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Abstract

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Lichenized basidiomycetes represent a small group within Basidiomycota, with

Dictyonema s.l. the clade with the highest number of species. This clade occurs world-

wide, but has its highest diversity in the tropics and especially in tropical montane

regions, such as the endangered paramos. The group has different morphologies, with

crustose, filamentous, squamulose and foliose thalli, and the basidiocarps may be

cyphelloid, corticioid or steroid. The photobionts are cyanobacteria of the genus

Rhizonema, which at present are thought to be entirely lichenized. Recent field

observations and laboratory investigations indicate that more than 300 species belong to

this clade of lichenized fungi alone, but genus and species concepts are still to be

established. Prior to these investigations, taxonomic concepts for the clade were based

largely on anatomy, with morphological differences being treated as intraspecific

variation, giving an accepted number of only five species. In an attempt to elucidate the

evolution of the group and the diversity of species in *Dictyonema* s.l., morphological, anatomical, ecological and molecular analyses were performed using more than 800 samples from 19 countries. The sequences were generated by standard Sanger and/or next-generation sequencing (NGS) procedures, the later using pyrosequencing with the 454 GS Junior, and then phylogenetic reconstructions were done using the markers ITS, nuLSU and RPB2 for the fungal partner and 16S for the photosynthetic partner. Morphological characters were intensively reanalyzed using features of the thallus, the basidiocarps and numerous additional characteristics (i.e., hairs, sutures, and soredia). Anatomical characters were also collected, including thickness of the thallus and its layers, shape and size of cyanobacteria and hyphae, among others. Results of these molecular, morphological, anatomical and ecological analyses indicated that the group is much more diverse than previously thought, and that anatomical and morphological differences, long thought to indicate forms within the same species, are instead indicative of a far larger number of distinct species. The multilocus and individual marker analyses indicated that the group is monophyletic with five genus-level groups: Cyphellostereum, sister genus to the rest of species, Dictyonema s.str. forming a paraphyletic transitional group, and three additional monophyletic groups representing three genera, Acantholichen, Cora and Corella. So far, Brazil, Colombia and Costa Rica are the only countries in which all genera have been found, although many other countries have been poorly sampled. In the Galapagos Islands, focused sampling during this study augmented collections made previously by local lichenologists and visiting collectors since the 1970's. Based on previous collections in the Islands, at least eight species of

basidiolichens had been reported to occur there, but most were identified using existing names since no molecular data were available. The present study yielded 90 sequenced specimens representing ten species of the *Dictyonema* clade, most of these from Santa Cruz, Isabela, and Floreana. Molecular, morphological and anatomical investigations indicate that these species are new and mostly endemic to the Islands. Results also demonstrated that the genus Acantholichen, originally thought to be monotypic, is like other genera in the *Dictyonema* clade, highly endemic and made up of more than a single species. Here I present five new species to this genus, based on differences in squamules and acanthohyphidia (spiny apical cells of hyphae present in lower and upper surfaces), both unique characters to separate this genus from others within the *Dictyonema* clade. The project also investigated the diversity of the cyanobacterial *Rhizonema* photobionts of *Dictyonema* s.l., generating 16S sequences from 560 *Dictyonema* specimens and 21 additional unrelated cyanolichens in the Ascomycota. Analyses of these sequences indicated that, unlike the diversity of the fungal partner in these lichens, very few Rhizonema lineages are present, suggesting that these photobionts are largely shared among mycobionts (from the same or different species, including some ascolichens). These ecological interactions are similar to those of human domestication of crop species and may explain the unusual distributions of fungal and cyanobacterial symbionts throughout the Neotropics. In conclusion, the results of this study support the idea that Dictyonema s.l, previously considered to represent only few species in a single genus, actually includes a remarkably high diversity of species in several, distinct genera, differing in morphology, anatomy, substrate ecology and geographical distribution.

## **Chapter 1 – Introduction and Objectives**

#### Introduction

Dictyonema C. Agardh ex Kunth s.l. is a large group of lichenized basidiomycetes that have a variety of morphologies, from crustose to foliose thalli, cyphelloid to stereoid basidiocarps, and all with *Rhizonema* Lücking & Barrie as its cyanobacterial photobiont (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lücking et al., 2009a, 2014a; Oberwinkler, 1970, 1984; Parmasto, 1978). The species in this clade have a unique combination of rare features in lichens, since they are basidiolichens (most lichens are Ascomycota) and cyanolichens (lichens mostly have a green algae as photobiont). The distribution of the species is mainly pantropical, with a few species in temperate zones (Lücking et al., 2014a; Parmasto, 1978).

Until recently, the most widely used concepts to classify this group were those of Parmasto (1978), who adopted a relatively wide species concept, emphasizing basidiocarp anatomy and treating morphological differences largely as phenotypic variation. Consequently, his monograph synonymized several previously named taxa under five species in a single genus, *Dictyonema*.

Before Parmasto, however, there were many names used to classify species in *Dictyonema* s.l. They represented several different genera and families, based on growth form, presence of clamp connections, and photobiont (Hariot, 1891, 1892; Metzner, 1934). Foliose forms were usually treated as *Cora* Fr. (additionally *Corella* Vain., *Wainiocora* Tomas. or *Gyrolophium* Kunze), whereas filamentous forms were assigned to either *Laudatea* Johow, *Dictyonema*, or *Rhipidonema* Mattir., depending on appressed or shelf-like growth and the absence or presence of clamp connections (Lücking et al., 2013a; Parmasto, 1978). On the other hand, some authors included many different growth forms (i.e., filamentous and foliose) into a single species and regarded differences as ontogenetic and ecological variation (Larcher and Vareschi, 1988; Möller, 1893; Oberwinkler, 1970).

Although Parmasto (1978) accepted five species only, he acknowledged variation within these species. The problem with Parmasto's approach, despite its large and representative sampling, is that he exclusively worked with herbarium specimens, which is disadvantageous in this group, especially in foliose forms, due to the quick loss of key characters such as color, texture, lobe arrangement, etc., as the species are taken from their natural habitat. The other incongruence with his monograph is that he accepted "five lichen species", but at the same time stated that only two fungal species were involved in the symbiosis. According to the International Code of Nomenclature, this is incorrect, since names of lichens always apply to the fungal component [ICN Art. 13.1(d)] and hence there cannot be two 'fungal' and five 'lichen' species at the same time (Lücking et al., 2013a).

Chaves et al. (2004) were the first after Parmasto (1978) to address specifically the *Dictyonema* group, describing two new species and providing a key to a total of eleven

different morphotypes. Until the work of Chaves et al. (2004), most collections of *Dictyonema* in herbaria have been identified to one of the two main species, *D. sericeum* (Sw.) Berk. for filamentous forms (without clamp-connections) and *D. glabratum* (Spreng.) D. Hawksw. [= *Cora pavonia* (Sw.) Fr.] for foliose forms, both thought to be common and widespread in tropical montane to Andean habitats (Hawksworth, 1988; Parmasto, 1978).

Lücking (2008) also mentions four different morphologies of foliicolous Dictyonema under two species, D. sericeum fo. membranaceum Metzer and D. phyllogenum (Müll. Arg.) Zahlbr., the later with three differ forms. Both studies (Chaves et al., 2004; Lücking, 2008) challenged Parmasto's concepts, but stated that molecular analyses were necessary to further investigate if morphotypes recognized by Parmasto (1978) were not better recognized as distinct species instead of forms.

The first detailed molecular study of the *Dictyonema* group was by Lawrey et al. (2009), who found that *Dictyonema* s.l. could possibly be divided into three genera, *Cyphellostereum* D. A. Reid, *Dictyonema* s.str., and *Cora*, and in addition included the genus *Acantholichen* P. M. Jørg. Before this study, the only molecular phylogenies to include *Dictyonema* species were those of Gargas et al. (1995), who included one species, and Ertz et al. (2008), who included two species. The study by Yánez et al. (2012) was the first to employ the molecular findings of Lawrey et al. (2009) in the development of an inventory of Galapagos basidiolichens. However, none of these included sufficiently thorough sampling to resolve the structure within the *Dictyonema* clade.

The four genera shown in the phylogeny of Lawrey et al. (2009) are well-distinguished morphologically and anatomically: *Cyphellostereum* and *Dictyonema* have homomerous filamentous thalli formed by fibrils, that is, with the mycobiont forming a hyphal sheath around the cyanobacterial trichomes, while *Acantholichen* and *Cora* have heteromerous thallus with chroococcoid packets of cyanobacteria. *Dictyonema* s.str. and *Cyphellostereum* have very similar morphologies; however, the first has jigsaw-puzzle-shaped hyphae surrounding wide cyanobacterial filaments, whereas the second presents the sheath consisting of irregular hyphae and much thinner cyanobacterial filaments. In addition, *Cyphellostereum* has cyphelloid basidiocarps emerging from an undifferentiated lichenized thallus, and *Dictyonema* s.str. has steroid-corticioid basidiocarps that develop mostly from the underside of a lichenized thallus. *Acantholichen* forms a microsquamulose thallus with acanthohyphidia, spiny hyphae located on the upper and lower surface giving a powdery appearance to the thallus, while species of *Cora* have foliose-macrosquamulose thalli and produce corticioid basidiocarps on the lower surface.

Besides these four genera, a fifth genus was recently segregated, *Corella* (Dal-Forno et al., 2013). *Corella brasiliensis* Vain., a basidiolichen that resembles species in *Cora* (Metzner, 1934; Vainio, 1890; Xavier Filho and Vicente, 1979), is morphologically and anatomically quite distinct from *Dictyonema glabratum* [= *Cora glabrata* (Spreng.) Fr.]; however Parmasto (1978) included *Corella brasiliensis* as a synonym of the latter and regarded it a juvenile form. Recent analyses of Dal-Forno et al. (2013) showed that *Corella* forms a monophyletic genus sister to *Acantholichen*, despite its similarity to *Cora* in thallus morphology. *Corella* has a paraplectenchymatous cortex under the

microscope, which makes visible the cyanobacteria underneath, giving a dark bluish appearance to these species, generally making possible to distinguish the two foliose genera in the field.

The taxonomic significance of the cyanobacterial photobionts in this clade also changed substantially with recent phylogenetic studies. Historically, photobionts in *Dictyonema* were assigned to *Scytonema* C.Agardh ex Bornet & Flahault for filamentous forms and *Chroococcus* Nägeli for foliose and microsquamulose forms (Henssen, 1963; Oberwinkler, 1970, 1984; Parmasto, 1978; Roskin, 1970; Ryan, 2001). It was not until Lücking et al. (2009a) that the *Dictyonema* clade, along with two genera of ascolichens, *Coccocarpia* Pers. and *Stereocaulon* Hoffm., was found to have a previously undescribed lineage of cyanobacteria, *Rhizonema*, which has a uniquely lichenized lifestyle (Lücking et al., 2014a). The same study discovered that this clade of cyanobacteria belongs to the order Nostocales, which is known to form close symbiotic relationships with eukaryotes (e.g., the interaction between the cyanobacteria *Anabaena* and the fern *Azolla*).

Table 1 - General characteristics of accepted genera in Dictyonema s.l.

Genus	Thallus morphotype	Basidiocarp	Shape of Rhizonema
Acantholichen	Microsquamulose	Unknown	Chroococcoid
Cora	Foliose	Steroid-corticioid	Chroococcoid
Corella	Foliose	Unknown	Chroococcoid
Cyphellostereum	Filamentous	Cyphelloid	Filamentous
Dictyonema	Filamentous	Steroid-corticioid	Filamentous

## **Objectives**

The overall goal of my dissertation research was to clarify the evolution and species diversity of the globally-distributed but mainly tropical clade *Dictyonema* s.l. using molecular, morphological, anatomical and ecological data. Specifically my objectives were: (1) To produce comprehensive uni- and multigene phylogenies of Dictyonema s.l. using representatives of all the major clades, with emphasis on the internal transcribed spacer (ITS) barcoding locus, employing next-generation sequencing techniques where appropriate; (2) to provide new species and genus concepts for the group; (3) to generate a protocol to standardize the study and identification of the species belonging to the different genera; (4) to compile a list of currently accepted names within the *Dictyonema* clade; (5) provide a key to identify the five genera; (6) to investigate evolutionary transitions in thallus morphology and reproductive structures in the Dictyonema clade by comparing basal groups such as Cyphellostereum to the more derived groups such as Cora (Chapter 2); (7) to elucidate the diversity of the genus Acantholichen using morphological, anatomical, ecological and phylogenetic data (Chapter 3); (8) to reassess the diversity of the *Dictyonema* clade in the Galapagos Islands including phylogenetic data (Chapter 4); and (9) to compare and discuss the diversity between mycobiont versus photobiont using multiple datasets (Chapter 5).

Chapter 2 – From mushrooms to lichens: The *Dictyonema* clade (Basidiomycota: Hygrophoraceae) as a model of evolutionary transitions to the lichenized lifestyle in fungi

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#### Abstract

In recent decades, species and genus concepts in *Dictyonema* s.l. were broad and based mainly on thallus anatomy. These concepts resulted from synonymizing many good, valid older names, with all of the previously recognized diversity being represented under a single genus with few species. To elucidate the evolution and diversity in *Dictyonema* s.l., we generated a dataset of 68 new sequences of the nuclear large subunit rDNA (nuLSU), the internal transcribed spacer (ITS), and the RNA polymerase II subunit (*RPB2*). We performed a phylogenetic analysis with a concatenated dataset of 29 species-level lineages of *Dictyonema* s.l. in which nearly all markers were available. The multilocus phylogeny obtained via maximum likelihood and Bayesian approaches indicates the presence of five genus-level groups: *Cyphellostereum*, *Dictyonema* s.str.,

Acantholichen, Cora, and Corella. Lichens in all genera form associations with a unique lineage of obligately lichenized cyanobacteria, known as Rhizonema (Nostocales). The clade is of recent origin, many species of which are thought to have evolved with the uplift of the Andes, and is nested within a larger clade of extant non-lichenized agaric mushrooms in the genus Arrhenia, which makes Dictyonema attractive as a model for understanding the origin of lichen symbioses. Our analyses indicate a progressive development of the lichenized thallus from loosely organized filamentous crusts with separate, cyphelloid basidiocarps in Cyphellostereum, to filamentous crusts with derived hyphal sheath and steroid-corticioid basidiocarps partially incorporated into the lichen thallus in Dictyonema, to squamulose-foliose thalli with steroid-corticioid basidiocarps entirely supported by the lichen thallus in Cora. Such a trend represents a remarkable evolutionary integration of lichenized and reproductive tissues in Dictyonema s.l., supporting the hypothesis that, at least in this case, lichenized thalli may have evolved from reproductive structures in non-lichenized ancestors.

#### Introduction

Lichens are successful and remarkable living symbiotic organisms in terms of numbers of species, diversity and complexity of lichenized morpho-anatomical features, and in the number of lineages that have independently achieved this type of symbiosis (Ahmadjian, 1993; Kirk et al., 2008; Nelsen et al., 2009; Schoch et al., 2009). This symbiotic habit has evolved numerous times in separate fungal lineages, with wide

distribution within the major clades of ascomycetes, and several (but fewer) origins in the basidiomycetes (Gargas et al., 1995). Yet, the origin of lichenization is a matter of debate, as are the evolutionary steps that have led to the development of the integrated lichen thallus (Eriksson, 2005; Gargas et al., 1995; Hawksworth, 2005; Lücking et al., 2009a; Lutzoni et al., 2001; Schoch et al., 2009).

One theory suggests that, because the lichen thallus is structurally complex, whereas the mycelium of non-lichenized fungi is usually undifferentiated, the lichen thallus evolved from fungal stromata or reproductive fungal tissue (Jahns, 1988; Moser-Rohrhofer, 1969; Poelt and Wunder, 1967). Indeed, in lichens such as Cladonia, the vertical thallus is derived from reproductive tissue (Jahns, 1988, 1970). Several studies have shown that the photobiont can also affect lichen thallus morphogenesis, to the point that the same lichen fungus is able to form morphologically distinct thalli with different photosynthetic partners (Armaleo and Clerc, 1991; Brodo and Richardson, 1978; Jahns, 1988; James and Henssen, 1976; Sanders, 2001a; Stocker-Wörgötter, 2002; Takahashi et al., 2006; Tønsberg and Goward, 2001; Tschermak-Woess, 1995). These theories were discussed and studied in connection with lichenized Ascomycota, but except for supported sister-group relationships between rock-inhabiting fungi and lichenized forms in the Arthoniales and Verrucariales (Gueidan et al., 2008; Ruibal et al., 2009), no lineages are known in this phylum that show direct transitions from non-lichenized to lichenized forms.

Approximately 20% of all fungi are lichenized, and these represent 40% of all Ascomycota (Kirk et al., 2008). Current lichenized fungi species are estimated in

approximately 18,000. Nearly all of these species belong in the phylum Ascomycota. Few members of the Basidiomycota are lichenized and these are mainly found in the orders Agaricales, Cantharellales, Corticiales, and Lepidostromatales (Ertz et al., 2008; Fischer et al., 2007; Hibbett et al., 2007; Hodkinson et al., 2014; Lawrey et al., 2009; Nelsen et al., 2007; Sulzbacher et al., 2012, **Table 1**).

**Table 2** - Classification of currently accepted genera of basidiolichens Shaded area represents genera treated in this dissertation

Agaricales
Hygrophoraceae
Dictyonema s.l.
Acantholichen
Cora
Corella
Cyphellostereum
Dictyonema s.str.
Lichenomphalia s.l.
Lichenomphalia
Semiomphalina
Protolichenomphalia

Cantharellales
Clavulinaceae
Ichthyoclavula
Multiclavula
Corticiales
Corticiaceae
Marchandiomphalina
Lepidostromatales
Lepidostromataceae
Ertzia
Lepidostroma
Sulzbacheromyces

Most lichenized basidiomycetes can be found in the family Hygrophoraceae (Agaricales) forming two clades: *Lichenomphalia* s.l. and *Dictyonema* s.l. (Lawrey et al., 2009). Despite their placement within the same fungal family, both present many different characteristics. *Lichenomphalia* forms agaricoid-omphalinoid mushrooms that arise from lichenized granules or squamules containing a green algal (*Coccomyxa*) photobiont, while *Dictyonema* species form a variety of basidiocarps (cyphelloid to steroid-corticioid), but not agaricoid, and a lichenized thallus containing a *Rhizonema* 

photobiont, a lineage of cyanobacteria so far known to be only lichenized (Chaves et al., 2004; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lücking et al., 2009a, 2014a; Redhead et al., 2002).

Until recently, it was considered to represent five species in a single genus, *Dictyonema* (Parmasto, 1978), but subsequent revisionary taxonomic and molecular phylogenetic studies suggested that this number is a gross underestimate of the real diversity (Chaves et al., 2004; Lawrey et al., 2009).

Initial studies (Lawrey et al., 2009) indicated that what was previously considered a single genus (Parmasto, 1978), *Dictyonema*, actually forms a clade containing three genera, the filamentous *Cyphellostereum* and *Dictyonema*, the foliose *Cora*, and additionally included the microsquamulose *Acantholichen*.

Dictyonema is a large clade of basidiolichens that exhibit a variety of different patterns of thallus development, basidiocarps, thallus structure, relationship with the photobiont, as well as substrates they grow on. They can develop crustose-filamentous, shelf-like filamentous, squamulose and foliose thalli, and the basidiocarps can be cyphelloid, corticioid and steroid. The numerous morphological and anatomical characters of the group indicate there may be many undescribed species in the group, representing a remarkable diversity of growth forms; however, the current circumscription of the group does not reflect this diversity.

The earlier phylogeny (Lawrey et al., 2009) indicated a transition in the *Dictyonema* clade from unstructured to complex vegetative thalli and the simultaneous gradual incorporation of the basidiocarps into thallus, which lends support to the hypothesis that the lichen thallus evolved from fruiting body structures of non-lichenized

ancestors in these basidiolichens. Since *Dictyonema* s.l. is hitherto the only lichenized lineage in which direct, extant, non-lichenized ancestors have been established in the genera *Arrhenia* and *Eonema* (Lawrey et al., 2009), this clade is an excellent model to investigate the evolution of the lichen thallus. However, testing this hypothesis required a larger molecular dataset representing more specimens and sequences.

We therefore proposed to increase the sampling of this group (both taxonomically and geographically) and to use a combination of the large subunit (nuLSU) and the internal transcribed spacer (ITS) partition of the nuclear ribosomal DNA, and sequences between the conserved domains 6 and 7 of the protein-coding second largest subunit of the RNA polymerase II gene (*RPB2*), to expand the previous phylogenetic analyses (Lawrey et al. 2009) and test hypotheses regarding thallus evolution in the group.

#### Materials and methods

# **Taxon sampling**

For this study, a small dataset was produced consisting of 29 ingroup species-level terminals, and the outgroup *Eonema pyriforme* used by Lawrey et al. (2009), including 68 new sequences obtained from specimens of *Acantholichen*, *Cyphellostereum*, *Cora*, *Corella* and *Dictyonema* species collected from 13 countries in North, Central, and South America, Europe, and southeast Asia (**Table 2**).

#### **Microscopy**

Morphology and anatomy analyses. All specimens were examined with a LEICA MS5 (Wetzlar, Germany) and an OLYMPUS SZX12 (Shinjuku, Japan) dissecting microscope and a ZEISS Axioscop 2 (Jena, Germany) and an OLYMPUS BH-2 (Shinjuku, Japan) compound microscope. Sections of the thallus are studied in water without staining. Microphotographs are taken with DAGE MTI DC-330 3CCD (Michigan City, Indiana, USA) and JENOPTIC ProgRes C3 and C5 (Jena, Germany) digital microscope cameras attached to the aforementioned microscopes. Macrophotos are taken *in situ* with CANON Powershot SX20IS (Ota, Japan) and NIKON F301 (Tokyo, Japan) digital cameras. Additional photos in the laboratory were taken with a DSLR Sony α33 digital camera.

A list of characters was developed to represent the known morphological diversity of the group. As described in the introduction, the group had been poorly circumscribed and there was a critical need for an objective and extensive list of characters to be studied in every sample. The detailed protocols for studying each morphotype can be found in **Appendix 1** (*Cyphellostereum/Dictyonema, Cora/Corella*. For detailed characteristics on *Acantholichen*, see Chapter 2 in this dissertation).

