

An addition to the knowledge of lichenicolous fungi of Greece with a key to the lichenicolous fungi on *Collema* s.l.

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Abstract: *Didymellopsis pulposi*, *Pronectria diplococca*, *P. pedemontana*, *Stigmidium hageniae* and *Tremella anaptychiae* are reported as new to Greece. *Pronectria diplococca* is reported as new to Austria. A key to the lichenicolous fungi on *Collema* s.l. is provided.

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INTRODUCTION

The knowledge about lichenicolous fungi of Greece was summarized in Abbott (2009), who listed 72 species known from the country. Together with four species from obviously overlooked papers (Calatayud et al., 2002; Navarro-Rosinés & Hladún, 1990; Orange, 1990; Roux et al., 1995) and ten species reported after the publication of aforementioned survey (Calatayud et al., 2013; Christensen & Alstrup, 2013; Fleischhacker et al., 2016; Hafellner, 2009; Sipman & Raus, 2015), 86 taxa of lichenicolous fungi were known from Greece until now.

In 1971 and 1981 the second author collected microfungi on bryophytes in Greece, and took by chance also some fungi living on lichens, which were subsequently identified by the first author.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The specimens were studied macroscopically with a Zeiss stereo microscope at magnifications up to $\times 40$ and microscopically with an Olympus BX 51 microscope fitted with Normarski differential interference contrast optics up to $\times 1000$. Measurements were taken from thin hand-cut razor-blade sections mounted in water and indicated as (minimum–)X– σ_x –X+ σ_x (–maximum), followed by the number of measurements (n) when $n \geq 10$; the length/breadth ratio of ascospores is indicated as l/b and given in the same way. For testing chemical reactions and staining the standard reagents, 10% KOH (K), Lugol's iodine, directly or after 10% KOH pre-treatment, and phloxin were used. Specimens are kept in the

private herbarium of W. v. Brackel (hb Brackel). Species new to Greece are denoted with an asterisk (*) in the list below.

RESULTS

The species

CATILLARIA MEDITERRANEA Hafellner – Greece, Attiki, Párnis N of Athen, above Agia Trias, 38°10' 24"N, 23°43' 30"E, on bark of a coniferous tree, on *Anaptychia ciliaris*, 24.09.1981, leg. G. & P. Döbbeler (hb Brackel 8411, 8418). – This is a lichenized species often growing on *Anaptychia ciliaris* but reported also from *Niebla bourgeana*, *Parmelina tiliacea*, *Physcia semipinnata*, *P. stellaris*, *Seirophora villosa* and *Squamaria* sp. It is known from several countries around the Mediterranean Basin including Greece, and from the Canary Islands.

*DIDYMOLOPSIS PULPOSI (Zopf) Grube & Hafellner – Greece, Attiki, Párnis N of Athen, *Abies cephalonica* forest near Agia Trias, 38°10' 24"N, 23°43'30"E, on rocks, on *Collema* sp., 1100–1200 m, 11.04.1971, leg. P. Döbbeler (hb Brackel 8414, Fig. 1B). – This is a species confined to host lichens of the family Collemataceae, widespread in Europe and known also from Asia and both Americas (Brackel, 2014).

DIDYMOLOPSIS sp. – Greece, Fokís, *Abies* forest W of Pass Amvléma, S of Graviá, near the road between Lamia and Ámfissa, 38°37'10"N, 22°22'38"E, on limestone rock, on *Collema auriforme*, 900 m, 19.09.1981, leg. G. & P. Döb-

