

## FungalWeb -A new, searchable web

**FungalWeb**, a searchable web site linking an accurate taxonomy of fungi to nucleic acid, protein and nomenclature databases, is now online at [www.fungalweb.com](http://www.fungalweb.com)

Just under a year ago, an international group of mycologists met in Copenhagen to plan **FungalWeb** with the aim to link genetic and phenotypic databases to a current fungal taxonomy. Due to the efforts of *Ib Groth Clausen* and *Lene Lange* at Novo Nordisk, who, along with *John Taylor* at UC, Berkeley, have led the group, FungalWeb is now a reality. The heart of FungalWeb is the capability to search nucleic acid and protein databases as well as nomenclature databases using an accurate taxonomy of fungi and other organisms studied by mycologists. The taxonomic expertise of *Ove Eriksson*, *Kerry O'Donnell*, *Franz Oberwinkler*, *Henning Knudsen* and *Ulrik Sør-*

*ting* was used to build a list of genera for searching. A link to the Anamorph/Holomorph Connections Database, Alberta, permits integration of meiosporic and mitosporic fungi. With the "backbone" of fungal genera well on its way, FungalWeb is now aiming to incorporate species of socially important genera such as *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* as "ribs" on the generic backbone. Those participating at the Copenhagen Meeting were, *Kerry O'Donnell*, *Ulrik Sørchting*, *John Taylor*, *Lene Lange*, *Ove Eriksson*, *Ib Groth Clausen*, *Rob Samson*, *Mikako Sasa*, *Henning Knudsen*, *Jens Frisvad*, *Thomas Laessøe*, *Søren Rosendahl*, and *Franz Oberwinkler*.

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