#### Chemical data

In addition to morphology and anatomy, we analyzed 64 samples of *Dictyonema* (8), *Acantholichen* (1), *Cora* (50), and *Corella* (5) by means of thin-layer

chromatography (Orange et al., 2001) to detect the possible presence of secondary substances, as suggested by an earlier study (Piovano et al., 1995).

#### Molecular data

Genomic DNA was extracted from lichenized thalli using the Bio 101 Fast DNA Spin Kit for tissue (Qbiogene, Illkirch, France) according to the manufacturer's protocol with slight modifications. About 10 ng of extracted DNA were subjected to a standard PCR in a 25 mL reaction volume using either Taq Gold polymerase (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) or Bio-X-Act Long Mix (Bioline USA, Taunton, MA, USA) according to manufacturer's protocols. Sequence data were obtained from the internal transcribed spacer region (ITS) of the nuclear ribosomal DNA cistron (ITS1, 5.8S, and ITS2, approximately 700bp), large subunit (nuLSU) nuclear ribosomal DNA (approximately 1470 bp), and partial DNA-directed RNA polymerase II second largest subunit (RPB2), between the 6 and 7 conserved domains (approximately 1000bp). The PCR products were visualized on a 1% agarose gel with ethidium bromide and then were purified with magnetic beads (Agencourt Bioscience, Beverly, MA, USA). The purified PCR products were used in standard sequencing reactions with BigDye Terminator Ready Reaction Mix v3.1 (Applied Biosystems). The primers used were: ITS5 and ITS4 for ITS (White et al., 1990); LR0R, LR3R, LR5, LR7 and LR16 for nuLSU (http://www.biology.duke.edu/ fungi/mycolab/ primers.htm) and bRPB2-6F or bRBP2-5F and bRBP2-7R, bRBP2-7R2 or bRPB2-7.1R for RPB2 (Denton et al., 1998; Liu et al., 1999; Matheny, 2005). The sequencing reactions were then purified using Sephadex G-

50 (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA), dried in a speedvac, denatured in HiDi Formamide (Applied Biosystems) and run on an ABI3130-xl capillary sequencer (Applied Biosystems).

The data collected were analyzed using ABI software, and 500–700 bases were collected for each primer used. These sequences were then assembled together with the software Sequencher version 5.0 (Gene Codes, Ann Arbor, MI, USA) for manual corrections in base calling and to make contiguous alignments of overlapping fragments.

### Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis

Newly generated sequences from Sanger and 454 sequencing were aligned using MAFFT (Katoh et al., 2005, --auto option) and the alignment was subjected to maximum likelihood (ML) search using RAxML 7.2.6 (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis et al., 2005), with nonparametric bootstrapping using 500 replicates under the GTRGAMMA model. Each gene was first analyzed separately, and then combined (concatenated dataset) for the samples where an additional marker, aside from ITS, was available. This analysis consists of evaluating conflicting clades and takes into consideration nonparametric bootstrap values. It is not a statistical test, but is widely used in phylogenetic studies using multiple markers (Mason-Gamer and Kellogg, 1996). The topologies of individual gene trees are compared and if strongly supported clades (BS higher than 70%) are in disagreements between the different trees that represent conflict and data cannot be combined. Since no conflict was detected, we also subjected our combined dataset to ML.

The individual nuLSU and ITS alignments were subjected to analysis of ambiguously aligned regions using the GUIDANCE webserver (Penn et al., 2010a, 2010b). *RPB2* was not run through GUIDANCE because variation is very low, and alignments were visualized (with and without translation) using Geneious.

Altogether, this resulted in an alignment length of 1327 for the nuLSU, 600 for the ITS, and 1021 for the *RPB2* partition, for a total of 2948 sites in the combined dataset. The dataset was also analyzed under a Bayesian framework using MrBAYES 3.1.2 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001), with two independent runs, a total chain length of one million generations, and four separate chains each, resampling every 1000 trees and generating a majority rule consensus tree from the tree sample after discarding 25% burnin to obtain posterior probability estimates.

# Summary of analysis protocol for each sample

The procedure for analyzing each sample has been the following: (1) In the field, every possible characteristic should be observed *in situ*. As with most other Basidiomycota, specimens in the group quickly lose several characteristics when removed from their natural habitat. Color, texture and arrangement of the thallus, substrate, presence of hairs and basidiocarps are essential features to be observed in the field. If possible, filling out the protocol sheet (**Appendix 1**) in the field makes it easier to remember what characteristics should be observed in fresh material. (2) The material analysis (morphological and anatomical observations and measurements) is finalized in the lab and the protocol of characteristics is followed (**Appendix 1**). (3) The combination

of field and laboratorial observations generates a working name, which is a hypothesis of how each sample may eventually be classified. Generally morpho-groups are used, i.e., "sericeum-type" for filamentous forms growing shelf-like, "applanatum-type" for forms of Dictyonema where fibrils are embedded in a matrix. (4) The sample has its DNA sequenced and placed phylogenetically, which will provide support for rejecting or accepting the working name. (5) The sample is analyzed again and checked to see if placement in the phylogenetic tree makes sense (for example, the presence of a *Cora*-type specimen in *Cyphellostereum* would be highly suspicious and require a new extraction and sequence). (6) The final step is to compilate all specimens under a species name for description and to link them to images available. In cases where good images are missing, samples are photographed in the lab in the dry state and then rehydrated. Specimens for which we have images of fresh specimens are also rehydrated to see if the colors are similar. This is particularly important for the foliose and squamulose forms in the Cora clade. In most cases where the recovered color is similar and therefore considered a reliable characteristic, we added this to the protocols. However, since color especially may vary according to the age of the specimen, a date of study is added to the description.

#### **Results**

# Morphological and anatomical characters

The extensive list of characters to be analyzed proved to provide far more resolution in delimiting genera and species than the mainly mycological features used by

Parmasto (1978). Our working names, developed based on morphological, anatomical and ecological observations, frequently reflected expected positions of the specimens in the phylogenetic trees. In addition, features not taken into consideration before, such as substrate or biogeography, were shown to reflect important patterns. For a detailed list of characters used in the analysis see **Appendix 1**. New species descriptions based on these analyses have since been published (Lücking et al., 2013a, 2014b).

## Phylogenetic analysis

The maximum-likelihood analysis of the combined three-gene dataset of selected species sequences resulted in a well-supported topology in which *Cyphellostereum* was monophyletic and sister to the remaining species (**Figure 1**). *Dictyonema* s.str. forms a paraphyletic grade, and *Acantholichen*, *Cora*, and *Corella* emerges as a supported, monophyletic clade. *Acantholichen* plus *Corella* formed a supported, monophyletic clade sister to *Cora*. No support was found in the backbone of the *Dictyonema* s.str. grade.

Bayesian analysis of the same dataset resulted in a congruent topology with strong support for the aforementioned clades (tree not shown but posterior probabilities plotted on the maximum likelihood tree in **Figure 1**). Thus, the phylogenetic analysis supports the recognition of up to five genera: *Cyphellostereum*, *Dictyonema* s.str., *Acantholichen*, *Corella* and *Cora*.

### Combined analysis (morphology and phylogeny)

The combined molecular-morphological analysis indicates that the lichenized thallus progresses from appressed, crustose filamentous forms in *Cyphellostereum* and

Dictyonema to microsquamulose thalli in Acantholichen and macrosquamulose to large foliose forms in Corella and Cora (Figure 2). Cora develops a loose, corticiform layer of more or less perpendicular hyphae, while Corella has a true, paraplectenchymatous cortex. The photobiont shows a filamentous morphology in the filamentous thallus types and has individual cells in the squamulose and foliose forms. The hyphal sheath in Cyphellostereum is composed of irregular, cylindrical hyphae leaving large interspaces, whereas in all other taxa it forms a closed, paraplectenchymatous layer composed of jigsaw-puzzle-shaped cells. This correlates well with the absence of tubular intracellular haustoria in Cyphellostereum and their presence in the other genera. Coincidentally, the cyanobacterial hyphae are narrow in Cyphellostereum (5–8 μm) and broad in the other genera [8–12(–20) μm].

Cyphellostereum has cyphelloid basidiocarps emerging from the undifferentiated lichenized thallus, in which the basidiocarps do not have any photobiont; instead, the hyphae associated with the cyanobacterial filaments appear to represent vegetative hyphae, as they are thinner and different from the generative hyphae forming the basidiocarps. *Dictyonema* has stereoid-corticioid basidiocarps developed on the underside of the lichenized thallus and usually at least partly overgrown with photobiont filaments; the hyphae associated with the cyanobacterial filaments are thicker (4–6 μm) than in *Cyphellostereum* (2–3 μm) and indistinguishable from the generative hyphae supporting the hymenophore. Species of *Cora* and also *Dictyonema sericeum* have steroid-corticioid hymenophores developing on the lobe underside and completely incorporated into the

thallus. This means the thallus supports the hymenophore, but it is not transformed in shape when fertile.

In addition to the phylogenetic progression in morphological-anatomical features, the three major clades and grades also exhibit distinctive patterns of sequence evolution, particularly in the ITS1 and ITS2 regions (**Figure 3**). Species currently assigned to *Cyphellostereum* have extremely variable, partially unalignable sequence portions in both the ITS1 and ITS2 region (overall alignment confidence score from GUIDANCE = 0.784). Species contained within *Dictyonema* s.str. also have highly length variable ITS1 and ITS2 regions but their alignment is less ambiguous (overall alignment confidence score = 0.862). Species classified as *Cora* have substantially less length variation in the ITS and the level of ambiguity is significantly lower (overall alignment confidence score = 0.954).

#### **Discussion**

Lichens, especially ascolichens, exhibit a remarkable diversity of thallus morphologies, and this variation has traditionally provided the basis for delimiting taxonomic groups. However, it is now apparent that thallus morphology is rarely a good indicator of phylogenetic relationships among lichens (Gaya et al., 2012; Grube and Hawksworth, 2007; Lumbsch and Leavitt, 2011; Rivas-Plata and Lumbsch, 2011). Even among basidiolichens that typically have simpler and less variable vegetative thalli, identical morphologies are known to have arisen independently in unrelated groups, for

example *Multiclavula* and *Sulzbacheromyces* (Ertz et al., 2008; Hodkinson et al., 2014; Sulzbacher et al., 2012).

Our analyses (published in Dal-Forno et al., 2013) indicate a noticeable progression over time in lichenized *Dictyonema* s.l., from a simple, undifferentiated vegetative thallus with separate cyphelloid basidiocarps in the early-diverging *Cyphellostereum* to forms in which basidiocarps themselves appear to dominate the lichen thallus, with individual hymenophores regularly dispersed over the thallus underside, in the late-diverging *Cora*. This suggests that the structure of the basidiocarp and its gradual incorporation into the lichen thallus might be responsible for thallus formation in these lichenized species, and it may also explain why the most derived species of *Cora* and *Corella* closely resemble shelf-like stereoid macrofungi.

Oberwinkler (1970) regarded the *Dictyonema* s.l. thallus as lichenized fruiting body, a view shared by other workers (Parmasto, 1978; Ryan, 2001; Slocum, 1980; Trembley et al., 2002). Indeed, Clémençon et al. (2004) remarked that hymenium development in *Cora glabrata* may be interpreted as an aggregation of simple cyphelloid basidiomes on the undersurface of a lichenized 'stroma'.

This interpretation is supported by the observation that in *Dictyonema* s.str., *Acantholichen*, *Corella*, and *Cora*, the hyphae forming the 'vegetative' thallus (cortex, medulla, photobiont layer) resemble those producing the hymenophore, and hence can be interpreted as generative hyphae, whereas in *Cyphellostereum*, the hyphae associated with the photobiont filaments strongly differ from the generative hyphae forming the basidiocarp. As a consequence, it is no longer possible to attribute morphological

differentiation in this clade as ontogenetic or ecological variation, as done by previous workers (Larcher and Vareschi, 1988; Möller, 1893; Oberwinkler, 1970, 2001; Parmasto, 1978). Instead, this 'variation' reflects distinct evolutionary patterns resulting in a large number of species- and genus-level clades, a view also accepted by Oberwinkler (2012).

The observed trends in thallus evolution in this clade are restricted to lichenized forms, and are therefore likely caused by lichenization. The immediate, non-lichenized ancestors of Dictyonema, Eonema pyriformis and the genus Arrhenia sensu lato (Barrasa and Rico, 2003; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lodge et al., 2014; Redhead et al., 2002), have mostly dorsiventral, arrhenioid (with gills) or cyphelloid (without gills) basidiocarps, the latter resembling those of *Cyphellostereum*. Most other members of the family Hygrophoraceae have radially symmetrical, agaricoid-omphalinoid basidiocarps, including the lichenized genus *Lichenomphalia*, which forms only crustose to microsquamulose thalli in which the basidiocarps are not integrated into the lichen thallus (Lawrey et al., 2009; Lodge et al., 2014; Lutzoni, 1997; Lutzoni and Vilgalys, 1995; Redhead et al., 2002). We conclude from this that the evolution of dorsiventral basidiocarps in Arrhenia and Eonema facilitated the subsequent formation of an integrated lichen thallus in *Dictyonema*, since flattened, dorsiventral basidiocarps can incorporate photobionts more easily into their sterile portions than radially symmetrical basidiocarps, as in *Lichenomphalia*, in which the sterile cap is separated from the sterile stipe by the hymenophore. This is also supported by the fact that *Dictyonema* s.l. lichens are substantially more abundant than *Lichenomphalia* and compete successfully with ascolichens with similar morphologies occurring in the same habitats, such as

Coccocarpia, Coenogonium, Normandina, Peltigera, and Sticta, among others (Barrasa and Rico, 2003; Bigelow, 1970; Brodo et al., 2001; Chaves et al., 2004; Smith et al., 2009). This view is shared also by Oberwinkler (1984: 748), who stated, regarding the structurally complex thallus in Cora, that it was an 'ecologically very well adapted symbiotic structure.'

In the *Dictyonema* clade, species associate with cyanobacteria in *Rhizonema* that appear to be obligately lichenized and largely tropical, occurring both in *Dictyonema* s.l. and also in other, unrelated but ecologically similar lichens, such as *Coccocarpia* (Lücking et al., 2009a, 2014a). However, in terms of the level of unique associations, the process of lichenization appears to differ in the genera of *Dictyonema* s.l. Species in Cyphellostereum commonly harbor diverse mixtures of cyanobacteria and unicellular chlorophytes, as mentioned earlier by Oberwinkler (2001, 2012). This suggests a more loose association of the mycobiont of this genus with diverse photobionts, whereas other genera in the clade generally form associations with a single, dominant photobiont, as apparent from unpublished 454 sequencing data (Chapter 5 has more on this subject). Morphologically, photobionts in Cyphellostereum and Dictyonema s.str. resemble freeliving filiform Scytonema trichomes, whereas in the more derived Cora and Corella clades, they are coiled and significantly reduced in size, forming aggregates of rounded cells similar to *Chroococcus* (Chaves et al., 2004; Clémençon et al., 2004; Lücking et al., 2009a; Parmasto, 1978). This difference was discussed by other authors (Mägdefrau and Winkler, 1967; Möller, 1893; Oberwinkler, 1970; Ryan, 2001; Tomaselli and Caretta, 1969) and even led to the establishment of a separate lichenized genus, Wainiocora,

supposedly differing from *Cora* by a *Chroococcus* photobiont (Tomaselli, 1950, 1951). Oberwinkler (1970), Parmasto (1978), and Chaves et al. (2004) suggested that these morphotypes represent the same photobiont, which was later confirmed by molecular data. Phylogenetic analyses indicate that this is not due to a photobiont switch but caused by fungal-specific morphogenetic effects on the photobiont (Lücking et al., 2009a). Thus, in addition to a progressive thallus morphological development, the *Dictyonema* s.l. clade also exhibits a gradual evolution towards more stable symbiotic interactions between its symbionts, with an increased morphological dominance of the mycobiont over the photobiont.

The particular and unique haustoria of *Dictyonema* s.l. have been described and discussed in detail by several authors (Oberwinkler, 1970, 1984, 2001, 2012; Roskin, 1970; Slocum, 1980; Slocum and Floyd, 1977). They are present in *Dictyonema* s.str., *Acantholichen, Cora*, and *Corella*, but not in *Cyphellostereum*. We also found a strict correlation between the presence of haustoria, the shape of the hyphal sheath around the photobiont cells, and photobiont morphology. Taxa with haustoria always feature a hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw-puzzle shaped cells, with the sheath being tubular around the photobiont filaments in *Dictyonema* s.str. and orbicular around the irregular photobiont cell groups in *Acantholichen*, *Corella*, and *Cora*. Both haustoria and sheath are absent in *Cyphellostereum*. Remarkably, the cyanobacterial filaments are much narrower in *Cyphellostereum* than in the other genera, which we initially interpreted as a different photobiont species. However, 454 sequencing data indicate the primary photobiont represents the same clade in all observed lichens (Chapter 5 of this

dissertation). The remarkable variation in appearance is explained by the effect of the intracellular haustoria: apparently, the cyanobacterial filaments in *Cyphellostereum*, which lack haustoria, represent the natural cell width, whereas the haustorial hyphae in *Dictyonema*, *Acantholichen*, *Corella*, and *Cora* are caused by lateral 'inflation' of the penetrated photobiont cells. Even in taxa with haustoria present, there is further variation in cell width from species to species (Lücking et al., 2013a).

A differentiated cortex has always been considered a hallmark achievement of lichen thalli, as it provides a certain level of integration and protection of the bionts (Honegger, 2001; Jahns, 1988; Sanders, 2001b). In many lichens, layering of the thallus correlates with the production of particular secondary metabolites in the cortex acting as sun-screens (Bjerke and Dahl, 2002; Fernández et al., 1996; Gauslaa, 2009; Gauslaa and Solhaug, 2001; Lawrey, 1986; Rundel, 1978; Solhaug and Gauslaa, 1996). In the Dictyonema clade, only the microsquamulose and foliose forms represented by the genera Acantholichen, Cora and Corella feature a cortex. The cortex in Cora is different from the cortex of Acantholichen and Corella, suggesting an independent evolution, which is supported by their phylogeny, with *Corella* being sister to the squamulose *Acantholichen*, and Cora forming a separate clade. The unique, medullary upper cortex in Cora and the differences compared to *Corella* were already noted by earlier workers (Metzner, 1934; Ozenda, 1963; Tomaselli, 1950; Tomaselli and Caretta, 1969; Xavier Filho and Vicente, 1979; Zahlbruckner, 1926). Oberwinkler (1970) interpreted the paraplectenchymatous cortex of Corella as collapsed hyphae and Parmasto (1978) did not recognize the difference as significant or of taxonomic importance. Acantholichen was thought to be

ecorticated and homomerous until Dal-Forno et al. (in prep and Chapter 3) demonstrated that all species now known from the genus produce a thin cortex with acanthohyphidia.

Piovano et al. (1995) reported the presence of atranorin and tenuiorin in material of *Dictyonema glabratum* (now *Cora*). These substances are commonly found in large macrolichens in the Ascomycota, such as Lobariaceae, Parmeliaceae and Peltigeraceae (Huneck and Yoshimura, 1996; Miadlikowska and Lutzoni, 2000; Moncada et al., 2013), and their presence in *Cora* would imply a remarkable level of parallel evolution in completely unrelated lineages with comparable ecology. However, our analysis of 64 samples of Cora, Corella, Acantholichen and Dictyonema, indicated the complete absence of acetone-soluble compounds deposited extracellularly in the hyphal walls. This is supported by the color change in wetted Cora lichens, which become much darker than in the dry state, very different from Lobariaceae and Parmeliaceae that have atranorin as a cortical compound. We therefore consider the result of Piovano et al. (1995) as artifactual, since it is highly unlikely that only specimens in Chile would produce these substances, whereas samples from Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Brazil studied by us contained no secondary compounds. Another chemical study (Xavier-Filho et al., 1980) reported phytohaemagglutinin from *Dictyonema sericeum*, *D*. glabratum, and Corella brasiliensis, but these are intracellular substances not comparable to extracellular secondary compounds commonly found in lichens. The same applies to the proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates reported by Elifio et al. (2000), Sassaki et al. (2001) and Carbonero et al. (2002) from D. glabratum. Phytohaemagglutinin, found for example in legumes, triggers blood agglutination and is also assumed to play a role in

early stages of lichen symbiosis (Lockhart et al., 1978). The occurrence of this substance has not been much studied, but there are reports from *Peltigera* (Lockhart et al., 1978), which makes it unlikely that the shared occurrence in *Dictyonema*, *Cora*, and *Corella* has any phylogenetic significance.

The *Dictyonema* clade is a prime example of how interpretation of morphological differentiation as ontogenetic or ecological variation, even if based on detailed field observations, can lead to misinterpretations about the evolution and classification of a group of organisms. In this case, we refer to the studies by Möller (1893) and Larcher and Vareschi (1988), discussed by others (Oberwinkler, 1970, 2001, 2012; Parmasto, 1978) as potential evidence for ecomorphological and ontogenetic variation in these lichens. Möller (1893) provided a lengthy account on the ontogeny and seasonal variation of Dictyonema s.l. lichens depending on ecological conditions, based on field observations over several years. While this study is unique in its approach, it merges different taxa, at the time unknown to the author, to document 'variation'. For example, the nonlichenized, terricolous basidiomata considered by Möller (1893) to represent 'free-living' Cora mushrooms are in reality species of Cyphellostereum, which often co-occur with Cora in the same habitat. He also mentioned that certain *Cora* lichens, with bluish thalli, produced the same cyphelloid basidiocarps, considering this evidence for the conspecificity of all these elements. These are likely to represent Cora cyphellifera Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, a new species described by Lücking et al. (2013a) from northern Ecuador. Möller (1893) also observed foliose *Cora* thalli growing out of filamentous Dictyonema and concluded that one and the same fungus was involved and

simply changed its morphology when switching from a *Scytonema*-like to a *Chroococcus*-like photobiont. While such statements were revolutionary for that time and actually hold true in several lichen lineages (Armaleo and Clerc, 1991; Brodo and Richardson, 1978; Jahns, 1988; James and Henssen, 1976; Sanders, 2001a; Stocker-Wörgötter, 2002; Takahashi et al., 2006; Tønsberg and Goward, 2001; Tschermak-Woess, 1995), in this particular case they are incorrect and based on accidental observation of two different lichens growing together. In the hundreds of collections and field individuals of *Dictyonema* observed in this project, there was never evidence of *Cora*-like thalli developing from *Dictyonema*-like forms, and the phylogenetic data clearly do not support this idea. In instances where specimens of *Cora*, *Dictyonema* or *Cyphellostereum* were collected growing closely together, sequence data always showed that they represented different taxa.

