

**International Commission on Food Mycology**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Minutes**

1. The meeting opened at 5:09 pm
2. Apologies were received from Ulf Thrane, Giancarlo Perrone, Feng Yan Bai.
  - 2.1 Commission Members – the ICFM accepts the resignation of Ulf Thrane, who will now be working with the International Commission on Indoor Fungi (ICIF), and we thank him for his long time membership. **Action: Ludwig**
  - 2.2 The previous minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
3. Update on the Freising meeting 2019. There were 71 registrations (1 cancellation, 2 no shows; 6 accompanying persons), which was 8 more than the previous meeting in 2016. Participants came from 19 countries (*c.f.* 22 countries in 2016). Most participants came from Germany, Spain, Netherlands, and Brazil. We filled the available rooms at the venue (50), and the remaining participants stayed at Bayerischer Hof or alternative accommodation. The staff, accommodation, and meals at Palotti Haus have been fine. Abstract book production and printing went smoothly, and the pdf has been uploaded to the website. The poster session was named as a valuable opportunity to share research findings, especially for students.
4. Past conferences and publications with ICFM involvement (see Appendix). The IUMS board is pleased with the activity of ICFM, and is happy to continue supporting our activities.
5. Business arising from minutes of the meeting held in Freising, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2016
  - 5.1 Food Mycology methods
    - 5.1.1 To be made available on the website. Due to copyright restrictions, existing versions of methods cannot be freely distributed on the website. Instead, the main food mycology methods will be re-written in a new format which can be published on the ICFM website. **Action: Su-lin, with input from Emilia and Rob.**
    - 5.1.2 Compendium on Methods: Add MEA + antibiotics to the list of media suitable for isolation of foodborne fungi. **Action: Emilia and Dojin.**
    - 5.1.3 ISO Methods for foodborne fungi will be updated with input from **Emilia and Jos.**
  - 5.2 Promoting ICFM in social media and via learned societies. On ResearchGate, Commission members should add ICFM to individual profiles. **Action: All.** Also, the Abstract book will be uploaded there. Can create ICFM as a Project in which Commission members are active. Create a LinkedIn group, **Action: Emilia**
  - 5.3 Sponsorship from learned societies and elsewhere. Possible to apply to British Mycological Society (of which Naresh is the current Secretary) for £400 to cover costs of inviting a keynote speaker to a meeting.
  - 5.4 Website: updates and literature. Needs to be updated with content. Send links or citations to Rob. **Action: All**
  - 5.5 Sponsorship of students-postdocs-early career researchers from lower-middle income countries to attend the next ICFM meeting in 2022. Agreed that ICFM

requires them to cover their own travel and ICFM will waive the registration fee. Up to five waivers. **Action: Rob** to prepare the application form based on the template from IUMS; **Ludwig** to advertise this in the circular for next meeting.

6. Discussion of Commission and Statutes

6.1 Change of legal status of ICFM. We are now a Foundation (Dutch Stichting, established by Rob and Jos) with our own bank account, and the foundation address at Rob's home address. ICFM members can now be added to the Foundation (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary). The status of our parent body IUMS is unclear, it may also become a Foundation. We will need annual financial reporting and auditing for tax purposes, and an annual general meeting. The Foundation is VAT-exempt because the purpose is educational activities.

6.2 Financial situation. A copy of the account balance was distributed, showing that ICFM finances are in a good state. As a Foundation, we should not accumulate large sums.

6.3 Amendments to statutes. **Action: Naresh and Rob** to revise the statutes with regard to our new status as a Foundation.

6.4 Continuing / new members. Current members are happy to continue.

7. Sub-committees of ICFM. Members of ICFM are encouraged to form sub-committees, in order to promote activities of the ICFM in between our main 3-yearly meetings. Education and Outreach (including positive impacts of fungi) were identified as two areas of interest for ICFM members (see point 10). Advice regarding eating or discarding partly mouldy food with regard to minimising food waste was also raised as an area where ICFM might have input. However, the possible legal ramifications of advice published on our website was pointed out as a potential problem. It may be best to link to advice from national food agencies (when such becomes available).