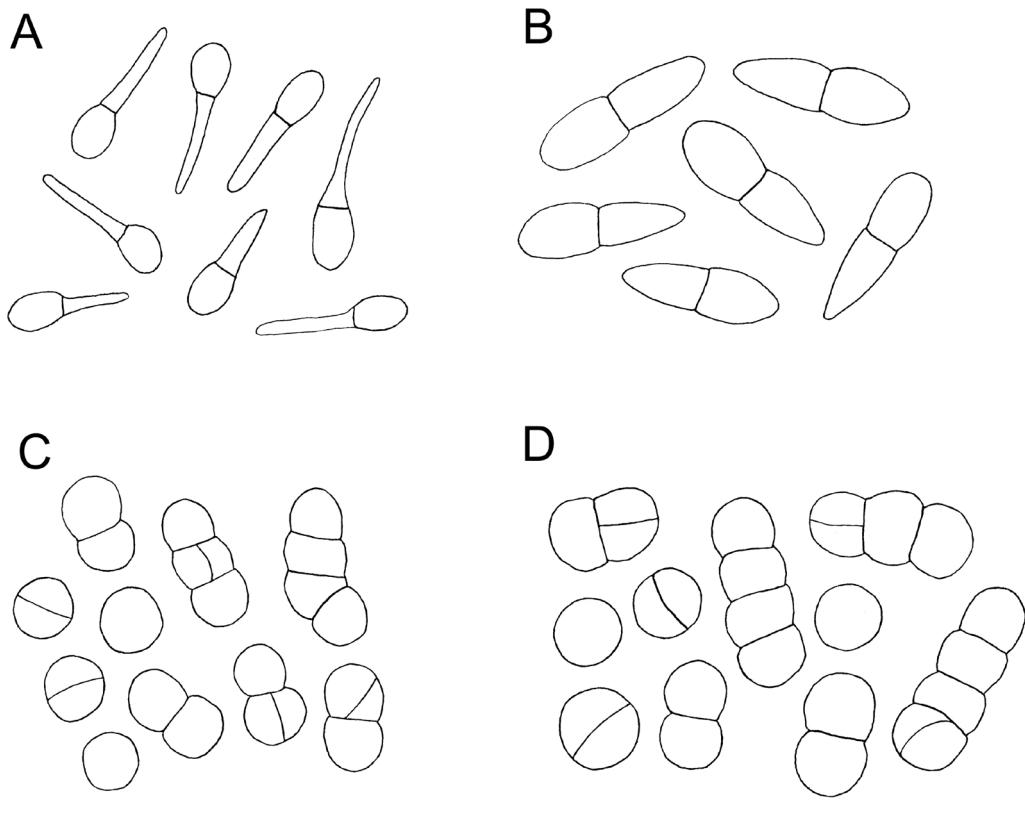


Fig. 1. Outlines of ascospores: A. *Didymellopsis* sp. (hb Brackel 8412); B. *Didymellopsis pulposi* (hb Brackel 8414); C. *Pronectria diplococca* from Greece (hb Brackel 8419); D. *Pronectria diplococca* from Austria (hb Brackel 8420). Scale bar = 10 µm.

beler (hb Brackel 8412, Fig. 1A). – The examined specimen fits the features of *Didymellopsis pulposi*, except for the shape of the ascospores, with the upper cell ellipsoid to almost orbicular, the lower one long and extremely narrow, giving the spore a caudate appearance; they measure (12.5–)14.4–18.6(–20.0) × (4.0–)4.1–4.8(–5.0) µm, 1/b = (2.6–)3.2–4.2(–4.5) (n = 20). None of the described species of the genus has such ascospores. Caudate 1-septate ascospores are known from some species in the genus *Cercidospora*. The well delimited brown wall of the apothecia in our find shows that it does not belong to *Cercidospora*, where the mostly bluish or greenish pigmented wall is not well delimited from the host tissue. Further finds must prove if the specimen belongs to an undescribed species of *Didymellopsis* or represents an aberrant morph of *D. pulposi*.

*PRONECTRIA DIPLOCOCCA Kocourk., Khodos., Naumovich, Vondrák & Motiej. – Greece, Pelopónnisos, Achaía, E of Patras, *Abies* forest c. 9 km S of Ano Diakoptón near the road Kaláyrita in direction to Diakoptón at the coast, 38°04'38"N, 22°10'04"E, on *Collema* sp., 02.10.1981, leg. G. & P. Döbbeler (hb Brackel 8419, Fig. 1C). – A very characteristic species due to its initially 1-septate ascospores, (9.0–)9.5–10.5(–11.0) × (6.0–)6.2–6.9(–7.0) µm, 1/b = 1.4–1.6(–1.7) (n = 20; only 1-septate ascospores measured) [(8.75–)9.56–12.34(–13.5) × (4.75–)5.76–7.56(–8.75) µm (n = 30) according to Khodosovtsev et al., 2012], strongly constricted at the septum, easily disintegrating. Both the 2-celled ascospores and the one-celled spore parts often develop secondary septa, mostly perpendicular to the primary septum or oblique, rarely parallel. This results in a mixture of 1–6-celled

ascospores, some of them submuriiform. If they aggregate secondarily as mentioned in the original description is not quite clear to us. The species was known until now from the Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania and Ukraine (Khodosovtsev et al., 2012; Wagner & Schachner, 2019). We report this species also as new for Austria: Salzburg, Lungau, Radstädter Tauern, W Mauterndorf, slopes between Speiereck and Kl. Lanschütz, on *Collema* cf. *auriforme*, MTB 8847, 2300 m, 07.09.1981, leg. P. Döbbeler (hb Brackel 8420, Fig. 1D).