The observed variation in ITS sequences among the different clades, with reduced variation in more derived clades (including in size), suggests that *Cyphellostereum* represents a comparatively ancient group that diverged rather early, whereas *Cora* is a relatively young clade. A separate dating study employing a relaxed molecular clock (Lücking, 2012; Lücking et al., 2013b, 2014c) suggests the early divergence of *Dictyonema* s.l. to have taken place about 45 mya during the Eocene, with the *Cyphellostereum* crown node estimated at 35 mya in the late Eocene, whereas *Cora* diversified much later during the early Miocene, about 10–15 mya. These results support the hypothesis that the morphologically primitive *Cyphellostereum* species are relicts from an early radiation, with many species now extinct, whereas *Cora* represents a more

recent radiation, with partially unrecognized species diversity. The relatively young age of the *Dictyonema* clade, together with the evidence of progression in thallus morphology and anatomy, suggests a rare instance when the 'birth' of lichenization can be studied in detail in this clade of Basidiomycota (Lücking et al., 2013b). There are some lineages in Ascomycota, specifically in class Dothideomycetes, which also form filamentous lichens and produce hyphal sheaths comparable to those of *Dictyonema* s.str.; these are the genera *Cystocoleus*, *Racodium*, and *Racoleus* (Gauckler, 1960; Hawksworth et al., 2011; Nelsen et al., 2009). If the above view is correct, these might represent another example of recently emerging lichenized lineages on their way to evolving competitive lichen thalli.

Table 3 - Specimens used for three-marker phylogenetic analysis

Specimens, collection information, and GenBank accession numbers of fungi used in this study.							
			Genbank number				
Species	Collector number	Origin	ITS	LSU	RPB2		
Acantholichen pannarioides	Bungartz 5593	Galapagos	EU825953	EU825953	KF443265		
Corella brasiliensis	Dal-Forno 1271	Brazil	KF443229	KF443255	KF443276		
Cora arachnoidea	Hernández 1779	Venezuela	KF443232	KF443256	KF443266		
Cora aspera	Lücking 29128	Bolivia	KF443230	KF443257	KF443267		
Cora byssoidea	Lücking s.n.	Colombia	KF443234	KF443258	KF443268		
Cora hirsuta	Lücking s.n.	Colombia	KF443235	KF443259	KF443270		
Cora inversa	Lücking s.n.	Colombia	KF443236	KF443260	KF443271		
Cora minor	Navarro s.n.	Costa Rica	EU825968	EU825968	KF443272		
Cora pavonia	Lücking s.n.	Ecuador	KF443238	KF443261	KF443275		
Cora reticulifera	Lücking 26201	Ecuador	KF443239	KF443262	KF443269		
Cora squamiformis	Wilk 7577	Bolivia	KF443240	KF443263	KF443273		
Cora strigosa	Paz 3	Peru	KF443241	KF443264	KF443274		
Cyphellostereum imperfectum	Lücking 25588	Guatemala	KF443218	KF443243	KF443277		
Cyphellostereum nitidum	Rivas Plata 1130	Philippines	_	EU825970	KF443278		
Cyphellostereum phyllogenum	Lumbsch s.n.	Fiji	KF443219	KF443244	_		
Cyphellostereum pusiolum	Lücking s.n.	Costa Rica	EU825976	EU825976	KF443279		
Cyphellostereum sp.	Rivas Plata 2183b	Philippines	KF443220	KF443245	_		
Dictyonema aeruginosulum	Nelsen 3754	Costa Rica	EU825955	EU825955	KF443280		
Dictyonema hernandezii	Lücking 26258	Ecuador	KF443221	KF443246	KF443281		
Dictyonema interruptum	Ertz 10475	Madeira	_	EU825967	KF443282		
Dictyonema irpicinum	Lumbsch 19837e	Fiji	_	KF443247	KF443283		
Dictyonema metallicum	Lücking 26255	Ecuador	KF443222	KF443248	KF443284		
Dictyonema obscuratum	Lücking 23025	Brazil	KF443223	KF443249	_		
Dictyonema phyllophilum	Lumbsch 19821	Fiji	KF443224	KF443250	_		

Dictyonema schenkianum 1	Lücking 30062	Brazil	KF443225	KF443251	KF443285
Dictyonema schenkianum 2	Lücking 17200	Costa Rica	EU825972	EU825972	KF443286
Dictyonema sericeum 1	Wilk 8868	Bolivia	KF443226	KF443252	_
Dictyonema sericeum 2	Fuentes 4788	Bolivia	KF443227	KF443253	KF443287
Dictyonema sericeum 3	Lücking 25551b	Guatemala	KF443228	KF443254	_
Eonema pyriforme	Hjm 18581	Sweden	EU118605	EU118605	_

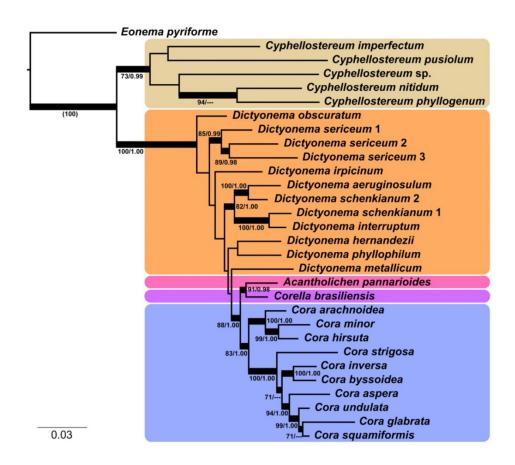


Figure 1 - Best-scoring maximum likelihood tree obtained from a three-gene dataset via RAxML Supported branches are indicated by thick lines and bootstrap support values as well as posterior probabilities from a separate Bayesian analysis are given. The five genus-level clades and grades (*Cyphellostereum*, *Dictyonema*, *Acantholichen*, *Corella*, *Cora*) are colored

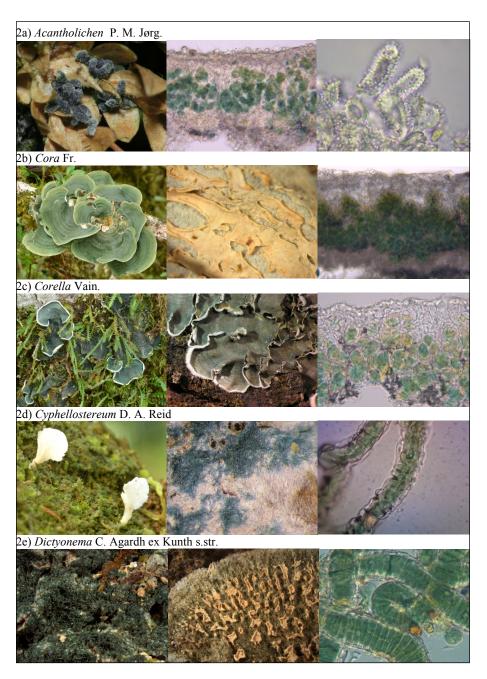


Figure 2 - Photographs of the five morphological groups in *Dictyonema* s.l. (Photo credits: morphology: Robert Lücking, anatomy: Manuela Dal-Forno)

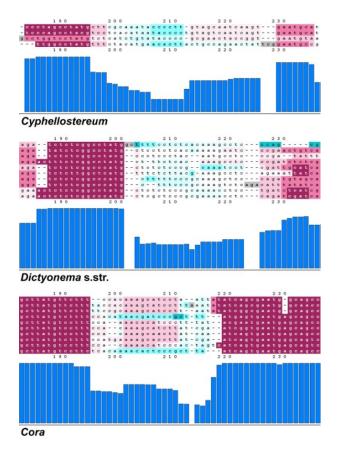


Figure 3 - Selected ITS alignments obtained via the GUIDANCE web server for three genera Purple colors denote high and blue colors denote low confidence scores, also expressed by the columns height

Chapter 3 - From one to six: Unrecognized species diversity in the genus

\*Acantholichen\* (lichenized Basidiomycota: Hygrophoraceae)

## In review

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## **Abstract**

This chapter presents a taxonomic revision of the lichenized basidiomycete genus *Acantholichen*, species of which produce a characteristic blue-grey, microsquamulose thallus with spiny apical hyphal cells known as acanthohyphidia. Since its discovery, the genus was thought to be monospecific, only including the generic type, *Acantholichen pannarioides*. However, a detailed morphological and anatomical study of recently collected specimens from the Galapagos, Costa Rica, Brazil and Colombia, combined with a molecular phylogenetic analysis with three genetic markers (ITS, nuLSU and *RPB2*), revealed a much more diverse and widespread species assemblage. Based on the results of these analyses, five new species are described in the genus: *A. albomarginatus* 

Dal-Forno, Marcelli & Lücking, *A. campestris* Dal-Forno, Spielmann & Lücking, *A. galapagoensis* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, *A. sorediatus* Dal-Forno, Sipman & Lücking, and *A. variabilis* Dal-Forno, Coca & Lücking. We also provide an identification key to all species, as well as anatomical and morphological descriptions, photographs and a table comparing main characteristics of each species.

#### Introduction

The genus *Acantholichen* was established by Jørgensen (1998) for *A. pannarioides*, based on material originally set aside as a possible sterile ascolichen in the genus *Parmeliella*. The species is characterized by a gelatinous, microsquamulose thallus, dark blue to slightly grey, with spiny apical cells on both thallus surfaces, giving it a white-pruinose appearance. Jørgensen (1998) recognized these spiny cells as acanthohyphidia, structures known to be produced by mushroom-forming basidiomycetes. Since no sexual structures were observed in the specimen and no other lichen species are known to produce acanthohyphidia, the species was described as a new basidiolichen. At the time of its description, the genus and species appeared to be tropical, with specimens collected in the moist montane forests of South and Central America (Jørgensen, 1998).

In a later molecular phylogenetic study, Lawrey et al. (2009) confirmed the identity of *A. pannarioides* as a lichenized basidiomycete and placed it in the *Dictyonema* clade in the family Hygrophoraceae of the Agaricales. *Dictyonema* had never before been

considered an agaric genus, having previously been assigned to several families in different orders, including Atheliaceae, Aphyllophoraceae, Corticiaceae, Thelephoraceae, and more recently Phanerochaetaceae (Parmasto, 1978; Zmitrovich et al., 2006).

Members of the *Dictyonema* clade are entirely lichenized and have a cyanobacterial *Rhizonema* photobiont that is only known from lichens (Lücking et al., 2009a, 2014a).

Acantholichen shares some morphological characteristics, such as the paraplectenchymatous cortex, with other lineages in the clade, most notably those in the foliose genus *Corella*, to which *Acantholichen* appears to be most closely related (Dal-Forno et al., 2013).

Recent investigations indicate that the *Dictyonema* clade may be a source of a remarkable number of undescribed species (Lücking et al., 2013a, 2014c). Studies have revealed a previously unrecognized diversity of basidiolichens in a variety of phylogenetic groups, not only in the *Dictyonema* clade (Chaves et al., 2004; Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lücking et al., 2013a, 2014c; Yánez et al., 2012), but also in the chlorolichen genera *Lichenomphalia* (Redhead et al., 2002), *Lepidostromatales* (Ertz et al., 2008; Hodkinson et al., 2012, 2014; Sulzbacher et al., 2012) and *Multiclavula* (Nelsen et al., 2007). Our hypothesis is that *Acantholichen* may also represent a potentially important source of new species that warrants further study.

For this study we obtained several distinctive new specimens of *Acantholichen* from the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, Brazil, and Colombia. These specimens are at first glance similar in color and outward appearance to *A. pannarioides*, but exhibit phenotypic differences indicating they may represent separate species. We combined a

detailed morphological and anatomical study of the specimens with a molecular phylogeny obtained with three commonly used markers (ITS, nuLSU and *RPB2*) to: (1) test the hypothesis that the specimens represent new species of *Acantholichen* in the Hygrophoraceae; (2) provide a preliminary assessment of the ecology, distribution and degree of endemism of the known species; and (3) provide descriptions, diagnoses and a key to all species.

#### Materials and methods

# **Taxon sampling**

Our entire *Acantholichen* dataset included 17 samples (**Table 4**), most of them collected during field trips between the years of 2010–2014 throughout South and Central America. For our phylogenetic analyses, we also used *Corella brasiliensis* as the outgroup, since *Corella* has been shown to be the sister genus of *Acantholichen* by Dal-Forno et al. (2013).

# Light microscopy

All specimens were examined with a LEICA MS5 (Wetzlar, Germany), an OLYMPUS SZX12 (Shinjuku, Japan) and Stereostar Zoom Stereoscopic (Reichert, Austria) dissecting microscopes and a ZEISS Axioskop 2 (Jena, Germany), an OLYMPUS BH-2 (Shinjuku, Japan) and a NIKON Optiphot (Japan) compound microscopes. Sections of the thallus were studied in water only and microphotographs of them were taken with DAGE MTI DC-330 3CCD (Michigan City, IN, USA) and

JENOPTIK ProgRes C3 and C5 (Jena, Germany) digital microscope cameras attached to the aforementioned microscopes. Macrophotos were taken in situ with CANON Powershot SX20IS (Ota, Japan), NIKON F301 (Tokyo, Japan) and Sony Alpha 33 DSLR digital cameras.

Table 4 - GenBank numbers and voucher information of specimens used in the phylogenetic analysis

Species	Collector and lab control #	Herbaria	Locality	GenBank # RPB2	GenBank # ITS	GenBank # nuLSU
Acantholichen albomarginatus	Dal-Forno & Marcelli 2043 (MDF543)	GMUF	Brazil, Minas Gerais	-		
Acantholichen campestris	Spielmann et al. 10243b (DIC595b)	GMUF	Brazil, Santa Catarina			
Acantholichen	Dal-Forno 1204 (MDF057)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santa Cruz			
galapagoensis						
Acantholichen galapagoensis	Dal-Forno 1205 (MDF058)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santa Cruz			
Acantholichen galapagoensis	Aptroot 64679 (MDF089)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santa Cruz	-		
Acantholichen galapagoensis	Bungartz 4125 (MDF090)	GMUF	Galapagos, Isabela			
Acantholichen	Aptroot 65187 (MDF091)	GMUF	Galapagos, Isabela	-		-
galapagoensis Acantholichen	Aptroot 65554 (MDF092)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santiago			
galapagoensis	Aptioot 05554 (MDF092)	GWIOI	Garapagos, Santiago	-		-
Acantholichen	Nugra 400 (MDF093)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santa Cruz			
galapagoensis						
Acantholichen	Nugra 379 (MDF094)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santa Cruz			
galapagoensis	D + 0152 (MDE100)	CMIE	61 6 6			
Acantholichen galapagoensis	Bungartz 8152 (MDF100)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santa Cruz			
Acantholichen	Bungartz 8577 (MDF101)	GMUF	Galapagos, San Cristobal	-		-
galapagoensis Acantholichen	Dum contra \$502 (DIC064)	GMUF	Colonocco Sonto Cross	AGV75855	EU825953.2	EU825953.2
galapagoensis	Bungartz 5593 (DIC064)	GMUF	Galapagos, Santa Cruz	AGV /3833	EU823933.2	EU623933.2
Acantholichen pannarioides	Dal-Forno 1752 (MDF352)	GMUF	Costa Rica, Las Alturas			
Acantholichen sorediatus	Sipman 48329 (DIC060)	GMUF	Costa Rica, Cartago	-	-	EU825952.2
Acantholichen sorediatus	Lücking s.n. (DIC335)	F	Costa Rica, Puntarenas	-		
Acantholichen variabilis	Coca 5209 (MDF679)	GMUF	Colombia, Valle del Cauca	-		
Cora arachnoidea	Hernández 1779 (DIC279)	VEN	Venezuela	KF443232	KF443256	KF443266
Cora aspera	Lücking 29128 (DIC110)	F	Bolivia	KF443230	KF443257	KF443267
Cora byssoidea	Lücking 25901 (DIC151)	F	Colombia	KF443234	KF443258	KF443268
Cora hirsuta	Lücking 25900 (DIC152)	F	Colombia	KF443235	KF443259	KF443270
Cora inversa	Lücking 25903 (DIC149)	F	Colombia	KF443236	KF443260	KF443271
Cora minor	Navarro s.n. (DIC 063)	F	Costa Rica	EU825968	EU825968	KF443272
Cora ciferrii	Lücking s.n. (DIC215)	F	Ecuador	KF443238	KF443261	KF443275
Cora reticulifera	Lücking 26201 (DIC119)	F	Ecuador	KF443239	KF443262	KF443269
Cora squamiformis	Wilk 7577 (DIC146)	KRAM	Bolivia	KF443240	KF443263	KF443273
Cora strigosa	Paz 3 (DIC107)	F	Peru	KF443241	KF443264	KF443274
Corella brasiliensis	Dal-Forno 1271 (MDF017)	GMUF	Brazil	KF443276	KF443229	KF443255
Cyphellostereum imperfectum	Lücking 25588 (DIC115a)	F	Guatemala	KF443218	KF443243	KF443277
Cyphellostereum pusiolum	Lücking s.n. (R04)	F	Costa Rica	EU825976	EU825976	KF443279
Dictyonema aeruginosulum	Nelsen 3754 (DIC053)	F	Costa Rica	EU825955	EU825955	KF443280
Dictyonema discocarpum	Fuentes 4788 (DIC136)	KRAM, F	Bolivia	KF443227	KF443253	KF443287
Dictyonema hernandezii	Lücking 26258 (DIC122)	F	Ecuador	KF443221	KF443246	KF443281
Dictyonema metallicum	Lücking 26255 (DIC123)	F	Ecuador	KF443222	KF443248	KF443284
Dictyonema obscuratum	Lücking 23025 (DIC113)	F	Brazil	KF443223	KF443249	-
Dictyonema aff. schenkianum	Lücking 17200 (DIC059)	F	Costa Rica	EU825972	EU825972	KF443286
Eonema pyriforme	Hjm 18581 (OUTGROUP)	GB	Sweden	EU118605	EU118605	_

#### Molecular data

Genomic DNA was extracted from lichenized thalli (around 2 mm<sup>2</sup> of squamules) using the Bio 101 Fast DNA Spin Kit for tissue (Qbiogene, Illkirch, France) according to the manufacturer's protocol with slight modifications. About 10 ng of extracted DNA were subjected to a standard PCR in a 20 µL reaction volume using either Taq Gold polymerase (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) or Bio-X-Act Long Mix (Bioline USA, Taunton, MA, USA) according to manufacturer's protocols. Sequence data were obtained from the internal transcribed spacer region (ITS) of the nuclear ribosomal DNA cistron (ITS1, 5.8S, and ITS2, approximately 700bp), large subunit (nuLSU) nuclear ribosomal DNA (approximately 1470 bp), and partial DNA-directed RNA polymerase II second largest subunit (RPB2), between the 6 and 7 conserved domains (approximately 1000bp). The PCR products were visualized on a 1% agarose gel with ethidium bromide and then were purified with magnetic beads (Agencourt Bioscience, Beverly, MA, USA). The purified PCR products were used in standard sequencing reactions with BigDye Terminator Ready Reaction Mix v3.1 (Applied Biosystems). The primers used were: ITS5 and ITS4 for ITS (White et al. 1990); LR0R, LR3R, LR5, LR7 and LR16 for nuLSU (http://www.biology.duke.edu/ fungi/mycolab/ primers.htm) and bRPB2-6F or bRBP2-5F and bRBP2-7R, bRBP2-7R2 or bRPB2-7.1R for RPB2 (Denton et al., 1998; Liu et al., 1999; Matheny, 2005). The sequencing reactions were then purified using Sephadex G-50 (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA), dried in a speedvac, denatured in HiDi Formamide (Applied Biosystems) and run on an ABI3130-xl capillary sequencer (Applied Biosystems). The data collected were analyzed

using ABI software, and 500-700 bases were collected for each primer used. For one sample (*Acantholichen sorediatus* R. Lücking s.n.) we were not able to get a sequence through Sanger sequencing and therefore applied pyrosequencing techniques according to Lücking et al. (2014d).

## Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis

New sequences were assembled together with the software Sequencher version 5.0 (Gene Codes, Ann Arbor, MI, USA) for manual corrections in base calling and to make contigs of overlapping fragments. That resulted in 35 new sequences which were then assembled with three sequences from GenBank using BIOEDIT 7.09 (Hall, 1999) and automatically aligned with the program MAFFT using the -auto option (Katoh et al., 2005). The concatenated dataset alignment was subjected to analysis of ambiguously aligned regions using the GUIDANCE web server (Penn et al., 2010a, 2010b) and since the alignments were highly scored (overall 0.97) no regions were removed. The alignments were subjected to maximum likelihood (ML) search using RAxML 7.2.6 (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis et al., 2005), with non-parametric bootstrapping using 500 replicates under the GTRGAMMA model. Each gene was first analyzed separately and all data were eventually combined since no conflict was detected after visual inspection of tree topologies (Mason-Gamer and Kellogg, 1996). For the concatenated dataset, when sequences were lacking for determined sample, we used the missing data approach, that is, inclusion of gaps for those regions. The concatenated dataset was also analyzed under a Bayesian framework using MrBAYES 3.1.2 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001), with

two independent runs, a total chain length of five million generations, and four separate chains each, resampling every 200 trees and generating a 50% majority rule consensus tree from the sampled trees after discarding 25% burnin to obtain posterior probability estimates. We also ran an additional Bayesian analysis under the same parameters, but partitioning the dataset into the three different loci. All trees were visualized in FigTree v1.4.2 (http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/) and edited in Adobe Photoshop CS5.1.

To test if the genus would remain monophyletic with the addition of multiple specimens, we downloaded from GenBank sequences from the *Dictyonema* clade corresponding to species previously published by Dal-Forno et al. (2013) and Lücking et al. (2013a, 2014b). For *Acantholichen*, only species in which all three loci are available were used for this analysis (and a single specimen representing the species when many were available). We performed a MAFFT alignment (Katoh and Toh, 2010; Katoh et al., 2005) which was then subjected to ML search in RAxML under the same settings described above.