8. Future meetings with ICFM involvement.

- Yogyakarta, Sixth IUMS Outreach programme on Food Safety (bacteria, viruses) and Mycotoxins, 20-21 Feb, 2020.
- ICFM will chair a session at IUMS in Daejeon, South Korea, 12-16 October 2020 (to be followed by IUMS 2023 in Amsterdam).
- Sofia is an organiser for the IX Latin American Congress on Mycotoxicology, proposed for Patagonia Argentina, March 2021 (delayed from the original date in November 2020).
- Food Spoilers in 2021 or 2022.
- Course in mycotoxins, organised by Marta

9. Next ICFM workshop, 2022: This will be organised as a pre-congress workshop (Sat+Sun, 23-24 July) to the IMC12 meeting in Amsterdam (with our formal Commission meeting and dinner possibly scheduled for Fri 22 July). The ICFM workshop will be run in conjunction with the International Commission for Penicillium and Aspergillus (ICPA) at the Westerdijk Institute in Utrecht, with the program approximately shared between Penicillium and Aspergillus and their mycotoxins (one day), and other food mycology topics (one day). Participants can stay in Utrecht or nearby. Jos, together with Jan Dijksterhuis, is responsible for coordinating the workshops before or after the main IMC12. ICFM would also like to have a Food Mycology symposium within IMC12 (**Action: Jos** to contact the thematic chair). Ludwig flagged his retirement in 2023, with a view to finding an organiser and location for ICFM 2025.

10. Any other business: Food mycology course curriculum (university level) - a sub-committee for Education will collect and formulate intended learning outcomes, curricula, activities and materials suitable for Food mycology courses, which can be endorsed by ICFM and made freely available on the website. We hope that this will promote the teaching of Food mycology in general Food Microbiology courses. There is also interest in collating and sharing materials suitable for Outreach to school-aged children and the general public. The Education sub-committee aims to present proposed course material for approval at the next ICFM meeting in 2022. [Action: Dojin, Emmanuel, Sofia, Su-lin](#), together with other participants from the education and outreach networking meetings.
11. The Commission meeting finished at 6:42 pm.

## **Appendix: Past meetings and publications with ICFM involvement (2017-18)**

- Fifth IUMS outreach programme on Food Safety and Mycotoxins, Yogyakarta, Indonesia 19-20 January 2017, organized by Faculty of Agricultural Technology Universitas Gadjah Mada Yogyakarta Indonesia, in collaboration with the Indonesian Society of Microbiology, ICFM and the International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFHM). Endang Rahayu, Rob Samson (co-organisers). Presentations by Commission members.
- “Microbial Spoilers in Food” Quimper, France, 28-30 June 2017. Emmanuel Coton (co-organiser), Rob Samson and Emilia Rico (scientific committee members). Presentations by Commission members.
- ICFM symposium “Developments in Mycotoxin Research: From Methodology to Prevention”, Emilia Rico (organiser). Part of the IAFP conference in Tampa, FL, USA, 9 July 2017. Presentations by Commission members.
- Presentation on “The concept of food safety objective (FSO) applied to mycotoxins” by Marta Taniwaki, 8th International Symposium on Food Innovation and Development”, Montevideo, Uruguay, 27-29 September 2017.
- Marta Taniwaki attended the Meeting of the International Commission of Microbiological Specification for Foods (ICMSF), Vlaardingen, The Netherlands, 1-13 October, 2017. She gave advice on several aspects related to fungi and mycotoxins and on the preparation of the next ICMSF book.
- AFEM (French association of microbial ecology) conference “Microbiomes: des Environnements Naturels à l'Homme” 17-20 October 2017, Camaret-sur-Mer, France. Emmanuel Coton contributed to the organisation.
- Workshop and training course on “Microbiomes of Fermented Foods”, 25-29 October 2017, Beijing, China. Feng-Yan Bai (organiser).
- Special issue of “Current Opinion on Food Science” on Food Engineering and Processing, and Food Mycology (vol. 17, 2017). Giancarlo Perrone (guest editor). Contributions from Commission members.
- Editorial by Sofia Chulze for Revista Argentina de Microbiología (vol. 49(4), 2017) promoting the role and goals of ICFM in food mycology research.
  
- ICFM symposium “Food Mycology in the 21 century: impacts on food security and safety”, as part of the 11th International Mycological Congress (IMC11), San Juan, Puerto Rico, 16-21 July, 2018. Sofia Chulze and Giancarlo Perrone (co- chairs), presentations by Commission members.
- XIV AEM congress (Spanish Mycology Association), 19-21 September 2018, Tarragona, Spain. F. Javier Cabañes contributed to the scientific organisation, presentation on “Mycotoxins and their control in foods”.
- Max Rubner Conference 2018 (MRC2018) "Fungi and Mycotoxins in Foods", 8-10 October 2018, Karlsruhe, Germany. Rolf Geisen (organiser), presentations by Commission members.
- Special issue of “Current Opinion on Food Science” on Food Mycology (vol. 23, 2018). Marta Taniwaki (guest editor). Contributions from Commission members.