*PRONECTRIA PEDEMONTANA Brackel – Greece, Pelopónnisos, Táigetos, road from Sparta to Kalamáta, c. 2 km E of Artemisia, 37°04'52"N, 22°14'31"E, wet place, on *Collema* sp., 28.09.1981, leg. G. & P. Döbbeler (hb Brackel 8413). – The species, confined to the host genus *Collema*, was known until now only from Germany and Italy (Brackel, 2013).

*STIGMIDIUM HAGENIAE (Rehm) Hafellner – Greece, Attiki, Párnis N of Athen, above Agia Trias, 38°10'24"N, 23°43'30"E, on bark, on *Anaptychia ciliaris*, 24.09.1981, leg. G. & P. Döbbeler (hb Brackel 8416). – Ascomata 50–70 µm in diameter; asci 8-spored, 35–42 × 12–14 µm; ascospores hyaline, 2-celled, soleiform, (11.0–)11.6–13.5(–14.0) × (3.0–)3.3–4.0 µm, 1/b = (2.8–)3.0–4.0(–4.7) (n = 10). This is in accordance with the measurements given by Winter (1872): ascomata 36–100 µm diam., asci 29–43

µm long, ascospores 8–14 × 3–4 µm. Vondrák et al. (2008) reported *Stigmidioides* aff. *hageniae* from Crete with bigger ascospores, 13–16 × 5 µm.

*TREMELLA ANAPTYCHIAE J. C. Zamora & Diederich – Greece, Attiki, Párnis N of Athen, above Agia Trias, 38°10'24"N, 23°43'30"E, on bark, on *Anaptychia ciliaris*, 24.09.1981, leg. G. & P. Döbbeler (hb Brackel 8417). – This recently described species was previously known from Italy (mainland and Sardinia), Macedonia, Spain (mainland and Canary Islands) and Sweden (Zamora et al., 2017; Brackel & Berger, 2019).

Identifying the above-mentioned fungi on lichens of the genus *Collema* we found that literature regarding these fungi is very scattered and the available keys to lichenicolous fungi are not very helpful, as several of the species have been described recently. Thus we present the following key, based on information from Aptroot et al. (1997), Brackel (2013, 2014), Brackel & Etayo (2010), Clauzade et al. (1989), David & Etayo (1995), Diederich & Puntillio (1995), Etayo (2001, 2002, 2010), Etayo & Sancho (2008), Grube & Hafellner (1990), Hawksworth (1980, 1981), Hoffmann & Hafellner (2000), Keissler (1930), Khodosovtsev et al. (2012), López de Silanes et al. (2009), Navarro-Rosinés et al. (1999), Nylander (1873), Rossman et al. (1999), Roux & Triebel (1994), Timdal (1991), Vouaux (1913, 1914) and Zhurbenko (2009).

Key to the lichenicolous fungi growing on *Collema* s.l.

1	Spores produced in asci	2
1'	Spores produced in pycnidia, pycnidia setose, conidia 5–6 × 2 µm	« <i>Pyrenopochaeta</i> » <i>collematis</i> Vouaux
2	Ascomata apothecoid	3
2'	Ascomata perithecioid, black or dark brown	5
2"	Ascomata nectrioid, red, orange or almost colourless	15
3	Apothecial disc grey, margin whitish, ascospores aseptate	“ <i>Mollisia</i> ” <i>collematis</i> Boud.
3'	Apothecial disc and margin black, ascospores septate	(<i>Toninia</i>) 4
4	Ascospores 3(–5)-septate, bacilliform to acicular	<i>Toninia collematicola</i> Timdal
4'	Ascospores 1-septate, narrowly fusiform to bacilliform	<i>Toninia leptogii</i> Timdal
5	Ascospores aseptate	6
5'	Ascospores 1-septate	8
5"	Ascospores with 3 or more septa	14
6	Ascomata c. 50 µm diameter, growing in the hymenium	<i>Physalospora collematis</i> (Stein) G. Winter
6'	Ascomata bigger, 70–400 µm, growing on the thallus	(<i>Myxophora</i>) 7
7	Asci 4-spored, ascospores (11–)14.5–19.2(–20) × (4.0–)4.7–6.9(–7.0) µm	<i>Myxophora tetraspora</i> Nik. Hoffm. & Hafellner