## **Results**

Sequences aligned resulted in an alignment length of 713bp for the ITS region, 1472bp for the nuLSU, and 1017bp for the *RPB2*, for a total of 3202 sites in the combined dataset, with 250 variable sites. No regions in the alignments were deleted. The final ML optimization likelihood was -5648.546362. For the analysis in MrBayes for the partitioned data, the average standard deviation of split frequencies reached a number inferior of 0.01 after 110000 generations. The average arithmetic mean and harmonic

means between chains were -5697.91 and -5722.99, respectively. The 50% majority rule consensus tree was generated from a total of 1102 trees in 2 files (sampling 828 of them).

The phylogenetic tree inferred by maximum likelihood only, including representative taxa from other genera in the *Dictyonema* clade, recovered *Acantholichen* as monophyletic (**Figure 4**) and shows *Corella* to be a genus sister to *Acantholichen*.

Phylogenetic trees inferred by maximum likelihood and Bayesian inference (**Figure 4**) were congruent in topology. Analysis of the partitioned and non-partitioned datasets recovered the same tree topology with similar support values, and we show only the results from the analysis of partitioned data in **Figure 4b**. Analysis of the combined three-marker dataset suggests that there are six distinct species, a result that agrees with our detailed morphological and anatomical observations. With the moderate to high support for species relationships within the genus, it is now possible to define distinct species based on phylogenetic, morphological and geographic structure.

Our phylogeny indicates that *Acantholichen sorediatus* is sister to the rest of the species in the genus with high support in BI (**Figure 4b**). The relationship of *A. albomarginatus* to *A. pannarioides*, *A. variabilis*, *A. campestris* and *A. galapagoensis* does not appear to be strongly supported in ML (70%), but shows high support in BI (pp = 1). Two species newly described in this paper (*A. variabilis* and *A. campestris*) appear to be closely related and together form a clade sister to *A. galapagoensis*.

## Discussion

Our multi-locus phylogeny (ITS, nuLSU, *RPB2*), combined with anatomical and morphological characters, indicates that *Acantholichen* as currently defined is monophyletic and that at least six distinct species in the genus can be distinguished, one from the Galapagos Islands, two from Brazil, one from Colombia and two from Costa Rica, including the type species, *A. pannarioides* (Jørgensen, 1998). The *Acantholichen* clade is monophyletic and sister to the genus *Corella* in a large, diverse and entirely lichenized clade, *Dictyonema* s.l., an important element within the agaric family Hygrophoraceae (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lodge et al., 2014).

Prior to studies beginning with Chaves et al. (2004), the taxonomy of basidiolichens assigned to *Dictyonema* had received little attention, with the exception of Oberwinkler (1970, 2001, 2012) and Parmasto (1978). The monotypic lichen *Acantholichen pannarioides*, when first described (Jørgensen, 1998), was not known to be a member of this group until the molecular phylogenetic study of Lawrey et al. (2009) established its position in the *Dictyonema* clade. Apart from *Acantholichen*, the genera now recognized in this clade (Dal-Forno et al., 2013) are *Cora*, *Dictyonema* s.str., *Corella* and *Cyphellostereum*, all containing lichenized basidiomycetes with a cyanobacterial *Rhizonema* photobiont.

All presently recognized *Acantholichen* species share the same overall aspect, with microsquamulose thalli and acanthohyphidia that are not found elsewhere in the *Dictyonema* clade. However, they share the paraplectenchymatous cortex as a synapomorphy with the genus *Corella*. *Acantholichen* species differ mainly in color, size,

arrangement and overall appearance of the squamules, and shape, size and location of their acanthohyphidia. Thallus colors include various hues of blue, green and grey, all typical colors of *Dictyonema* s.l. caused by the *Rhizonema* photobiont (Lücking et al. 2009a, 2014a). The cyanobacterial *Rhizonema* forms short threads of angular-rounded to applanate cells which are surrounded by a jigsaw puzzle-shaped hyphal sheath a unique characteristic within the *Cora*-clade.

The characteristic spiny hyphae, acanthohyphidia, found in *Acantholichen* species are not exclusive to this genus. Although not found in other lichenized fungi, acanthohyphidia are reported for many non-lichenized basidiomycetes, such as Xylobolus frustulatus (Pers.) Boidin (Stereaceae), the ceramic fungus. It was the presence of these characteristic hyphae that led Jørgensen (1998) to propose Acantholichen as a new genus of basidiolichens. Morphologically, they are similar to the spiny periphysoids and/or periphyses in *Fissurina* and *Acanthothecis* (Graphidaceae, Ascomycota) (Staiger, 2002), but the latter are much smaller in size and often difficult to discern. To date, the function of acanthohyphidia is unknown. However, at least in Acantholichen, we can hypothesize that they may serve as water repellants or regulators. When rehydrating specimens with acanthohyphidia on the entire surface, they seemed to not absorb water immediately, only when extra pressure is added with forceps. However, specimens with acanthohyphidia mostly on the margins of squamules absorb water quickly, as usually happens in other genera within the *Dictyonema* s.l. clade. Obviously, this hypothesis requires further experimental testing.

The exact phylogenetic position of Acantholichen within the Dictyonema clade was not well established until Dal-Forno et al. (2013) showed for the first time that Corella is a sister to Acantholichen and not to Cora, as had been hypothesized earlier based on similar morphology and anatomy. This result led to a reassessment of the relationships within the *Dictyonema* clade, especially the *Cora*-clade (*Acantholichen*, Cora and Corella), and possible evolutionary scenarios to explain these relationships. For example, the close relationship of *Acantholichen* and *Corella* could be supported potentially by similar cortical structures in these genera. Acantholichen and Corella species have the upper cortex formed by multi-layers of rounded to angular and densely packed hyphae, while *Cora* species have the cortex formed by loosely interwoven elongated hyphae. It is also open to question whether in the Acantholichen-Corella clade, the foliose or microsquamulose growth form is ancestral. Since the sister clade *Cora* is entirely foliose, the most parsimonious hypothesis would be for Acantholichen to be derived from a foliose or macrosquamulose form similar to Corella and some Cora species.

Another observation is that, at present, fertile specimens of *Corella* and *Acantholichen* have never been found. This does not necessarily mean that they have permanently lost the ability to reproduce sexually. With our current data (including several yet undescribed species in the genus *Corella*), we are not discarding the possibility that fertile structures could be found in known or new species in both genera.

Our discovery of several new species of *Acantholichen*, combined with reports of newly described basidiolichens in other clades, supports the notion that lichenized species

represent an important source of undescribed biodiversity in the Basidiomycota. This appears to be especially true in the *Dictyonema* s.l. clade to which *Acantholichen* belongs. An example of this is the discovery by Lücking et al. (2014c) of a remarkable number of unrecognized species in what Parmasto (1978) considered to be a single species, Cora pavonia (= Dictyonema glabratum). Over 120 morphologically and genetically distinct new species were discovered, with a predicted number well over 400 species (Lücking et al., 2014c). This study emphasizes the need to establish biologically meaningful species recognition guidelines for this and other groups in *Dictyonema* s.l., and also for increased and targeted collecting in biodiversity hotspots predicted to support and maintain undescribed species. The remarkable species richness in *Cora*, a group familiar to collectors, has only recently been established, so there is currently no way of predicting actual species richness of *Acantholichen* based on limited collections, especially given the minute size of Acantholichen squamules, which can easily be mistaken for something else. At least some part of the perceived lower diversity for this genus must be ascribed to a far lower sampling of specimens that are simply unnoticed in the field.

Similarly, as shown in the genus *Cora* in Lücking et al. (2014c), preliminary data suggests high levels of local endemism in *Acantholichen* species, such as *A*.

galapagoensis, which so far is only known from the Galapagos Islands. However, more collections of all species are essential to clarify the actual distributions and ecologies.

Prior to this study, the prevailing view was that any small microsquamulose blue-greengrey lichen with acanthohyphidia corresponds to *A. pannariodes*, a species suggested by

Jørgensen (1998) to have a wide distribution throughout the moist montane regions of the Neotropics. Our results now may indicate that *Acantholichen* species seem much more restricted in their distribution; some species (like *A. galapagoensis*) possibly local endemics. From the relatively few specimens so far examined, it seems likely that all newly described species, and even *A. pannorioides* itself, may occupy relatively small distribution areas. It is entirely possible that many additional species will still be discovered, and that these species will be adapted to occupy much narrower habitats than previously anticipated in basidiolichens in general.

Overall, our studies are beginning to establish a similar pattern for species in all of the described clades in *Dictyonema* s.l. An unexpectedly high, hidden biodiversity is present within many of the clades, and the distribution of their members appears highly influenced by local geographical conditions. Yet, much of the preferred habitat of these species in tropical montane forests of South and Central America has not been surveyed, suggesting that a significant portion of this biodiversity remains to be discovered.

Our study also emphasizes the need to not only examine species using molecular tools, but to study their morphology and anatomy using fresh collections, documenting these details with photographs, ideally in the field. Many important characteristics still present in fresh material are lost over time, especially important features like color and texture. This is certainly the case for all members of *Dictyonema* s.l., including *Acantholichen* (**Figures 9c** and **9d**, for example), in which one of the most important distinguishing characteristics, the natural color, changes drastically in the herbarium. This may explain why previous investigators encountered much difficulty recognizing species-

level variability when examining the dried herbarium specimens of these basidiolichens.

Our studies demonstrate the importance of observing, photographing and measuring these lichens when fresh, in much the same way that other mushroom-forming agarics are treated

#### **Taxonomic treatment**

Acantholichen P.M. Jørg., Bryologist 101(3): 444 (1998)

Thallus morphology. Microsquamulose, squamules with a coarsely pruinose appearance, individual squamules scattered or growing closely together and sometimes even merging; their shape either round and broad or elongated and thin, each squamule basally attached to the substrate, rarely centrally (one species), squamules, if distinctly elongated, typically proliferating from their tips; typically distinctly swollen, rarely ± flattened (one species); ca. 0.1–2 (–3) mm wide and 0.1–2(–3) mm long; not, sparsely, moderately or highly branching; their color ranging from mostly blue and green hues when fresh, to dark grey and blue when dry, rarely distinctly whitened along their margin, with or without soredia, which can give the thallus an additional granulose appearance.

**Thallus anatomy.** Heteromerous, squamules  $100-240~\mu m$  thick in section, with a distinct, paraplectenchymatous  $(5-)10-30~\mu m$  thick upper cortex, formed by 2-3 layers of cells, a  $70-150~\mu m$  thick photobiont layer, and a  $10-100~\mu m$  thick medulla of more or less dense, irregular to rounded or elongated hyphae; the lower side lacking a cortex.

Upper cortex and lower surface with acanthohyphidia, i.e., modified hyphal terminal cells with pin-like outgrowths (Kirk et al., 2008), that can be small to large, 4–50 μm long, 4–10(–12) μm wide, and are always conspicuously spiny, these cells that can be irregular, subglobose, pyriform, elongate, subclavate or clavate, they spread across the entire lamina, or can be more abundant along the margin of the squamules; no clamp-connections observed among hyphae. Typically, acanthohyphidia can be more abundant on the lower surface. Photobiont *Rhizonema*, forming clusters of 8–17 μm diam. of coiled cyanobacterial filaments ('chroococcoid'), wrapped within a dense hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type). Sexual reproduction structures unknown.

**Chemistry.** All spot tests negative (P-, K-, KC-, C-), UV-, no secondary metabolites detected by thin-layer chromatography.

Distribution and ecology. At present, the genus is known only from South and Central America, inhabiting mostly habitats at high altitudes (only in Galapagos as low as 500 m.a.s.l.), in moist and cloudy forests, in areas with high light intensity. Species of *Acantholichen* have been found on a wide range of different substrates, but typically accompanied by and/or overgrowing bryophytes and other lichens. *Acantholichen campestris* is the only known species that grows on rock while the other species grow on bark and wood, often overgrowing mosses and liverworts. One specimen in Galapagos (*A. Aptroot 63214*) was collected on liverworts growing on soil. All species show high levels of endemism. Jørgensen (1998) commented that the genus is most likely to occur in moist montane regions of South and Central America.

Remarks. Due to its unique microsquamulose thallus with coarsely pruinose appearance, *Acantholichen* is morphologically very different from other members of the *Dictyonema* clade. As originally pointed out by Jørgensen (1998), members of the genus resemble species of the Pannariaceae, but all species of the lichenized basidiomycete *Acantholichen* are easily distinguished from these lichenized ascomycetes by the presence of acanthohyphidia. Phylogenetically, *Acantholichen* is sister to *Corella*, both in turn forming a sister clade to *Cora* (Dal-Forno et al., 2013). The three genera form a clade characterized by a heteromerous thallus, with chroococcoid shaped cyanobacterial cells of the genus *Rhizonema*. *Corella* is a genus that is morphologically very similar to *Cora*, but it shares with *Acantholichen* the same paraplectenchymatous cortex. The unshaved chin appearance described by Jorgenson (1998) is very typical of this genus.

A summary of the morpho-anatomical characters found to be most useful in distinguishing the different species is provided in **Table 5**. For most species, no single character can be used to differentiate them from all others. However, each species exhibits a unique combination of characters. Five new species are recognized and described here.

## Key to currently recognized species of Acantholichen

1.2	Squamules not granular to flattened, but distinctly swollen (inflated), margins not
	conspicuously white, but in some species more abundantly pruinose than the
	squamule surface
2.1	Acanthohyphidia up to 50 μm long, elongate to clavate
2.2	Acanthohyphidia up to 20 μm long, pyriform, subglobose, subclavate and/or
	irregularly shaped
3.1	Squamules dark blue when fresh, turning dark bluish grey when dried,
	acanthohyphidia variable in size (10–50 μm)
3.2	Squamules greyish blue green when fresh, turning dark blue when dried,
	acanthohyphidia typically quite large (30–50 μm)
4.1.	Squamules very sparsely branched, forming soredia along the margins
4.2.	Squamules moderately to abundantly branched, lacking soredia
5.1	Squamules intricately branched, but not appearing fruticose, when fresh with a
	distinct olivaceous hue; endemic to the Galapagos Islands
5.2	Squamules abundantly branched, of a microfruticose appearance, not olivaceous

Table 5 - Characters distinguishing species in Acantholichen

Measurements, observations and photographs made under a stereoscope – *Appearance of squamules*: flattened vs. swollen (inflated); granulose, broad (wider than longer) or elongated (long and thin); *attachment of the squamules*: squamules attached at the base or in the center, distinctly elongated squamules proliferating from their tips; *growth*: scattered squamules vs. many agglomerating and growing together; *branching pattern*: squamules without any branching, or with very sparsely, sparsely, moderately, abundantly branched squamules to microfruticulose; *soredia*: present vs. absent; *color fresh*: shades of green, blue and grey based on *in situ* observations and photographs; *color dry*: shades of green, blue and grey, based on color observed months after collecting and/or herbarium material; *acanthohyphidia location*: predominantly marginal, laminal (evenly across the surface), observed under the stereoscope. Measurements and photographs made in water with a 400X and/or 1000X magnification under a light microscope – *Acanthohyphidia size*: small, medium and large, and *shape*: elongate to clavate, irregular, subglobose, pyriform elongate or clavate

	A. albomarginatus	A. campestris	A. galapagoensis	A. pannarioides	A. sorediatus	A. variabilis
Appearance of squamules	Mostly flat; partly broad, partly granulose	Swollen; slightly broad to mostly elongated	Swollen; elongated	Swollen; broad to elongated	Swollen; broad	Swollen; broad to elongated
Attachment of the squamules	squamules attached in the center	squamules attached at the base and proliferating from their tips	squamules attached at the base and proliferating from their tips	squamules attached at the base	squamules attached at the base	squamules attached at the base
Growth of the squamules	Scattered to many growing together	Growing together	Many growing together	Scattered to slightly growing together	Scattered	Scattered to slightly growing together
Branching pattern	Sparsely to moderately branched	Abundantly branched to microfruticulose	Abundantly branched	Moderately branched	Not or very sparsely branched	Moderately to abundantly branched
Soredia	Present, across the entire thallus	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present, marginal	Absent
Color fresh	Blue green with white margins	Not available (bluish grey when rehydrated)	Light blue- grey to olivaceous	Greyish blue green	Green	Dark blue
Color dried	Dark bluish green and grey	Grey	Dark grey	Dark blue	Dark bluish grey	Dark bluish grey
Acanthohyphidia location	Predominantly marginal, but also across the lamina	Laminal (evenly across the surface)	Laminal (evenly across the surface)	Laminal (evenly across the surface)	Predominant ly marginal, but also across the lamina	Laminal (evenly across the surface)
Acanthohyphidia size and shape	Small (≤ 15 µm), mostly irregular, rarely subglobose	Small (≤ 15 μm), pyriform	Small (≤ 15 µm, rarely up to 20 µm), subglobose to pyriform	Large (up to 50 µm), elongate to clavate	Medium (15–20 µm), irregular, pyriform to subclavate	Small, medium and large (10–50 µm), subglobose, pyriform to subclavate when short, elongate to clavate when large
Geographical location	Brazil – Southeast (this study)	Brazil – South (this study)	Galapagos Islands (this study)	Costa Rica (this study, Jørgensen 1998); Venezuela and Ecuador (Jørgensen 1998)	Costa Rica (this study)	Colombia (this study)

# The Species

Acantholichen albomarginatus Dal-Forno, Marcelli & Lücking sp. nov.

# Figure 5

**Type**: Brazil: Minas Gerais: Itamonte, Parque Nacional do Itatiaia, Estrada das Prateleiras, 22°21′39.7″S, 44°43′57.1″W, alt. 2190 m, cloud forest, on the edge of forest, by the road, dense vegetation on road side banks, growing on bryophytes and liverworts, 06-Jan-2013, *Dal-Forno*, *M. & Marcelli*, *M. P.* 2043 (GMUF, holotype; SP, F, isotypes).

Description. Thallus granular to microsquamulose; when not completely granulose (soredia), squamules are broad, flattened, ca. 0.1–1 mm across, little to moderately branched, often merging and closely adhering, and thus forming an almost continuous crust up to 5 mm across with a center attached with detached margins, blue green when fresh, dark bluish green and grey when dry, the closely adhered parts typically rimmed with a white margin (hypha only, no photobiont). Pruinose appearance present frequently, but not always on all lamina (certain squamules have scattered acanthohyphidia). Thallus in cross section 100–120 μm thick, dominated by a thick photobiont layer, and with a thin cortex and medulla. Photobiont *Rhizonema*, clusters of densely coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped within a hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type). Acanthohyphidia small, 4–14 μm long and 4–7 μm wide, mostly irregular, but sometimes subglobose; present on the upper and lower surfaces, but most abundant along the thallus margins, where they sometimes become

much pronounced and then resemble a prothallus; generally profuse across the upper surface of squamules that have not merged into a crust. Soredia present and abundant.

**Distribution and ecology.** This species is known from a single but large collection growing on mosses and hepatics in a high-elevation cloud forest of the renowned Itatiaia National Park, Brazil, a part of the Atlantic Forest biome. With the high number of lichens and bryophytes present, the location is locally known as "the lichenologist and bryologist heaven". Due to the unique morphology of *Acantholichen albomarginatus*, it is easily overlooked, even by the most careful lichenologists, since it looks like a mass of bluish grey hyphae (from a distance) resembling a non-lichenized cyanobacterium or just developing hyphae.

**Etymology.** The epithet refers to the characteristic white margins of well-developed squamules.

Remarks. The difference in color from the lamina and margins reflects location and abundance of the acanthohyphidia across the thallus surface. The larger squamules have overall very few acanthohyphidia on the thallus lamina; mostly they are found along the margins, which is particularly apparent if viewed in cross section under the microscope. *Acantholichen albomarginatus* therefore also morphologically distinctly differs from all other species by this white margin contrasting with the blue green lamina. Overall it has a far less "pruinose" appearance, which can easily be observed under the stereoscope or with a good hand lens. This character may, however, be well developed only in large thalli. The single collection presently known is a large, well developed specimen and it is difficult to assess if smaller developmental stages may resemble other

Acantholichen species. Nevertheless, the holotype of this species is clearly distinct from all other Acantholichen species. Only A. sorediatus also has acanthohyphidia similarly concentrated along the squamule margin, but it distinctly differs by the way its soredia are formed. In A. albomarginatus the whole thallus is microsquamulose to granular and thus in parts irregularly dissolves into sorediate granules. That is not the case for A. sorediatus, where soredia are restricted to the margin of its squamules. Acantholichen sorediatus, further differs by its vivid green color and the way each squamule is attached at the base, not the center of the squamule. The color of A. albomarginatus is blue green and it is the only species that has centrally attached squamules.

Acantholichen campestris Dal-Forno, Spielmann & Lücking, sp. nov.

# Figure 6

**Type:** Brazil: Santa Catarina: Campo Alegre, Campos do Quiriri, 26°01′35″S, 48°58′57.4″W, alt. 1380m, on exposed rocky outcrops, on top of the mountain, growing on liverwort and lichens on rock, 03-Feb-2012, *Spielmann, A. A.; Canêz, L. S.; Gumboski E. L.* 10243b (GMUF, holotype; CGMS, isotype).

**Description.** Thallus microsquamulose; squamules slightly broad to mostly elongated, attached basally to the substrate and proliferating from the tips, swollen, 0.1-1 mm wide and 0.1-1 mm long, richly branching, thus becoming almost microfruticose, grey when dry (fresh material not seen, but bluish grey when rehydrated). Overall uniform white pruinose appearance. Soredia absent. Thallus in cross section  $120-140~\mu m$  thick, dominated by a thick photobiont layer, and with a thin cortex and medulla.

Photobiont *Rhizonema*, clusters of densely coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped within a hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type).

Acanthohyphidia small, 10–15 μm long and 6–8 μm wide, pyriform.

**Distribution and ecology.** This is the only species of *Acantholichen* presently known to overgrow lichens and liverworts that inhabit rock, not bark. The Campos do Quiriri is part of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest biome, under a subcategory classified as high-altitude fields ("Campos de Altitude"), featuring a dominance of low vegetation, shrubs and small trees. This species was found on the top of the mountain, in an area with many rocky outcrops.

