D.:Basidiomycota Sd.:*Agaricomycotina*

Lab 18

Division: **Basidiomycota**

Subdivisions:							
Ustilaginomycotina	Pucciniomycotina	Agaricomycotina					
Classes:							
Exobasidiomycetes Ustilaginomycettes	Pucciniomycetes Microbotryomycetes	Agaricomycetes					
Smut fungi	Rust fungi	Mushrooms, Root rot fungi, Wood decay					

Subdivision: Agaricomycotina

Class: Agaricomycetes								
Orders:								
Cantharellales			Agaricales			Boletales		
Families:								
Ceratobasidiaceae	Cantharellaceae	Amanitaceae	Typhulaceae	Agaricaceaea	Physalacriaceae	Boletaceae		
Thanatephorus cucmeris (Rhizoctonia solani)	Chantarella	Amanita muscaria	Typhula incarnate, Sclerotium spp.	Agaricus campestris	Armillaria mellea	Boletus edulis		

Rhizoctonia solani (anamorph)

- Because *Rhizoctonia* species do not produce spores, these fungi are identified by characteristics of their hyphae.
- Rhizoctonia hyphae produce branches <u>at right</u> and <u>acute</u> <u>angles to the main hypha</u>, the branch hypha is <u>slightly</u> <u>constricted</u> at the branch origin, and there is often <u>a septum</u> near the branch origin



Rhizoctonia solani

 Rhizoctonia species also produce specialized hyphae composed of compact cells called <u>monilioid</u> cells.



Rhizoctonia solani

• The <u>monilioid cells</u> fuse together to produce hard structures called <u>sclerotia</u>, which are resistant to environmental extremes, allowing the fungus to survive adverse conditions.



Black scurf of potato (Black Scub)

• Black sclerotia are formed on the surface of potato tubes



Rhizoctonia root rot of beet

- Under certain conditions (heavily contaminated soils, favourable climate ...), the root system is invaded externally by the asexual form of *T. cucumeris*, *Rhizoctonia solani*.
- A brown mycelial network is easily distinguished on the surface.



Thanatephorus cucmeris (teleomorph)

• The perfect form or teleomorph of the fungus,

T. cucumeris,

causes leaf spots.

• During wet periods, a <u>hymenium</u> is formed at lesion margins, upon which <u>basidia</u> and <u>basidiospores</u> develop.



Typhula incarnate (Speckled Snow Mould of Cereals)

 Disease severity ranges from <u>patches</u> to complete destruction of al above-ground foliage within a field



Typhula incarnate

- Symptoms <u>whitish-grey</u> <u>mycelium</u> cover foliage of plant.

• <u>Reddish brown sclerotia</u> formed on the surface of withering part are <u>millet grain size</u>.



Typhula incarnate

- <u>Sclerotia</u> germinate in the autumn during cool and wet weather producing short clubshaped <u>fruiting bodies</u> (sporophores) from which <u>basidiospores</u> are liberated.
- <u>Fruiting bodies</u> (sporophores) of *T.incarnata* are light pink



Typhula incarnate

• Club-shaped fruiting bodies



 Layer of lobes <u>basidia</u> are formed with ovoid <u>basidiospores.</u>



Armillaria mellea (Armillaria root rot of berries)

- Armillaria mellea, a fungus, infects blackberry roots, killing the cambium and decaying the underlying xylem
- This fungus may form <u>mushrooms</u> at the base of infected canes in fall and winter.
- Mushrooms produce windblown spores, but these spores are not a significant means of infecting





• The fungus spreads vegetatively, below ground, which leads to the formation of groups of dead and dying plants called "disease centers."



Armillaria mellea



