investigate any doubtful records. At the end of the year, the records can be uploaded after further 'cleaning'. The sheet has been developed by Steve and Gill Judd and incorporates many 'hints' to make the records more compatible with the databases to which they will, in time, be uploaded. We have attempted to do this without making it daunting for the casual recorder.

Please let us know if any recording group would like a copy of this spreadsheet which, if necessary, could be modified for local use.

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