**Etymology.** The epithet denotes to "field", a reference to the ecosystem where the type species is found.

Remarks. This species of *Acantholichen* shares many characteristics with the other species described here, such as a small acanthohyphidia and an overall swollen appearance of squamules. However, the species differs from all others in forming a continuous thallus, where individual squamules repeatedly branch and proliferate, giving the thallus an overall microfruticose aspect, the squamules often growing into almost erect, vertical structures. All other species grow more or less prostrate on the substrate. *Acantholichen campestris* is also the only species so far known from rocks growing outside densely forested humid habitat. Unfortunately it was not possible to document this species with photographs in the field as the material was discovered only by accident among a herbarium specimen of *Cora*. Nevertheless, this collection was relatively recent

and sufficiently fresh for the molecular analysis and it is therefore possible that the color of rehydrated specimens does not differ significantly from that of fresh specimens.

Acantholichen galapagoensis Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking sp. nov.

# Figure 7 and 19

**Type:** Ecuador: Galapagos Islands: Isla Santa Cruz, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, upper *Cinchona* forest, 0°39′002″S, 90°20′42″W, alt. 684 m, dense forest of *Cinchona pubescens*, some life trees but mostly dead trees due to management control of the invasive trees, on bryophyte, growing over *Frullania* sp., 23-Jun-2010, *Dal-Forno*, *M.* 1205 (CDS, holotype; GMUF, F, isotypes).

**Description.** Thallus microsquamulose; squamules elongated, attached basally to the substrate and proliferating from the tips, and moderately swollen, 0.1–0.2(–0.3) mm broad, up to 2(–3) mm long, abundantly branched and typically intricately tiled, many growing together, occasionally thus shading one another, light blue grey to olivaceous when fresh, darker olivaceous grey when dry, the shaded parts becoming necrotic and pale beige to orange. Overall uniform pruinose appearance. Soredia absent. Thallus in cross section 130–160 μm thick, dominated by a thick photobiont layer, and with a thin cortex and medulla. Photobiont *Rhizonema*, clusters of densely coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped within a hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type). Acanthohyphidia typically small, rarely of moderate size, 12–16(–20) × 6–10 μm, subglobose to pyriform.

**Distribution and ecology.** All material of *Acantholichen* collected in Galapagos belongs to the same species and it is considered here to be endemic to this archipelago. In general, specimens do not grow directly on trees or shrubs, but typically establish on epiphytic liverworts and mosses, which in turn are common on a variety of substrates: introduced trees (Cinchona pubescens, Psidium guava), native shrub (Zanthoxylon fagara) and endemic trees (Scalesia pedunculata, Psychotria spp.); one specimen was even collected on a soil inhabiting bryophyte (*Campylopus* sp.). The populations overgrowing Frullania (Jubulaceae, Marchantiophyta) on the introduced tree Cinchona in Santa Cruz represent the best developed material. The type specimen was collected in this particular habitat, where the endemic Acantholichen galapagoensis is surprisingly abundant. At the type locality, individual thalli are among the largest and best developed specimens known, covering dead tree trunks and forming thalli of up to 1 m length, indicating that the species thrives particularly well in these humid highlands around El Puntudo and Cerro Crocker. In contrast, collections from all other islands are mostly minute and not well developed, with the notable exception of collections from Cerro Azúl (one of the highest and the southernmost volcano of Isabela), where specimens grow exuberant and abundantly on the dead basal sheaths of fronds of the endemic Galapagos tree fern (Cyathea weatherbyana). Because Cinchona is a tree introduced to the archipelago, one can assume that the endemic, now threatened tree ferns represent the original, natural habitat of this endemic Acantholichen.

**Etymology.** The epithet refers to the type locality.

**Remarks.** Our studies demonstrate that this species could be endemic to the Galapagos Islands. A single material from continental Ecuador examined [L. Arvidsson & D. Nilson 1145 (GB)] seems more similar morphologically to *A. sorediatus*, due to the presence of soredia and appearance of squamules. This afore mentioned specimen remains to be the only Ecuadorian specimen known, since our attempts in collecting fresh ones during a 10-day trip across the country were not successful.

The phylogeny places A. galapagoensis as a sister of the clade containing A. campestris and A. variabilis. The most diagnostic characteristics are the olivaceous thalli of elongated and intricate, often overlapping or "tiled" squamules; this structural arrangement of the squamules immediately differentiates A. galapagoenis from other Acantholichen species. Another characteristic of this taxon is that when well developed, the thallus can get unusually large, occasionally covering bryophytes on tree trunks up to 1 m length. Additionally, in large specimens, the thallus center squamules often become necrotic. Because of the tiled, overlapping growth of the squamules, squamules in the thallus center regularly become shaded and are then unable to photosynthesize; these areas then lose the characteristic pigmentation of the photobiont and become beige (Figures 7A and 7B). Squamules of other Acantholichen species are mostly broader and rarely grow overlapping each other, thus typically do not become necrotic. The species was first reported from the archipelago as Acantholichen pannarioides (Jørgensen 1998; Yánez et al. 2012), but the molecular data presented here and a thorough morphological and anatomical analysis of all material clearly indicates that all reports are based on one

and the same species, which is endemic to the Galapagos. Throughout the archipelago no other lichen closely resembles *A. galapagoensis* (Bungartz et al., 2013a).

Additional material examined (paratypes): Galapagos: Isla Isabela, Volcán Alcedo, alt. 1100 m, on bryophytes, growing over hepatics on Zanthoxylum fagara, 07-Mar-2006, Aptroot, A. 65187 (CDS 31771, GMUF); alt. 1066 m, on bark of Zanthoxylum fagara, 06-Mar-2006, Bungartz, F. 4125 (CDS 28152, GMUF); -Isla San Cristóbal, Cerro San Joaquín, alt. 771 m, on bark, branches and twigs of *Miconia robinsoniana*, 24-Aug-2008, Bungartz, F. 8577 (CDS 41223, GMUF, F). –Isla Santa Cruz, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, alt. 684 m, on bryophyte, growing over Frullania sp., 23-Jun-2010, Dal-Forno, M. 1202 (CDS 44753, GMUF), Dal-Forno, M. 1204 (CDS 44755, GMUF, F); alt. 733 m, on bark, trunk of Cinchona pubescens, 08-Feb-2007, Bungartz, F. 5593 (CDS 33035, GMUF, F, B); close to El Puntudo, alt. 735 m, on bark of Scalesia pedunculata, 23-Feb-2007, Nugra, F. 400 (CDS35155, GMUF, F); eastern slope below the summit of El Puntudo, alt. 780 m, on bark of Cinchona, 28-Feb-2006, Aptroot, A. 64679 (CDS 31253, GMUF, F); NE-slope of El Puntudo, alt. 813 m, on bark of Cinchona pubescens, 10-Aug-2008, Bungartz, F. 8152 (CDS 40798, GMUF, F); behind El Puntudo, previously farm of Don Benito, alt. 732 m, on bark of Cinchona pubescens, 03-Feb-2007, *Nugra, F.* 379 (CDS 35134, GMUF, F);—Isla Santiago, permanent plot # 11 Pampa dentro, alt. 870 m, on bark of Zanthoxylum fagara, 24-Mar-2006, Aptroot, A. 65554 (CDS 32142, GMUF, F).

Acantholichen pannarioides P.M. Jørg., Bryologist 101(3): 444 (1998)

# Figure 8

**Type**: Costa Rica: Heredia, NE of Heredia, S slope of Barva volcano, "Calle Cienaga', Concepcion, alt. 1580-1700 m, 17-Feb-1990, *Döbbeler*, *P. & Poelt*, *J.* s.n. (GZU).

Description. Thallus microsquamulose; squamules broad to slightly elongated, basally attached to the substrate, swollen, up to 2 mm long, 1.5–1.8 mm wide, moderately branched, greyish blue green with slightly paler margins when fresh, dark blue when dry. Overall uniform white pruinose appearance. Soredia absent. Thallus in cross section 200–240 μm thick, with a thick photobiont layer, a thin cortex and an unusually well-developed thick medulla with abundant acanthohyphidia. Photobiont *Rhizonema*, clusters of densely coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped within a hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type). Acanthohyphidia large, 28–50 μm long and 6.5–9.5 μm wide, elongate to clavate.

**Distribution and ecology.** Our single recent collection of this taxon, identified by comparison to description and images (light and SEM microscope) of the type material, corroborates the distribution pattern, as our specimen was found in a wet montane forest in the Cordillera Talamanca of Costa Rica, where the material grows on an old fence post along with species of *Heterodermia* and *Frullania*. Jørgensen (1998) also considered material from Venezuela (BG), continental Ecuador (GB) and the Galapagos (COLO) as part of *A. pannarioides*. The Galapagos specimens are here described as new (*A. galapagoensis*), as well as the one from Ecuador (*A. sorediatus*), but we have had no

access to the Venezuelan material as it was not found in the cited herbaria. Therefore it is presently not possible to confirm that this species occurs outside Costa Rica; most likely, the specimen from Venezuela represents one of the other species distinguished here or perhaps an entirely novel taxon.

Remarks. The acanthohyphidia in *Acantholichen pannarioides* are considerably longer than in the other taxa, except for *A. variabilis*, in which they can be as large, but are overall much more variable in size. Morphologically, the two species show very different color when fresh, *A. pannarioides* is grey blue green with a lighter greenish hue towards the tips, while *A. variabilis* is dark blue. *A. campestris* also resembles *A. pannarioides*, but the squamules of the latter species are always sparse, growing separate and are considerably broader. *Acantholichen campestris* by comparison develops a much more continuous thallus with richly branching squamules that look almost microfruticose.

**Material examined:** Costa Rica: Puntarenas Province, Las Alturas Biological Station, near the Panama border on the western slopes of the Talamancan range, montane rain forest, 8°56′43″N, 82°50′00″W, alt. 1500 m, growing mostly on wood from fence, but also on mosses, 25-May-2012, *Dal-Forno*, *M*. 1752 (GMUF, INBio).

Acantholichen sorediatus Dal-Forno, Sipman & Lücking sp. nov.

# Figure 9

**Type:** Costa Rica: Puntarenas, San Vito de Coto Brus, Las Cruces Biological Station; 82°58′ W, 8°47′ N, alt. 1200 m; on ridge beyond Río Java, undergrowth of

disturbed primary forest; growing on trunk, with other lichens (*Hypotrachyna*, *Normandina*, *Leptogium*), Oct-2004, *Lücking*, *R*. s.n. (F).

Description. Thallus granular to microsquamulose; granules initially 0.1 mm in diam,, eventually forming larger, broad squamules, basally attached to the substrate, swollen, 0.25–1.5 mm wide and 0.3–0.9 mm long, not to moderately branched, green when fresh, but becoming dark bluish grey when dry. White pruinose appearance due to acanthohyphidia on both upper and lower surface, though these spiny hyphae are more abundant along the margin of the squamules, where granular, ecorticate soredia are formed. Soredia present, marginal and frequent. Thallus in cross section 130–190 μm thick, dominated by a thick photobiont layer, and with a thin cortex and medulla. Photobiont *Rhizonema*, clusters of densely coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped within a hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type). Acanthohyphidia of moderate size, 15–20 μm long and 5–8 μm wide, irregular, pyriform to subclavate.

**Distribution and ecology.** The type locality is part of the Cordillera Central in Costa Rica, an area with active volcanos. This ecology appears similar to areas where specimens of *A. galapagoensis* grow on Santa Cruz Island in the Galapagos.

Nevertheless, specimens of *A. sorediatus* are not only well separated using molecular data, they are also morphologically very distinct. Both specimens examined grow directly on the bark, while other species tend to grow on bryophytes.

**Etymology.** The epithet refers to the marginal soredia found in this species.

Remarks. The most remarkable feature of this species is the formation of true soredia along the margin of its squamules. The species has acanthohyphidia that are mostly irregular and of relatively uniform, moderate size, in that regard somewhat similar to *Acantholichen albomarginatus*, though typically slightly longer. These two species also share a granulose-sorediate thallus morphology, but the color (green vs. blue green) and squamules appearance (swollen vs. flattened) of both species are very distinguishable. *Acantholichen campestris* also resembles *A. sorediatus*, but this species does not produce soredia, although its highly pruinose squamules can be very densely branched along their rim, a characteristic that could be mistaken for the formation of soredia.

Additional material examined (paratypes): Costa Rica: Cartago, Irazú Volcano National Park, part of the Cordillera Volcanica Central Conservation Area, summit of the Irazu Volcano, 25 km ENE of San Jose, access road to crater and surroundings, 9°59′N, 83°51′W, alt. 3300 m, alpine paramo zone, disturbed paramo vegetation, on bark (stem), 6-Jul-2002, *Sipman, H. J. M.* 48329 (B, GMUF, F).

Acantholichen variabilis Dal-Forno, Coca & Lücking sp. nov.

# Figure 10

**Type:** Colombia: Valle del Cauca: Cerro San Antonio (= Cerro de la Horqueta), Dagua, 10 km by via El Mar, 03°29′40″N, 76°37′25″W, alt. 1946 m, lower montane wet forest, in forest edge, high light intensity, on moss, 08-April-2014, *Coca, L. F.* 5209 (FAUC, holotype; CUVC, GMUF, F, isotypes).

Description. Thallus microsquamulose; squamules broad to elongated, basally attached to the substrate, swollen, 0.1–1 mm wide, 0.1–0.5 mm long, moderately to abundantly branched, dark blue when fresh but becoming dark bluish grey when dry. Overall uniform pruinose appearance. Soredia absent. Thallus in cross section 110–130 μm thick, dominated by a thick photobiont layer, and with a thin cortex and medulla. Photobiont *Rhizonema*, clusters of densely coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped within a hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type). Acanthohyphidia highly variable in size, small, medium or large, 10–50 μm long and 8–10(–12) μm wide, subglobose, pyriform to subclavate when short and elongate to clavate when large.

**Distribution and ecology.** This species is so far only known from a single collection from lower montane wet forest in Colombia. It shares a similar ecology with *A. albomarginatus*, in which both species are found in forests of high altitude, in habitats that are wet, but nevertheless exposed to high light intensity, such as the edge of the forest.

**Etymology.** The epithet refers to the variable size of the acanthohyphidia in this species.

**Remarks.** This species much resembles the type species *Acantholichen pannarioides* overall in morphology and anatomy. However, when fresh, the material is more swollen, rounder and much darker in color than that of *A. pannarioides*, which remains distinctly greenish even when fully hydrated. The dried squamules get a little flattened, thus to some extent resembling *A. albomarginatus*, but differing by the location

of acanthohyphidia on the squamules (in A. albomarginatus these are not as evenly distributed across the surface, especially where individual squamules fuse into a crust and show a white margin). Another very distinct characteristic of A. variabilis is the highly variable size of its acanthohyphidia. Even across one single squamule these cells vary considerably from very small (10  $\mu$ m) to large (50  $\mu$ m) long.

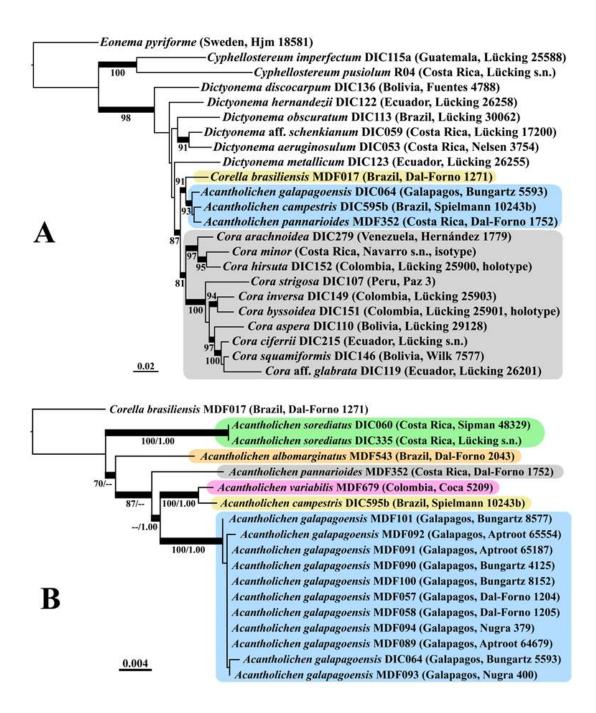


Figure 4 - Phylogenetic trees inferred by maximum likelihood (RAxML) using three loci (ITS, nuLSU, RPB2) A- *Dictyonema* clade: 22 specimens plus Eonema pyriformis as outgroup; B- *Acantholichen*: 17 specimens with Corella brasiliensis as the outgroup. Support values are given below the branches for ML for both trees and Bayesian Inference (BI) with partitioned data for b only. Branches were thickened for moderate to strong values (ML bootstrap values above 70 and BI posterior probabilities above 0.95)

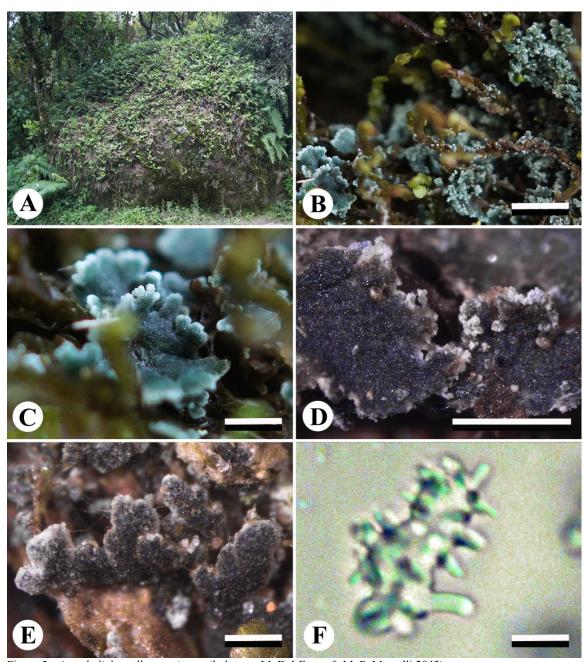


Figure 5 - *Acantholichen albomarginatus* (holotype, M. Dal-Forno & M. P. Marcelli 2043) A- Habitat where the species grows. B, C - Growth aspect and color in fresh material (scale bar = 3 mm and 1 mm, respectively). D, E - Growth aspect and color in dry material (scale bar = 1 mm and 0,1 mm, respectively). F-acanthohyphidia (scale bar = 5  $\mu$ m)

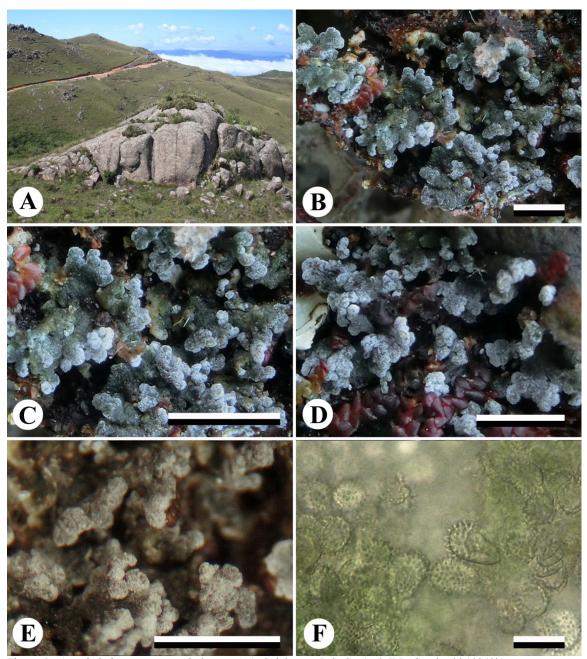


Figure 6 - Acantholichen campestris (holotype, A.A. Spielmann, L.S. Canêz & E.L. Gumboski 10243b) A- Habitat where the species grow. B, C, D- Growth aspect and color in rehydrated material (scale bar = 1 mm). E-Growth aspect and color in dry material (scale bar = 1 mm). F- Acanthohyphidia (scale bar = 15  $\mu$ m)

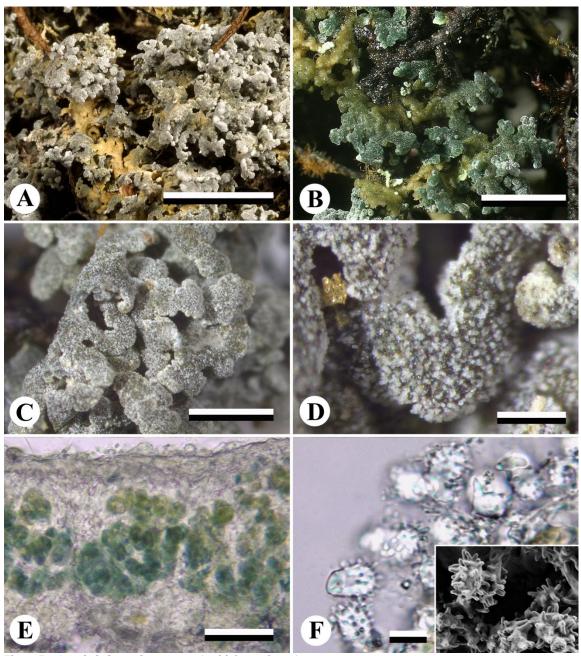


Figure 7 - Acantholichen galapagoensis (multiple specimens) A- Growth aspect and color in fresh material, showing yellowish brown bases in old parts of the thallus (paratype, F. Bungartz 5593, scale bar = 1 mm). B- Growth aspect and color in fresh wetted material (holotype, M. Dal-Forno 1205, scale bar = 1 mm). C, D- Growth aspect and color in dry material (paratype, F. Bungartz 5593, scale bar = 1 mm, and 0,1 mm, respectively). E- Heteromerous thallus cross section, showing cortex, photobiont layer and medulla (paratype, F. Bungartz 5593, scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m). F- Acanthohyphidia (scale bar = 10  $\mu$ m), inlay SEM image of the acanthohyphidia (isotype, M. Dal-Forno 1205)

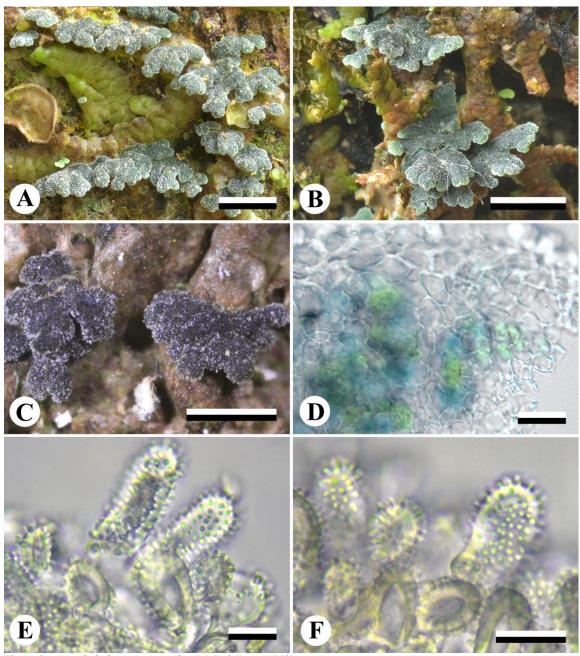


Figure 8 - Acantholichen pannarioides (M. Dal-Forno 1752) A, B- Growth aspect and color in fresh material (scale bar = 2 mm). C- Growth aspect and color in dry material (scale bar = 1 mm). D- Paraplectenchymatous cortex (scale bar =  $10 \mu m$ ). E, F- Acanthohyphidia (scale bar =  $10 \mu m$ )