- 7' Asci 8-spored, ascospores (10-)10.7-20.6(-23.0) × (3.0-)3.9-6.4(-7.5) µm
 *Myxophora leptogiophila* (Minks ex G. Winter) Nik. Hoffm. & Hafellner
- 7" Asci 8-spored, ascospores (9.0-)10.4-13.7(-14.0) × (6.0-)7.0-8.2(-9.0) µm
 *Myxophora ovalispora* Nik. Hoffm. & Hafellner
- 8 Ascospores brown, hamathelial elements soon gelatinising (*Endococcus*) 9
- 8' Ascospores hyaline, hamathelial elements mostly persistent 10
- 9 Ascospores caudate, with a tail-like lower cell, 13-21 × (3.5-)4.0-5.5 µm
 *Endococcus caudisporus* J. C. David & Etayo
- 9' Ascospores heteropolar, not caudate, ascospores 9-18 × 5-7 µm
 *Endococcus pseudocarpus* Nyl. (incl. *E. pellax* Nyl. and "Tichothecium" *latzelii* Keissl.)
- 10 Ascomata carbonised, opening with radial ruptures
 *Rhagadostoma collematum* Etayo & Nav.-Ros.
- 10' Ascomata not carbonised, opening with a regular ostiole 11
- 11 Infection gall-inducing, ascomata with numerous lipid droplets
 *Lichenochora collematum* Nik. Hoffm. & Hafellner
- 11' Infection not gall-inducing, ascomata without numerous lipid droplets . . . (*Didymelopsis*) 12
- 12 Ascospores 20-26 × 5-19 µm *Didymelopsis collematum* (J. Steiner) Grube & Hafellner
- 12' Ascospores smaller, up to 21 µm long 13
- 13 Ascospores heteropolar, not caudate, 14-21 × 5-7 µm
 *Didymelopsis pulposi* (Zopf) Grube & Hafellner
- 13' Ascospores caudate, (12.5-)14.4-18.6(-20.0) × (4.0-)4.1-4.8(-5.0) µm
 *Didymelopsis* sp. (this paper)
- 14 Ascospores parallel 3-septate, dark brown, apically paler *Pyrenidium actinellum* Nyl.
- 14' Ascospores parallel 3-5-septate, hyaline *Sphaerulina dolichotera* (Nyl.) Vouaux
- 14" Ascospores submuriform, reddish brown *Pleospora collematum* Zukal
- 15 Ascomata superficial 16
- 15' Ascomata completely or half immersed 18
- 16 Ascomata without setae or hairs "Nectria" *brutia* Diederich & Puntillo
- 16' Ascomata with setae or hairs 17
- 17 Ascospores striate-granularly ornamented, 8-10 × 3-4 µm . . . *Trichonectria leptogiicola* Etayo
- 17' Ascospores smooth, 8.5-10.5 × 2.5-3 µm *Nectriopsis collematis* Diederich
- 18 Ascomatal wall K+ violet, ascospores (19-)22-38(-65) × (7-)9-11(-13) µm
 *Xenonectriella lutescens* (Arnold) Weese
- 18' Ascomatal wall K- (*Pronectria*) 19
- 19 Ascomata with hyaline setae around the ostiole . . . *Pronectria pilosa* Etayo & López de Silanes
- 19' Ascomata without setae 20
- 20 Ascomata growing in the hymenium of the host, ascospores 5-7 µm long
 *Pronectria hymeniicola* Etayo
- 20' Ascomata growing on the thallus of the host, ascospores longer 21
- 21 Ascospores easily disintegrating, secondarily developing 1-6-celled units
 *Pronectria diplococca* Kocourk. et al.
- 21' Ascospores remaining 1-septate, not easily disintegrating 22
- 22 Ascospores smooth, 8.5-10.5 × 2.5-3 µm *Pronectria collematis* Etayo & Brackel
- 22' Ascospores verruculose 23
- 23 Ascomata yellowish, ascospores hyaline, c. 14-16.5 × 5-6.5 µm
 *Pronectria pedemontana* Brackel
- 23" Ascomata red-orange, purple-red around the ostiole, ascospores pale orange, 10-16 × 5-6 µm
 *Pronectria tenacis* (Vouaux) Lowen

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