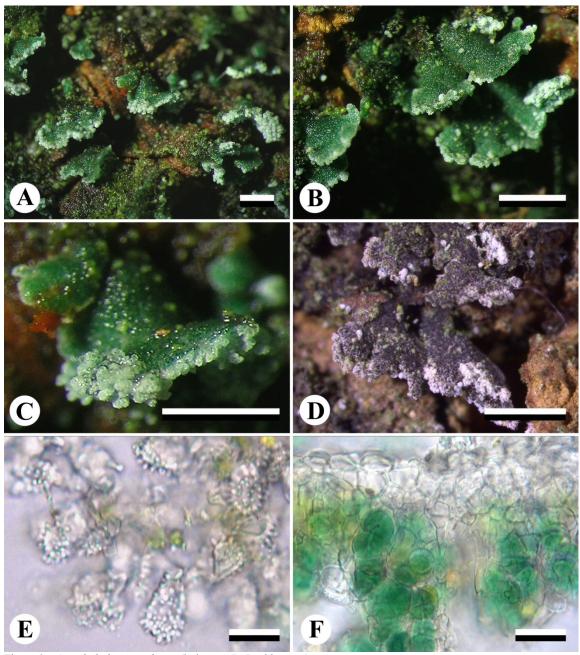


Figure 9 - *Acantholichen sorediatus* (holotype, R. Lücking s.n.) A, B, C - Growth aspect and color in fresh material (scale bar = 1 mm). D- Growth aspect and color in dry material (scale bar = 1 mm). E- Acanthohyphidia (scale bar =  $10 \mu m$ ). F- Paraplectenchymatous cortex (scale bar =  $20 \mu m$ )

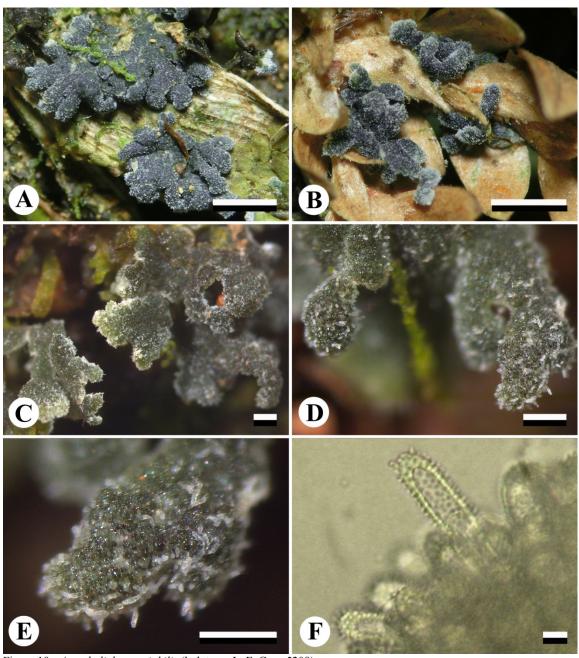


Figure 10 - Acantholichen variabilis (holotype, L. F. Coca 5209) A, B- Growth aspect and color in fresh material (scale bar = 1 mm). C, D- Growth aspect and color in dry material (scale bar = 0,1 mm). E- Close up showing acanthohyphidia (scale bar = 0,1 mm). F- Acanthohyphidia (scale bar = 10  $\mu$ m)

Chapter 4 – High levels of endemism in Galapagos Islands basidiolichens of the Dictyonema clade: An updated assessment including molecular data and taxonomic novelties

### **Abstract**

This study is an assessment of the present state of knowledge concerning the diversity of basidiolichens in the Galapagos Islands. Based on collections from the Islands made in the past and by us recently, all basidiolichens in the Galapagos belong to the *Dictyonema* clade. After a previously published taxonomic account, here we include for the first time a molecular phylogenetic study of 90 specimens in the genera *Acantholichen*, *Cora*, *Cyphellostereum*, and *Dictyonema*, making use of two nuclear ribosomal DNA markers (ITS and nuLSU). A detailed morphological and anatomical revision is also incorporated. Ten basidiolichen species are now known from the Islands, among them three that have been published elsewhere: *Acantholichen galapagoensis* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, *Dictyonema pectinatum* Dal Forno, Yánez & Lücking, and *Dictyonema galapagoense* Yánez, Dal Forno & Bungartz, here recombined as *Cyphellostereum galapagoense* (Yánez, Dal Forno & Bungartz) Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking. An additional seven species are here proposed as new to science: *Cora galapagoensis* Dal-

Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, *Cora santacruzensis* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, *Cyphellostereum floreanum* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, *Dictyonema barbatum* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, *Dictyonema bungartziana* Dal-Forno, Yánez & Lücking, *Dictyonema ramificans* Dal-Forno, Yánez & Lücking and *Dictyonema subobscuratum* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking. Based on our phylogenetic analysis, including a large number of samples from the South American continent, it appears that of these ten species, only two (*D. pectinatum* and *D. subobscuratum*) are found outside of the Galapagos Islands, indicating a potentially high level of endemism of 80% in these lichens for the archipelago.

## Introduction

The Galapagos Islands represent an isolated, self-contained ecosystem long considered a living laboratory of evolution (Bensted-Smith, 2002; Carlquist, 1974; Darwin, 1859; Williamson, 1981). Assuming that species only rarely managed to colonize the islands from South and Central America, evolutionary opportunities permitted them to fill unoccupied ecological niches after they arrived. Many groups of organisms therefore exhibit high levels of endemism in the archipelago. Estimates of endemism from biodiversity reports are 32–43% for vascular plants, ~50% for invertebrates (excluding insects), 47% for insects, and 59% for land vertebrates (Tye et al., 2002). Endemism in lichens is considered to be much lower, around 5-10% (Weber, 1986; Yánez et al., 2013).

The first publication mentioning lichens in the Galapagos is that of Hooker (1847), who included three collections originally made by Charles Darwin. Weber (1986) briefly summarizes lichen collections subsequent to this first paper, mentioning that most of these were gathered by collectors without specific lichen knowledge and identified and reported in the literature by experts only much later (Dodge, 1935; Farlow, 1902; Howell, 1942; Linder, 1934; Stewart, 1912). William Weber himself was responsible for obtaining most of the modern lichen collections from the Galapagos, beginning with a 6week expedition in 1964 and including additional visits after that. His extensive work led to multiple publications (Weber, 1981, 1966, 1986; Weber and Beck, 1985; Weber et al., 1977), with a comprehensive list including 196 species (Weber, 1986). Since then, there have been three updated checklists, two by Elix and McCarthy (1998, 2008), who included 229 and 253 species, respectively, and the most recent one by (Bungartz et al., 2013a), in which 579 species are accepted, along with an additional group of specimens representing names under revision (unidentified taxa, preliminary identifications, etc.). The substantial increase by over 300 additional species is due to the work of Frank Bungartz, who spent several years (from 2005 to 2015) on the islands focusing on a complete inventory of the lichen biota, partially supported by other visiting lichenologists and students, such as André Aptroot, María Herrera-Campos, Alba Yánez-Ayabaca Fredy Nugra, and Adriano Spielmann.

In addition to general floristic treatments of lichens in the Galapagos, specific revisionary treatments dedicated to certain groups have been published recently, among them studies of *Ramalina* Ach. (Aptroot and Bungartz, 2007), *Collema* F.H. Wigg. and

Leptogium (Ach.) Gray (Bungartz, 2008), Rocella DC. (Tehler et al., 2009),
Graphidaceae (Bungartz et al., 2010), Bulbothrix Hale (Bungartz et al., 2013b), Lepraria
Ach. and Septotrapelia Aptroot & Chaves (Bungartz et al., 2013c), and Cladoniaceae
(Yánez et al., 2013). These also include a first treatment of Galapagos basidiolichens
(Yánez et al., 2012), based entirely on morphological and anatomical studies.

Prior to the 2012 treatment, four basidiolichen taxa had been reported from the Galapagos Islands, partially under different names, all members of the *Dictyonema* clade:

1. *Cora pavonia* (Sw.) Fr. in Dodge (1935), also cited in Weber (1966), later moved to *Dictyonema montanum* (Sw.) Parm. by Weber (1986) and followed by Elix and McCarthy (1998).

- 2. *Dictyonema sericeum* (Fr.) Mont. by Linder (1934), updated to *Dictyonema guadalupense* (Rabenh.) Zahlbr. by Weber (1986) and followed by Elix and McCarthy (1998).
- 3. *Dictyonema* sp. (Weber, 1993) (an unidentified, appressed filamentous, crustose species).
- 4. Acantholichen pannarioides P. M. Jørg. (Jørgensen, 1998; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lücking et al., 2009a).

These four species represent one foliose form (*Cora pavonia*), one filamentous, shelf-forming morphotype (*Dictyonema sericeum*), a crustose form (*Dictyonema* sp.), and a microsquamulose species (*Acantholichen pannarioides*). Specimens collected until recently were therefore assigned to one of these taxa based on their morphology. In addition, *Dictyonema moorei* (Nyl.) A. Henss. and *D. membranaceum* C. Agardh. have

been used as working names for specimens collected in the islands, but these names have now been added to the list of rejected taxa for the archipelago (Bungartz et al. 2013a) after reexamination of the material.

Yánez et al. (2012) was the first study to emphasize the diversity of basidiolichens in the Galapagos using revised genus and species concepts first proposed by Lawrey et al. (2009), who for the first time recognized four genera within the *Dictyonema* clade, *Dictyonema, Cora, Cyphellostereum* and *Acantholichen*. Yánez et al. (2012) used a conservative approach when identifying these lichens, only publishing new species where no other available name could be applied to the observed material. This led to the report of eight species in the *Dictyonema* clade for the islands: *Acantholichen pannarioides, Cora glabrata, Cyphellostereum imperfectum, Cyphellostereum* sp., *Dictyonema galapagoense, Dictyonema pectinatum, Dictyonema sericeum,* and *Dictyonema schenkianum*. Of these, *D. galapagoense and D. pectinatum* were proposed as new to science based on Galapagos specimens and *C. imperfectum* was also described as new, based on material from Guatemala, and included in the taxa identified from the Galapagos.

Recently, Dal-Forno et al. (Chapter 3) discovered, based on molecular, anatomical and morphological evidence, that the species previously identified as the widespread neotropical *Acantholichen pannarioides* in the Galapagos Islands is genetically and morphologically distinct and appears to be endemic to the archipelago. Galapagean material previously identified as *A. pannarioides* should therefore now be referred to as *A. galapagoensis*.

Given the extensive collections representing the *Dictyonema* clade gathered by us recently in the Galapagos Islands and throughout the Neotropics and other regions of the world, and reports of high levels of endemism in this clade from other Neotropical areas (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lücking et al., 2013a, 2014b, 2014c; Vargas et al., 2014), here we wanted to test: (1) the hypothesis that many or all species of the *Dictyonema* clade found in the Galapagos Islands are potentially endemic to the archipelago; (2) whether these species are the result of island radiations or separate colonization events and, in the latter case, identify their closest relatives. To accomplish these objectives, we added to our morphological and anatomical data extensive phylogenetic information using two nuclear markers of the rDNA cistron.

### Materials and methods

# **Taxon sampling**

As mentioned in Yánez et al. (2012), this work is part of the Galapagos Lichen Inventory, in which focused collecting took place on the following islands: Española, Floreana, Isabela, Pinta, Santa Cruz, Santiago, and San Cristóbal (**Figure 11**).

We also added to our dataset historical collections available at the Charles Darwin Research Station (CDS) herbarium. Our specimens are distributed as follows: Floreana (10), Isabela (20), Pinta (1), San Cristóbal (4), Santa Cruz (52), and Santiago (3), for a total of 90 specimens (**Table 6**). No specimens belonging to the *Dictyonema* clade were found in Española. We restricted our study to specimens for which we had molecular data

available, and we include here abbreviated collection information, including the holotypes (marked with \* in **Table 6**). Further details concerning these collections can be found at the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) Collections Database online at http://www.darwinfoundation.org/datazone/collections/. In addition to the Galapagos material, several specimens mainly from the Neotropics belonging to the *Dictyonema* clade were used to augment our dataset and to test our hypotheses concerning relationships within species. Information for all of these additional taxa can be found in **Table 7** (Subset 1 – 161 specimens belonging to 13 localities), and **Table 13** (Subset 2 – 399 specimens belonging to 18 localities).

# Morphological and anatomical studies

All morphological measurements are taken from dry and/or rehydrated specimens, unless fresh specimens were photographed with a scale, in which case these are also considered. No major differences were measured in dry versus wet state regarding structural details; however, color was observed (when possible) in both states, as well as texture (when applicable), since these can be substantially different. For standard descriptions and observation of characteristics, procedures following the protocols of Lücking et al. (2013a) were adopted (also see **Appendix 1**).

Specimens were examined with a LEICA MS5, an OLYMPUS SZX12 and a Zeiss Stemi DV4 dissecting microscope, and a ZEISS Axioskop 2, an OLYMPUS BH-2, and Zeiss Imager A1 compound microscope.

Macrophotos were taken with a Nikon Camera Control Pro 2, Sony Alfa 33

DSLR, a CANON Powershot SX20IS, NIKON F301, a Nikon D300 and/or D7000, 62 mm Nikkor Micro Lens and R1C1 macro flash directly in the field, or using a Novoflex macro-table to take images of herbarium specimens; for photographic magnifications higher than 1:1 an extension tube or Novoflex bellows was used.

For microphotos, the microscopes above were equipped with a DAGE MTI DC-330 3CCD, JENOPTIK ProgRes C3 and C5, a 1401KEM 10x Eyepiece 2.07 Megapixel PupilCam, or a Nikon DSLR phototube. All photos were processed with Photoshop CS4.

Secondary metabolites were not examined, since Dal-Forno et al. (2013) reported total absence of acetone-soluble compounds through thin-layer chromatography (TLC) from 64 specimens; we therefore considered the results from Piovano et al. (1995), who reported TLC chemistry in these species, as artifactual.

### Molecular data

DNA was extracted from lichenized thalli using the Bio 101 Fast DNA Spin Kit for tissue (Qbiogene, Illkirch, France) according to the manufacturer's protocol with slight modifications (**Appendix 2**). Of the final 150 μL volume, dilutions were prepared in new tubes for a volume of 50 μL in the 1:10 proportion, as follows: 5 μL DNA: 45 μL DEPC. 2 μL of this DNA dilution were subjected to a standard PCR in a 20 μL reaction volume using Taq Gold polymerase (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) according to manufacturer's protocols (**Appendix 3**). Sequence data were obtained from nuclear ribosomal ITS (ITS1, 5.8S, and ITS2) and nuLSU. PCR products were purified with magnetic beads (Agencourt Bioscience, Beverly, MA, USA) and then used in

standard sequencing reactions with BigDye Terminator Ready Reaction Mix v3.1 (Applied Biosystems). The primers used were LR0R, LR3R, LR7, LR16, ITS4, ITS1F and ITS5 (http://www.biology.duke.edu/ fungi/mycolab/primers.htm, Gardes and Bruns, 1993; White et al., 1990). The sequencing reactions were purified using Sephadex G-50 (SigmaeAldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA), dried in a speedvac, denatured in HiDi Formamide (Applied Biosystems) and run on an ABI3130-xl capillary sequencer (Applied Biosystems). The data collected were analyzed using ABI software. Individual sequences were assembled with Sequencher version 5.0 (Gene Codes, Ann Arbor, MI, USA) for visual assessment in base calling and to make contiguous alignments of overlapping fragments. When high quality sequence from the ITS could not be generated through Sanger sequencing, the pyrosequencing method using the 454 platform was adopted (Lücking et al., 2014d).

### **Datasets**

Two subsets of data were generated for the phylogenetic analyses as described in detail below. The first (Subset 1) is for general placement of the species using two markers (ITS and nuLSU) and the second (Subset 2) for mainly species delimitation with several hundred species in which we used ITS only, the barcoding locus for Fungi (Schoch et al., 2012).

Subset 1: This subset includes 189 specimens (Table 7). The sequences are from material from 13 localities, and are distributed by geographic regions according to Table8. All sequences correspond to different specimens (including the outgroup), with a

single sequence per specimen used. For the material where more than one ITS sequence was available (around 19), only the longest one was chosen, since they were identical (generated by 454 and Sanger sequencing). Out of the total number of 357 sequences (189 nuLSU + 168 ITS), 170 are new sequences (127 nuLSU + 43 ITS), and four have been recently updated.

**Subset 2:** This subset corresponds to a large number of sequences in which we mainly had ITS available. This set contains 497 sequences, including eight outgroup sequences. Due to the large number of taxa included, the table with specimen information can be found in the end of this chapter (**Table 13**). Below it is shown the distribution of these ITS sequences by country (**Table 9**) and by genus in the *Dictyonema* clade (**Table 10**).

# Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis

All sequences were handled in Geneious (http://www.geneious.com). Individual nuLSU and ITS fasta files, as well as the concatenated dataset, were subjected to analysis of ambiguously aligned regions using the GUIDANCE webserver (Penn et al., 2010a, 2010b), using MAFFT (Katoh and Toh, 2010; Katoh et al., 2005) as the alignment option, 100 bootstrap iterations and calculating Guidance scores.

Multiple treatments regarding different removal of regions in the alignment with low score were performed to test alternative tree topologies with the inclusion or exclusion of these regions. These alignments were saved separately in individual ITS and nuLSU sequence files, as well as the concatenated data sequence file representing Subset 1. These were: (1) Total evidence: with the entire multiple sequence alignment (MSA);

(2) Medium stringency: the MSA after the removal of unreliable columns below 0.93; and (3) High stringency: the MSA after the removal of unreliable columns below 1.00.

For Subset 2, multiple files were saved as well, but the treatments were slightly different: (1) Total evidence: with the entire multiple sequence alignment (MSA); (2) High stringency: the MSA after the removal of unreliable columns below 0.93; (3) Medium stringency: the MSA after the removal of unreliable columns below 0.90; and (4) Low stringency: the MSA after the removal of unreliable columns below 0.70.

It was originally intended that the same treatments be used for Subsets 1 and 2, but since ITS alone is much more variable, retaining columns with a score of 1.00 only provides little phylogenetic information, for example, artificial groups may be recovered.

Alignments (including all of the different treatments from Guidance) were subjected to ML search using RAxML 7.2.6 (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis et al., 2005), with nonparametric bootstrapping using 500 replicates under the GTRGAMMA model in the CIPRES Science Gateway V. 3.3 (Miller et al., 2010).

For **Subset 1**, each gene region was first analyzed separately, and then combined (**Concatenated dataset Subset 1**) after analysis for potential conflict in the individual gene trees. This analysis evaluates the nonparametric bootstrap values of the same clades in each tree and if strongly supported clades (BS higher than 70%) are in disagreement, significant conflict is assumed to exist that precludes combination of the datasets. This method is widely used in phylogenetic studies using multiple markers (Mason-Gamer and Kellogg, 1996). Since no conflict was detected in our datasets, we combined them and subjected the combined dataset to maximum likelihood analysis (ML) as described above

and Bayesian inference (BI). For the latter, the **Concatenated dataset Subset 1** was analyzed using MrBAYES 3.2.3 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001), with two independent runs, a total chain length of five million generations, and four separate chains each, resampling every 200 trees and generating a 50% majority rule consensus tree from the sampled trees after discarding 25% burnin to obtain posterior probability estimates.

All trees were visualized in FigTree v1.4.2 (http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/) and edited in Adobe Illustrator CS5.1.

### Results

For Subset 1 and 2, the alignment lengths and the Guidance Scores can be found in the tables below (**Tables 11** and **12**, respectively).

Here are displayed trees only for Subset 1 – Treatment 1 (ITS: **Figure 12**, nuLSU: **Figure 13**, Combined: **Figures 14 and 15**) and Subset 2 – Treatment 1 (**Figure 16**), since these were generated with alignments without regions removed. Additional phylogenetic trees generated for tree topology comparison are assembled in **Appendix 10**.

For the MrBayes run, 2248 trees were generated, and a 50% Majority-rule consensus of 1683 trees (565 removed after the 25% burnin) was used to recover the Bayes tree. Since there were no differences in tree topology for the Bayesian and the ML analysis, the posterior probabilities were plotted into the ML tree (**Figure 14** with details shown in **Figure 15**).

For both subsets, well-supported clades were recovered to indicate the presence of ten species of *Dictyonema* s.l. in Galapagos. Several backbone relationships remained unresolved in some parts of the tree. For example, species relationships within the *Dictyonema* s.str. paraphyletic grade were poorly resolved. The genus *Cora* also appears to be polyphyletic in the nuLSU only tree (**Figure 13**); however it is monophyletic in the ITS (**Figure 12**) and in the combined dataset (**Figure 14**) trees.

Based on Subset 1 (Figures 12, 13, 14 and 15), one would infer that all species of the target group in Galapagos are endemic. However, with the addition of many further ITS sequences in Subset 2, two of these species also occur on the Ecuador mainland (**Figure 16**). These two species, D. subobscuratum and D. pectinatum, have distinctive characteristics that can be observed in all specimens. Specimens of D. subobscuratum have a muriform aspect of the photobiont cells, which can be also observed in D. obscuratum, a species from Brazil, but have less wavy cells composing the fungal sheath surrounding the cyanobacteria. These two taxa (D. obscuratum and D. subobscuratum) are sister clades in the ITS trees and trees based on the concatenated dataset (ITS+nuLSU) as shown in Figures 12 and 14; in the nuLSU trees, they are recovered as sister clades. In all cases, however, they are closely related (Figure 13). Dictyonema pectinatum is another species rather easy to identify, even in the field, due to the "combed" appearance of the fibrils. Even if this characteristic is sometimes not observed in large thalli, for example for the Ecuadorian material, the fungal sheath shows the papillae characteristic of the species, which are especially papillose towards the tips. In

all phylogenetic trees, the relationships and origins of this taxon are unclear and we believe that its closest relatives are yet to be sampled.

#### Discussion

In comparison to our previous assessment of the Galapagos basidiolichens (Yánez et al., 2012), there is only a small increase in overall number of taxa, from eight to ten species found in the islands. This is still a far lower *Dictyonema* s.l. diversity than is observed in comparable areas in the Neotropics. For example, unpublished data collected by our working group has accounted for at least 30 species in Brazil and 50 for Colombia, mostly regional or local endemics. Ecuador and Costa Rica also have a high number of species (Lücking et al., 2014c), although further studies are necessary to assess the actual diversity. Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela are also expected to bear high levels of species diversity (Lücking et al., 2014c); however, further collecting is needed.

Nonetheless, if we considered that classically only four species have been used to to identify members of the *Dictyonema* clade in the Galapagos (Dodge, 1935; Elix and McCarthy, 1998; Jørgensen, 1998; Linder, 1934; Weber, 1966, 1986, 1993), our first assessment doubled this number (Yánez et al., 2012). Now with phylogenetic data included, a 25% increase in species number in shown, as well as more evidence to report high levels of endemism in basidiolichens within the islands. Based on the present study, we estimate that 80% of the basidiolichens in the Galapagos are endemic. It should be emphasized that this endemism is supported by comparisons with numerous specimens mainly from the Neotropics, since our results are settled within a very broad phylogenetic

framework, similar to the study on *Roccella* (Tehler et al., 2009). Therefore, we predict that conclusions about Galapagos endemism in other lichen groups will change with molecular studies. The two studies available so far that show the highest levels of species endemism in Galapagos lichens (Tehler et al., 2009, and this study, both with 80%) include molecular data, while others with lower numbers of lichens endemics, between 3–26% (Aptroot and Bungartz, 2007; Bungartz et al., 2010, 2013b; Bungartz, 2008; Yánez et al., 2013) do not. In the case of *Dictyonema* s.l., species and genus concepts have been altered drastically since molecular data began to be used to study the group. In the recent past, concepts based only on morphology and anatomy would lead to erroneous conclusions about species diversity and endemism. The 12.5% level of endemism calculated by Yánez et al. (2012) for the *Dictyonema* clade, based on morphological concepts, is very different from the 80% based on molecular and morphological evidence combined. We now know that *Cora glabrata* is not a widespread taxon also found in the Galapagos Islands, but instead the genus is represented by two endemic species, C. galapagoensis and C. santacruzensis, which were identified as the supposedly widespread C. glabrata and C. pavonia in the past. Similarly, lichens identified as Dictyonema schenkianum are now recognized as D. bungartziana, D. subobscuratum and D. ramificans. Other species (Acantholichen pannarioides = A. galapagoensis, Dictyonema sericeum = D. barbartum, D. pectinatum) were recognized by Yánez et al. (2012) as distinct taxa, but it was not known at the time that they were probably endemic, nor was it known that high levels of endemism existed in the clade generally. This did not become apparent until recently, when molecular data were used to assess the phylogeny

of large numbers of specimens of *Cora* and *Corella* from throughout the Neotropics (Lücking et al., 2014c).

Compared to other lichen groups found in the Galapagos, basidiolichens exhibit relatively low species diversity, possibly reflecting recent colonization of the Islands or unusual limitations on dispersal. Weber (1966) was the first to discuss endemism in the Galapagos lichens, hypothesizing that lichens might exhibit relatively low levels since adaptive radiation there might be more constrained and slower in symbiotic associations. Weber's (1986) original checklist gives the estimated percentage of endemic lichens as 8–10%, which is the number also given by Yánez et al. (2013), even though the most recent checklist of Bungartz et al. (2013a) has three times the number of species as Weber's (1986). As pointed out by Yanéz et al. (2013), levels of endemism in lichens vary substantially across groups, with the highest being in *Roccella*, where 80% of the species are endemic (Tehler et al., 2009), and the lowest in Cladoniaceae, with only 3% of the species being endemic to the Islands; however, no phylogenetic analyses were included in the last study (Yánez et al., 2013). Our results show a relatively high percentage of lichens endemics, a level much higher than Weber (1986) estimated originally, but identical to the *Rocella* findings of Tehler et al. (2009).

Based on our phylogenies, the ten species of basidiolichens recognized now for the Galapagos did not all descend from a single common ancestor. All *Dictyonema* s.l. species in the Galapagos arrived independently by multiple colonization events. Also, because the closest relatives of many of the Galapagos basidiolichens are found on the mainland, we assume that diversity in the Islands is not the consequence of adaptive

radiations, as is known to happen with many plants, such as the genus *Scalesia* (Asteraceae), and animals, such as the Darwin's finches, the giant tortoises and snails of the family Bulimulidae (Darwin, 1859; Losos and Ricklefs, 2009; Tye et al., 2002). Regarding species diversification in different groups of organisms in the Galapagos, radition within the islands seems to be more frequent than speciation without subsequent diversification. Nonetheless, Parent et al. (2008) states that animal species that descended from a non-Galapagos relative but have not diversified within the Galapagos Islands (single-endemic species) may occur. For example, out of the 30 land birds, five are indigenous (16.66%), seven are single-species endemics (23.33%) and 18 are multiple-species endemics (60%), the later forming two independent lineages.

It is not known with certainty the origin of lichens in the Galapagos Islands, but most hypotheses involve some form of transport from the mainland. There is no possibility of land dispersal per se, since the islands are of volcanic origin, extremely geographically isolated (ca. 1000 km from Ecuadorian coast), and have never been connected to the continent. Transport to the Islands could be accomplished by rafting on vegetation islands, wind and birds, all of which can bring either vegetative dispores (soredia, isidia and thallus fragments that contain both lichen partners) or fungal spores. For the later case, after germination, the mycobiont would require a suitable photosynthetic partner to successfully colonize, considered by Weber (1966) to limit lichens dependent on this mode of dispersal to arrive and survive in the islands. It is now recognized that lichen fungal partners, mycobionts, can share or even steal photobionts from other lichenized fungi (Goward, 1994; Lücking et al., 2009a; Piercey-Normore and

DePriest, 2001), so dispersal by fungal spores alone is not necessarily an ecological constraint on colonization.

Tye et al. (2002) state that "filtering of species by the barriers to arrival and establishment results in an unusual selection of species reaching the islands, compared with the range of species available in the continental source areas." For the Dictyonema clade, our data suggest that the barriers to colonization and establishment are not restricted to any single genus. Out of the five genera in the Dictyonema clade, four occur in the Galapagos, Acantholichen, Cora, Cyphellostereum, and Dictyonema s.str. The genus Corella has not yet been found in the Galapagos, but this is a small genus and not many collectors are aware of it. The only countries up to now to have representatives of all Dictyonema s.l. genera are Brazil, Colombia and Costa Rica, countries from which most collections have been made. No Cyphellostereum species are reported from Venezuela, while Ecuador, like the Galapagos, has no reports for Corella. However, all of these observations are expected to change as further collections are made and herbarium collections are revised.

Given the small number of species and high levels of endemism of Galapagos basidiolichens, it is interesting to speculate on what may have made the particular collection of ten species successful colonists of the islands and not others. The point of origin of most of the species appears to be mainland Ecuador, according to the phylogenetic trees shown here. This assessment is based only on current mainly Neotropical collections, but not all Galapagos species have Neotropical relatives as of now. For example, one species, *Cyphellostereum floreanum*, appears in all phylogenetic

trees to be most closely related to *C. phyllogenum*, a species from Fiji, with 100% bootstrap support (BS) and 1.0 posterior probability (PP); these species are also similar morphologically and anatomically. This could be partially explained because the genus *Cyphellostereum* is not commonly collected due to its unsual lichen appearance, and likely there is a closer relative in the Neotropics. Most of the remaining species are closely related to species from Ecuador, Brazil and Costa Rica, which could represent a bias regarding the areas of our focused collecting. Nevertheless, our data is showing strong evidence that Galapagos species have originated from independent colonizations from Central and South America, especially Ecuador. Although some conclusions might change in the future with the addition of more specimens, the overall pattern is most likely to remain the same.

Other archipelagos and oceanic island groups have not been so well studied for basidiolichens as the Galapagos, but information available from Hawaii, another isolated oceanic island system, suggests that basidiolichen diversity in these situations is unusually low. Recently collected specimens representing the *Dictyonema* clade in Hawaii, in combination with phylogenetic data, indicate that there is only one species of *Dictyonema* there, *D. moorei* (Nyl.) Henss., and five undescribed *Cyphellostereum* species (unpublished data), a number slightly lower than the ten species of the clade in the Galapagos. *Dictyonema moorei* has been cited for Hawaii in Elix and McCarthy (1998) and in the current Checklist of Pacific Island Lichens: Hawaiian Islands (https://www.anbg.gov.au/abrs/lichenlist/HAWAIIAN\_ISLANDS\_lichen\_list.html).

Interestingly, we also found *D. moorei* from Korea and Brazil, indicating that this species

is possibly subcosmopolitan, arriving in Hawaii relatively recently. Similar results have been observed in *Crocodia aurata* (Moncada et al., 2014; Lücking unpublished data), in which material from Hawaii fits phylogenetically with Neotropical specimens; however, the material from Galapagos is a separate species.

Comparing basidiolichen diversity in the Galapagos with that of Hawaii may help to shed light on the causes of diversity and endemism in oceanic islands. A hypothetical scenario would be the that islands that are far in distance from the main land have a lower probability of colonization, hence low probability of gene exchange; this could result in early colonizers being more likely to radiate. But many groups take a long time until they successfully colonize, and a mix of radiations and late colonizers would therefore be present. Accordingly, an island that has a shorter distance from the main land would have more frequent colonization events and gene exchange, and hence low probability of separate evolution. A mid distance from the main land would present a balance between probability of colonization and isolation, thus likely a higher rate of colonization events, but too low to establish frequent gene exchange, which could lead to frequently separate species, but low incidence of radiation.

The Hawaiian Islands are ca. 4000 km from continental North America, far more distant from the mainland than the Galapagos, which are ca. 1000 km away from South America. We would expect that the Galapagos, being closer to the mainland, would have experienced colonization events more frequently than Hawaii. Furthermore, successful colonization of the Galapagos would have taken place more quickly after their origin than in Hawaii, leading to subsequent divergence of many colonizing lineages there. In

Hawaii, colonizing lineages would be fewer and younger, which provides less opportunity for evolutionary divergence. This hypothesis appears to be supported in part by our present data, since we see a higher frequency of colonization in Galapagos than in Hawaii for the *Dictyonema* group, with at least ten separate events for Galapagos and only three in the Hawaiian Islands. We also see higher levels of endemism in the Galapagos than in Hawaii, suggesting a longer period of divergence from colonizing ancestors there. In Hawaii, the presence of D. moorei, a relatively widespread and cosmopolitan species, is an indication of a recent colonization with little or no divergence from the ancestral condition. Nevertheless, there are what appear to be endemic species of Cyphellostereum in Hawaii that may have diverged from a common ancestor that arrived successfully in the islands a long time ago. Cyphellostereum is a basal, much older genus, sister to all other genera in *Dictyonema* (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lücking, 2012). In one of these two colonization events of *Cyphellostereum*, the close relationship of an entire lineage of Hawaiian Cyphellostereum species to a single species (DIC 333 from Costa Rica; Figure 17) provides some support for this hypothesis. By the branching pattern, it seems that a single species perhaps arrived to Hawaii a long time ago and radiated into multiple species.

The hypothesis by Lücking (unpublished data), which our data seems to corroborate, implies that isolation (i.e., distance) itself is not the reason for phylogenetic distinctiveness, but the time of isolation of a lineage after it arrived on an island. If one takes into consideration that a very distant island is much less likely to be colonized, since it would take much longer for chance dispersal to occur than a less distant

archipelago, this far away island would have less colonization events of a certain group when compared to other islands.

Tye et al. (2002) mention that evolution of endemism may happen in one of two ways: (1) evolution of a single endemic species from each colonizing ancestor, which results in no changes in diversity but high levels of endemism; and (2) evolution involving a radiation, with one original colonizing species giving rise to several new endemic species; this would lead to higher diversity as well as endemism. The low levels of diversity of basiodiolichens of the *Dictyonema* clade in both the Galapagos and Hawaiian Islands, but the apparently higher levels of endemism generally in the Galapagos, suggest that the former process (many colonizations with less diversification) may have happened there whereas the latter (fewer colonizatios with only rare radiations) happened in Hawaii. Some evidence if this pattern may also be observed in *Pseudocyphellaria* (Moncada et al., 2014).

The low diversity and high endemism in Galapagos basidiolichens may also have to do with the age of the Islands there. According to the most recent estimates (Geist et al., 2014), San Cristóbal is the oldest island, with the maximum emergence age, the time the island first surfaced above sea level, estimated to be 4 million years ago (mya). The next oldest is Espanola at 3.5 mya. Geist et al. (2014) also pointed out that for modeling dispersal, colonization, speciation and radiation of species that involves island geography more that 20,000 years ago, the current map of the Galapagos Islands is completely irrelevant due to the many it have occurred over time. This all means that the islands may not be old enough to have permitted much diversification of colonizing basidiolichens

there. The Hawaiian Islands, in comparison, are thought to be much older; however, extant islands from which we have collections (Kauai, Oahu, and Maui) are ca. of 0.4–5.7 mya (Macdonald et al., 1983), an age estimate comparable to the Galapagos Islands.

The Cora clade is a good illustration of this. It is represented in the Galapagos by two endemic species, Cora galapagoensis and Cora santacruzensis. They can be easily distinguished by the frequently subimbricate, mostly greyish white lobes of C. galapagoensis compared to the entire and usually darker lobes of Cora santacruzensis (**Figures 20 and 21**). This relatively low diversity in the Galapagos contrasts sharply with the remarkable diversity of the genus elsewhere in the Neotropics, with up to 30 species or more within an area comparable to the size of the Galapagos Islands. Studies by our working group suggest that *Cora* may be the most speciose genus in the Dictyonema clade, and it is certainly one of the most speciose of basidiolichen genera known, with also high levels of endemism (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lücking et al., 2014c). The crown age of the *Cora* clade is estimated by molecular clock modeling to be 13–15 mya (Lücking et al., 2013b; Lücking, 2012), and the remarkable diversity of the group is assumed to have resulted from recent radiations taking place in the paramos during the initial uplift of the northern Andes (Gregory-Wodzicki, 2002; Meade and Conrad, 2008). The two *Cora* species in the Galapagos are not phylogenetically closely related to each other (Figures 16 and 17) and morphologically distinct. The closest relative of *Cora santacruzensis* is *Cora* sp. from Ecuador (MDF474), and the closest relative of C. galapagoensis is Cora sp. from Brazil (MDF110) and Cora sp. from Ecuador (MDF421) (**Figure 18**), indicating at the present time probably two

colonization events followed by subsequent evolution. Furthermore, our observations indicate that evolution in each lineage took place in less than 4 million years, perhaps representating early stages of a larger radiation similar to that seen in the northern Andes, which apparently took place over a time span of at least 10 mya (Lücking et al., 2013b, 2014c; Lücking 2012). If this is the case, we would argue that one of the reasons for low diversity and high endemism in Galapagos *Cora* species is a lack of time for a fully developed radiation to take place.

### **Taxonomic Treatment**

# Key to species of the *Dictyonema* clade in the Galapagos Islands

1. Thallus filamentous
Thallus squamulose/foliose
2. Fibrils thin, cyanobacterial cells usually up to 10 µm broad, mostly squared
Fibrils thicker, cyanobacterial cells usually broader than 10 µm, mostly flattened 4
3. Fibrils mostly erect, hyphal sheath composed of tightly packed cells with almost a
jigsaw pattern, sheath (similar to that of Dictyonema) completely covering the
cyanobacterial fibrils inside

Fibrils not distinctly erect (thallus mostly horizontally orientated), hyphal sheath
composed of sinuous cells, typically leaving at least a few spaces, thus not completely
covering the fibrils inside
4. Thallus forming shelves
Thallus not forming shelves, instead, forming a more or less continuous mat growing
closely attached to the substrate
5. Thallus fibrils mostly parallel, appearing as if the thallus has been combed
Dictyonema pectinatum
Thallus not as above, fibrils arranged irregularly or in different patterns
6. Fibrils connecting towards the tips, forming vertical structures net-like, anatomically
fibrils with ramification
Thallus not as above, fibrils independent
7. Cyanobacterial cells often longitudinally divided, hyphae from fungal sheath angular,
not wavy
Cyanobacterial cells rarely longitudinally divided, hyphae from fungal sheath wavy
8. Thallus microsquamulose, with acanthohyphidia <i>Acantholichen galapagoensis</i>
Thallus foliose, without acanthohyphidia

# The Species

Acantholichen galapagoensis Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking sp. nov.

## Figures 7 and 19

**Type:** Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Santa Cruz Island, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, upper *Cinchona* forest, 0°39′002″S, 90°20′42″W, alt. 684 m, dense forest of *Cinchona pubescens*, some live trees but mostly dead trees due to management control of the invasive trees, on bryophyte, growing over *Frullania* sp., 23 Jun 2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1205* (CDS 44756, holotype; GMUF, F, isotypes).

Description. Thallus microsquamulose; squamules thin and elongated, attached basally to the substrate and proliferating from the tips, moderately swollen, 0.1–0.2(–0.3) mm broad, up to 2(–3) mm long, abundantly branched and typically intricately tiled, many growing together, occasionally thus shading one another, light blue grey to olivaceous when fresh, darker olivaceous grey when dry, the shaded parts becoming necrotic and pale beige to orange. Overall uniform pruinose appearance. Soredia absent. Thallus in section shows that the photobiont layer makes up most of the thallus; however, there is a thin cortex and a medulla formed by more or less dense irregular to rounded or elongated hyphae. Thallus 130–160 μm thick, cortex paraplectenchymatous 14–18 μm

thick, photobiont layer 85–92  $\mu$ m thick, medulla 30–50  $\mu$ m thick. Photobiont *Rhizonema*, forming clusters of 8–16  $\mu$ m diam. of coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a dense hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells (*Cora*-type). Acanthohyphidia small to rarely medium, 12–16(–20) × 6–10  $\mu$ m, subglobose to pyriform, as a spiny apical cell, present on upper and lower surfaces, however more abundant on lower surface. Thalli without sexual reproductive structures. No clamps observed.

belong to a single, endemic species. In general, specimens do not grow directly on trees or shrubs, but typically on epiphytic liverworts and mosses, on introduced (*Cinchona pubescens*, *Psidium guava*), native (*Zanthoxylon fagara*) and endemic trees (*Scalesia pedunculata*, *Psychotria* spp.); one specimen was even collected on a soil inhabiting bryophyte (*Campylopus* sp.). Populations on *Frullania* (Jubulaceae, Marchantiophyta, overgrowing *Cinchona* in Santa Cruz represent not only the best developed material, such as the type specimen, but where the species is also most abundant. In this location, individual thalli are large and could cover areas of up to 1 m, indicating that the species thrives particularly in the humid highlands around El Puntudo and Cerro Crocker. Collections from other islands are mostly minute, not well developed thalli, with the exception of collections from Cerro Azúl (one of the highest and the southernmost volcano of Isabela), where specimens grow abundantly on the dead basal sheaths of fronds of the endemic Galapagos tree fern (*Cyathea weatherbyana*).

**Remarks.** The phylogeny places the species as a sister of the clade containing *A*. campestris and *A. variabilis* (**Chapter 3**). Its diagnostic characteristics are the olivaceous

thalli of elongated and intricate, often overlapping or "tiled" squamules; this structural arrangement of the squamules immediately differentiates A. galapagoenis from other Acantholichen species. Another characteristic of this taxon is that, when well developed, the thallus can get unusually large, occasionally covering bryophytes on tree trunks up to 1 m in length. Additionally, in large specimens, the thallus center squamules often become necrotic. Because of the tiled, overlapping growth of the squamules, squamules in the thallus center regularly become shaded and are then unable to photosynthesize; these areas then lose the characteristic pigmentation of the photobiont and become beige (Figure 19). Squamules of other *Acantholichen* species are mostly broader and rarely grow overlapping each other, thus typically do not become necrotic. The species was first reported from the archipelago as Acantholichen pannarioides (Jørgensen, 1998; Yánez et al., 2012), but the molecular data presented here and a thorough morphological and anatomical analysis of all material clearly indicates that all reports are based on one and the same species, which is endemic to the Galapagos. Throughout the archipelago no other lichen closely resembles A. galapagoensis (Bungartz et al., 2013a).

Additional material examined: Ecuador, Galapagos: — Isabela Island, Volcán Alcedo, alt. 1100 m, on bryophytes, growing over hepatics on *Zanthoxylum fagara*, 07-Mar-2006, *A. Aptroot 65187* (CDS 31771, GMUF); alt. 1066 m, on bark of *Zanthoxylum fagara*, 06-Mar-2006, *F. Bungartz 4125* (CDS 28152, GMUF); —San Crisóbal Island, Cerro San Joaquín, alt. 771 m, on bark, branches and twigs of *Miconia robinsoniana*, 24-Aug-2008, *F. Bungartz 8577* (CDS 41223, GMUF, F). —Santa Cruz Island, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, alt. 684 m, on bryophyte, growing over *Frullania* sp., 23-

Jun-2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1202* (CDS 44753, GMUF), *M. Dal-Forno 1205* (CDS 44756 - TYPE, GMUF), *M. Dal-Forno 1204* (CDS 44755, GMUF, F); alt. 733 m, on bark, trunk of *Cinchona pubescens*, 08-Feb-2007, *F. Bungartz 5593* (CDS 33035, GMUF, F, B); close to El Puntudo, alt. 735 m, on bark of *Scalesia pedunculata*, 23-Feb-2007, *F. Nugra 400* (CDS35155, GMUF, F); eastern slope below the summit of El Puntudo, alt. 780 m, on bark of *Cinchona*, 28-Feb-2006, *A. Aptroot 64679* (CDS 31253, GMUF, F); NE-slope of El Puntudo, alt. 813 m, on bark of *Cinchona pubescens*, 10-Aug-2008, *F. Bungartz 8152* (CDS 40798, GMUF, F); behind El Puntudo, previously farm of Don Benito, alt. 732 m, on bark of *Cinchona pubescens*, 03-Feb-2007, *F. Nugra 379* (CDS 35134, GMUF, F); Santiago Island, permanent plot # 11 Pampa dentro, alt. 870 m, on bark of *Zanthoxylum fagara*, 24-Mar-2006, *A. Aptroot* 65554 (CDS 32142, GMUF, F)

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### Figure 20

**Type**: Ecuador: Galapagos: Santa Cruz Island, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, behind the park fence, close to the border of the National Park, 0°39′56″ S, 98°19′31″ W, alt. 502 m, *Miconia robinsoniana* shrubland, on bryophyte, growing on *Frullania* sp., 23-Jun-2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1223* (CDS 44748, holotype; GMUF, isotype).

**Description.** Thallus epiphytic, growing on bryophytes over branches and trunks, with other lichens and bryophytes, foliose, parallel to the substrate when on branches to completely perpendicular to the substrate when on trunks; lobes 0.5–1.5(–2) cm wide (delimited by sutures) and 1–3 cm long, densely branched, mostly white to light grey

when found dry in nature, grey, light green or olive when found wet in nature, to bluish green to grey when rehydrated (4.5 years after collecting), becoming white to light grey in the herbarium (similarly when found dry in nature), with concolorous margins, thin with a papery texture. Upper surface glabrous, with pronounced and shallow ridges, 3–5 per cm<sup>2</sup> and 10–12 per cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively; lower surface ecorticate, mostly glabrous, rarely with few hairs where the thallus attaches to its substrate or along sutures, hairs white when fresh, not darkening with storage in the herbarium. Margins involute, indistinct, thin. Thallus in section 220–320(–360) µm thick, with distinct upper cortex, photobiont layer, and medulla; upper cortex *roof-like* formed by a 10–25 µm thick layer of loosely woven, irregularly arranged, 4–6 μm thick hyphae supported by a 50-105 μm high 'medullary' layer of irregularly arranged to anticlinal, 4–6 µm thick hyphae; photobiont layer 50–160(–200) µm thick, irregular, composed of clusters of short, coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a dense, paraplectenchymatous hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells, clusters 15–35 µm diam., individual photobiont cells 5–8 μm broad and 7–12 μm long, blue-green, penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae; heterocytes sparse, pale yellow, 5–7 µm diam; cells of hyphal sheath wavy in lateral outline, 5–6 µm thick; medulla 25–50(–70) µm thick, composed of loosely woven, irregularly arranged to more or less periclinal hyphae 3–5 µm thick; clamp connections not observed.

Hymenophore developed as linear to reticulate, large, steroid patches dispersed on the underside, patches 0.5-2 mm long and 0.5-3 mm broad, pale yellow, smooth surface and strongly involute, smooth margins; hymenophore in section 80-100  $\mu$ m thick,

composed of a paraplectenchymatous layer resting on loose, 4–6  $\mu$ m thick, generative medullary hyphae and supporting the hymenium; hymenium composed of numerous, palisade-like basidioles and scattered basidia; basidioles 10–15 × 5–6  $\mu$ m; basidia 20–30 × 6–8  $\mu$ m, basidiospores ellipsoid to fusiform, non-septate, hyaline, 5–7 × 4–7  $\mu$ m.

**Distribution and ecology.** This species is known from multiple collections in Galapagos, from three islands lichenologists have visited: Isabela, Santa Cruz and Santiago. It is a very common basidiolichen on the islands. There are multiple habitats where this species grows, and most specimens, unless stated otherwise below, are growing on bryophytes on branches and tree trunks.

**Etymology.** The epithet refers to the whole archipelago, since this is the most common *Cora* found across the islands.

Remarks. This is a new but well known species found across the Galapagos Islands in the genus *Cora*. It is very easily recognized by its light grey to almost white color, growing mostly on bryophytes over trees. It is not the only *Cora* on the islands, but certainly the more common and widespread. This species can form up to 1 m broad thalli, and its most recognizable characteristic is the subimbricate lobes (closely adjoining, fused lobes), which appear as if "sewn together" by sutures. Among the species sampled by us, it is more closely related to yet undescribed species from Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia, which differ morphologically by not having the characteristic subimbricate lobes. The species was previously identified as *Cora glabrata* (Bungartz et al., 2013a; Yánez et al., 2012), *Cora pavonia* (Dodge, 1935) and *Dictyonema montanum* (Weber,

1986), the latter being a homotypic synonym of *Cora pavonia*. However, these names now apply to species probably endemic to the Caribbean Islands.

**Additional material examined** (20): Ecuador: Galapagos: Santiago Island (2), along the trail from Cerro Gavilan to La Central, alt. 890 m, on soil, 24-Mar-2006, F. Bungartz 4831 (CDS 29005, GMUF); near permanent plot # 11 Pampa, alt. 870 m, on soil, 24-Mar-2006, A. Aptroot 65557 (CDS 32145, GMUF). -Isabela Island (4), Volcán Sierra Negra, alt. 580 m, on bark, 14-Aug-2008, Herrera-Campos 10546 (CDS 40282, GMUF); Volcán Cerro Azul, alt. 456 m, 3-May-2012, F. Nugra 1034 (CDS 52198, GMUF), alt. 655 m, on rock, 7-May-2012, F. Nugra 1098 (CDS 52261, GMUF), alt. 767 m., 3-May-2012, F. Bungartz 10325 (CDS 52298, GMUF). – Santa Cruz Island (14), along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, alt. 469 m, 23-June-2010, M. Dal-Forno 1180a (CDS 44714, GMUF), alt. 502 m, 23-June-2010, M. Dal-Forno 1187A (CDS 47764, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1192 (GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1196 (CDS 44728, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1206 (GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1218 (CDS 44741), alt. 684 m, M. Dal-Forno 1199a (CDS 44752, GMUF); N of Bellavista, alt. 555 m, 28-Oct-2010, A. Yánez 1508 (CDS 44999), A. Yánez 1509 (CDS 45000), A. Yánez 1513 (CDS 45004); below El Puntudo, alt. 762 m, 28-Oct-2010, growing over *Cladonia confusa* on the ground, A. Yánez 1538 (CDS 45031), growing over Campylopus anderssonii on front of boulder, A. Yánez 1540 (CDS 45033); vía Media Luna, lindero del del Parque Nacional Galapagos, alt. 500 m, 23-Aug-2007, F. Nugra 437 (CDS 36189); on the northwestern fork of the way from the parking lot to Caseta, near Media Luna, alt. 600 m, on rock, 28-Dec-2005, F. Bungartz 3322 (CDS 26988).

Cora santacruzensis Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking sp. nov.

### Figure 21

**Type**: Ecuador: Galapagos: Santa Cruz Island, abandoned farm behind El Puntudo, 0°38′25″ S, 90°19′57″ W, alt. 729 m, tall forest of *Persea americana*, *Cinchona pubescens* and *Scalesia pedunculata*, on bryophyte, growing over hepatics on branch of *Persea americana*; semi-shaded, 28-Oct-2010, *A. Yánez 1547* (CDS 45041, holotype; GMUF, isotype).

**Description.** Thallus epithytic, growing on bryophytes over branches, foliose, up to 3 cm across, composed of 1–3 semicircular lobes per thallus; parallel to the substrate; lobes 0.8–1.3 cm wide and 1.7–2.6 cm long, unbranched (no sutures), yellowish green when rehydrated (4 years after collecting), with same color margins, grey in the herbarium (unknown color in nature), slightly varying in concentric zones. Upper surface glabrous, with shallow ridges, 12–13 per cm<sup>2</sup>; lower surface ecorticate, white in the herbarium. Margins involute, indistinct, thin. Thallus in section 200–220 µm thick, with upper cortex, photobiont layer, and medulla; upper cortex formed by a 5–25 µm thick layer of rather loosely woven, irregularly arranged, 2–3 µm thick hyphae supported by a 25–28 μm high 'medullary' layer of irregularly arranged to anticlinal, 3–5 μm thick hyphae; photobiont layer 100–105 µm thick, irregular, composed of clusters of short, coiled cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a dense, paraplectenchymatous hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells, clusters 25–30 µm diam., individual photobiont cells 10–15 µm broad and 6–8 µm long, blue-green to yellow-orange in upper portions, penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae; heterocytes sparse, pale yellow, 5–7 µm diam; cells

of hyphal sheath wavy in lateral outline, 3–5 μm thick; medulla 62–68 μm thick, composed of loosely woven, irregularly arranged to more or less periclinal hyphae 4–5 μm thick; clamp connections not observed.

Hymenophore developed as resupinate, linear to rarely reticulate patches dispersed on the underside, patches 0.02–7.5 mm long and 0.2–0.4 mm broad, with pale yellow, smooth surface and flat, smooth margins; hymenophore in section 70–80  $\mu$ m thick, composed of a paraplectenchymatous layer resting on loose, 4–6  $\mu$ m thick, generative medullary hyphae and supporting the hymenium; hymenium composed of numerous, palisade-like basidioles and scattered basidia; basidioles 12–30 × 4–5  $\mu$ m; basidia 20–35 × 5–7  $\mu$ m, 4-sterigmate; basidiospores 6–8 × 3–5  $\mu$ m.

**Distribution and ecology.** This species is known from a couple of specimens in what seems to be a single population in Santa Cruz. The unique habitat around an old farm with a plantation of many invasive species (for example, avocado trees, yucca, pinapple), and restricted distribution makes us wonder if this is truly an endemic species or an introduced species that came along with introduced plant species. We cannot reject either hypothesis since the type specimen was growing on an avocado tree, but other specimens grow on an endemic guava (*Psidium galapageium*) in a forest of *Scalesia pedunculata*, another plant endemic to the Galapagos.

**Etymology.** The epithet refers to the locality type, the island where it is found in the Galapagos.

**Remarks.** This is another, but rather unexpected new species of *Cora* that can be found in the Galapagos. It has no unique characteristic when compared to other Coras;

however, it can be differentiated by the other Galapagos species by its darker thallus in the herbarium, and the absence of the typical sutured/subimbricated lobes of *C*. *galapagoensis*. In addition, *C. santacruzensis* is so far known from a single population in Santa Cruz, located north from many collections of *Cora galapagoensis* in the area.

In addition to the two species of *Cora* for which we have morphological, anatomical, ecological and molecular data, another different looking specimen (*F. Bungartz 3983*) was encountered while reviewing samples and images from the islands. This had been identified by us under the name *Cora glabrata* (Yánez et al., 2012). Unfortunately, this sample was not included in our molecular analysis; however, with a better understanding of ecological characteristics of the individual species, we are open to the possibility of a third species occurring in the islands, distributed among the already surveyed areas. This specimen grows over exposed basaltic rocks, in a very interesting geological site with giant lava bubbles, some collapsed, leaving rims of thin basaltic rock upon which the specimens grow relatively abundantly. We look forward to testing this hypothesis further using molecular markers.

**Additional material examined** (1): Ecuador: Galapagos: Santa Cruz Island, along trail from El Puntudo to abandoned farm of Don Benito, on bark, 08-Feb- 2007, *F. Bungartz 5594* (CDS 33039).

Cyphellostereum floreanum Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking sp. nov.

Figure 22

**Type**: Ecuador: Galapagos: Floreana Island, on top of Cerro Asilo de la Paz, permanent plot 25, 1°19'1.7" S, 90°27'7.5" W, 531 m, humid zone, mixed dense *Scalesia pedunculata* forest with trees of *Zanthoxylum fagara* and *Psidium guajava*, *Tournefortia rufo-sericea* and *Lantana camara* in shrub layer; trees and shrubs covered with large curtains of bryophytes, growing on bryophytes over bark of branches of *Psidium guajava*; shaded, wind- and rain-sheltered, 13-Jan-2011, *F. Bungartz 9475* (CDS 46556, isotype GMUF).

**Description.** Thallus growing on and among bryophytes, epiphytic on tree branches, loose filamentous, in a confluent patch, forming a loose mat of irregular and more or less individual to slightly interwoven, green fibrils. Prothallus and hypothallus absent. Thallus lacking discernible layers; photobiont composed of numerous *Rhizonema* cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in an almost entirely closed hyphal sheath formed by sinuous cells; cyanobacterial filaments composed of 7.5–11 μm wide and 5–7 μm high, green cells; heterocytes frequent, pale to bright yellow, 7–10μm wide and 5–7.5 μm high; cells of hyphal sheath sinuous and irregular, 2–3 (–4) μm thick; no additional hyphae associated, lacking clamp connections.

Hymenophores not observed.

**Distribution and ecology.** This species is known from a single collection from the humid zone in Floreana.

**Etymology.** This species is named after the island Floreana, so far the only one in the archipelago where the species has been found.

Remarks. This specimen had been previously identified by us as *D*.

galapagoense (= Cyphellostereum galapagoense) in Bungartz et al. (2013), due to its being one of the few Cyphellostereum collections in Galapagos. The differences lay mainly in the much denser fibrils and more bluish hue of *C. galapagoense* in comparison to this new species. In addition, *C. floreanum* also does not present the somewhat erect arrangement of the fibrils as *C. galapagoense*. Cyphellostereum floreanum is more closely related to, and morphologically similar to, *C. phyllogenum*.

No additional material examined.

Cyphellostereum galapagoense Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, comb. nov.

# Figure 23

= *Dictyonema galapagoense* Yánez, Dal Forno & Bungartz, Fungal Diversity 52: 234 (2012)

Type: Ecuador: Galapagos: San Crisóbal Island, trail from Cerro Pelado to El Ripioso, 0°51′41″ S, 89°27′39″ W, alt. 392 m, *Psidium guajava* forest with some old *Hippomane mancinella* trees and dense understory of *Rubus niveus*, *Tournefortia rufosericea* and *Zanthoxylum fagara*, on bryophytes, growing over mosses on bark of *Hippomane mancinella*, upper side of inclined branch (ca. 20 cm in diam.), SW-exposed; semi-shaded, wind- and rainsheltered, 23-Aug-2008, *F. Bungartz 8517* (CDS 41163 holotype, isotype GMUF)

**Description.** Thallus growing on and among bryophytes, epiphytic on tree branches, filamentous, in a more or less confluent patch, forming a moderately dense mat

of interwoven green fibrils, forming irregularly erect compacted fibrils. Prothallus absent; hypothallus rarely present, formed by very a thin layer of white hyphae, not easily visible. Thallus lacking discernible layers; photobiont composed of numerous *Rhizonema* cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in an closed hyphal sheath; cyanobacterial filaments composed of 7–10 (–12) μm wide and 5–10 μm high, uniseriate, green cells, mostly square to elongate-cylindrical, in chains, penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae; heterocytes frequent, pale yellow, 7–10 μm wide and 5–10 μm high; cells of hyphal sheath with jigsaw pattern, somehow resembling those of *Dictyonema*, but thinner and less sinuous on the margins, 2.5–3.5 μm thick; with some occasional 3μm thick hyaline additional hyphae associated, lacking clamp connections.

Hymenophores not observed.

**Distribution and ecology.** This species is known now from an additional specimen from Santa Cruz, a different Island than the one the type if from, San Cristóbal. Both grow in humid environments, as do all basidiolichens in the archipelago.

Remarks. Aside from sharing characteristics with the genus *Dictyonema*, such as the similar patterns of hyphae composing the fungal sheath around the cyanobacteria and haustoria, the reason that led us to originally describe it in that genus, molecular data indicates that this species belongs to *Cyphellostereum*. As a typical *Cyphellostereum*, the cyanobacterial cells are squarer in shape, and much thinner, usually 10 µm broad or less. Both specimens of this species show a rather unique growth habit with fibrils forming a filamentous mat that also proliferates vertically, giving an erect-suberect aspect to the thallus. Anatomically, these erected compacted fibrils resemble hairs of *Cora* species.

**Additional material examined** (1): Ecuador: Galapagos: Santa Cruz Island, abandoned farm behind El Puntudo, alt. 729 m, on bryophyte, 28-Oct-2010, *A. Yánez* 1545 (CDS 45039, GMUF).

In our previous paper (Yánez et al. 2012) we included a possible additional species of *Cyphellostereum*, referred as *Cyphellostereum* sp. A couple of specimens under this identification were revised and one (*A. Yánez 1545*) is now included in *Cyphellostereum galapagoense*, while others (*M. Dal-Forno 1180b* and *1190*) were not successfully amplified with regular PCR with the ITS or nuLSU primers commonly used. We also performed PCR with MTPS primers for ITS1F and ITS2 and despite effective amplification, the fungal reads came up as uncultured fungi in the Helotiales (Ascomycota) in BLAST (Altschul et al., 1990). We also amplified 16S, and the bacteria we amplified did not belong to *Rhizonema* or any other group of cyanobacteria based on searches in the RDP10 database (Cole et al., 2014). We therefore believe that this taxon needs to be further sampled and analyzed to establish its identity.

Furthermore, we are now rejecting the presence of *Cyphellostereum imperfectum*, a species from Guatemala included in our previous assessment of the island basidiolichens (Yánez et al., 2012). We believe that the intermixed filaments of *Cyphellostereum* found with *Dictyonema pectinatum*, originally identified as *C. imperfectum*, may potentially be one of the two species now confirmed with molecular data to be endemic of the archipelago. However, they have not been observed again and therefore cannot be further identified.

Dictyonema barbatum Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking sp. nov.

## Figure 24

**Type**: Ecuador, Galapagos, Isabela, Volcán Sierra Negra, close to the southern crater rim, along the trail to Alemania, 0°51′12″ S, 91°8′40.5″ W, alt. 1,055 m, pampa of *Pteridium arachnoideum, Pernettya howellii, Lycopodium* sp., and with occasional tree ferns (*Cyathaea weatherbyana*) and *Psidium guajava* shrubs, on bark, branch of *Psidium guajava*; semi- shaded, wind-andrain-sheltered,16-Aug-2008, *F. Bungartz 8363* (CDS 41009, holotype; GMUF, isotype).

Description. Thallus epiphytic on bark of branches and trunks, shelf-like filamentous, up to 60 cm across, with single lobes up to 8 cm wide, composed of loosely interwoven, dark green to bluish green fibrils leaving interspaces and bordered by a broad, irregularly interwoven, white to pale beige margin (prothallus). Fibrils arranged more or less horizontally, but also vertically. Thallus in section from 0.8 up to 5 mm thick, composed of a thick photobiont layer and a thick medulla forming a white hypothallus, this latter structure also with some green fibrils (with photobiont) on the under side; photobiont layer composed of numerous cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a closed hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells; cyanobacterial filaments composed of 15–20 (–22) μm wide and 3–4(–8) μm high, bluish green cells penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae; heterocytes frequent, pale to slightly bright yellow, 9–15 μm wide and 2–5(–7) μm high; cells of hyphal sheath wavy in lateral outline, 3–4 μm thick, center hyphae reaching 9 μm thick; hyphae associated with hyphal sheath straight, hyaline, 4–7

µm thick, lacking clamp connections; hypothallus and prothallus formed by interwoven, strongly agglutinate, generative hyphae.

Hymenophores developed and frequently present, corticioid-steroid, forming irregular, reticulated, resupinate patches dispersed on the underside, patches up to 1.5 (–2) mm broad and 6 mm long, with white (when fresh) to pale yellow (in herbarium), smooth surface and sometimes minutely tomentose-fuzzy involute margins; hymenophore in section 80–130  $\mu$ m thick, composed of a paraplectenchymatous layer resting on strongly agglutinated, 4–6  $\mu$ m thick, generative hyphae emerging from the supporting thallus; hymenium composed of numerous, palisade-like basidioles and scattered basidia; basidioles 15–21 × 5–6  $\mu$ m; basidia 20–30(–35) × 5–6  $\mu$ m, 4-sterigmate; basidiospores ellipsoid to fusiform, non-septate, hyaline, 7–8 × 3–4  $\mu$ m.

**Distribution and ecology.** This species is rather conspicuous and common in introduced substrates such as guava and avocado trees. This morphotype is usually present in areas with sun exposure, and it is still an important component in *Zanthoxylum* forests.

**Etymology.** The epithet meaning "bearded" or "having a beard" is a reference to the fuzzy white to beige appearance of the shelf-like morphology of this lichen, each shelf resembling a bearded chin.

**Remarks.** This species is represented by many specimens, uniform overall, but with minor variation in the thickness of the thallus and color of the prothallus (old specimens with a darkened hue, yellow to light brown). Aside from horizontal fibrils, there are also vertical fibrils compacted becoming erect structures; these can, but not

necessarily always, form a prothallus too. All specimens form filamentous shelves, a morphotype unique among *Dictyonema* s.str. species in Galapagos. The new species is difficult to separate from other species in the *Dictyonema sericeum* s.l. group, which does represent multiple distinct species (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lücking et al., 2013a, 2014b, 2014c; Vargas et al., 2014). *Dictyonema barbatum*, however, present a mostly continuous hymenophore, very different from *D. giganteum*, *D. discocarpum* and *D. hapteriferum*, all new species recently segregated from *D. sericeum*. *Dictyonema giganteum* (Vargas et al., 2014) present very small individual hymenophores, *D. discocarpum* has more or less disc-shaped hymenophores and *D. hapteriferum* has hymenophores that resemble hapteres found in some lichens (Lücking et al., 2014b). The species appears to have arrived to the islands independently from other *Dictyonema* species. *Cora galapagoensis* and *C. santacruzensis* also may resemble shelf-like fungi, but these have compacted foliose thalli, not filamenous, in which cyanobacterial cells are chroococcoid.

Additional material examined (10): Ecuador, Galapagos. — San Crisóbal Island (2), Cerro San Joaquín, alt. 681 m, on bark, among mosses on branches of *Psidium guajava* shrubs, 24-Aug-2008, *C. Truong 1533* (CDS 39844, GMUF), alt. 771 m, on bark of branches and twigs of *Miconia robinsoniana*, 24-Aug-2008, *F. Bungartz 8576* (CDS 41222, F); —Isabela Island (6), Volcán Sierra Negra, alt. 924 m, on *Polypodium* stems among mosses on the ground, 16-Aug-2008, *C. Truong 1259* (CDS 39570, GMUF), alt. 939 m, on *Frullania* sp. on *Psidium guajava* branch; 08-Sep-2007, *F. Bungartz 6849* (CDS 36297, GMUF), alt. 550 m, on branches of *Inga* sp., 09-Sep-2007, *F. Bungartz 6852* (CDS 36301, F), alt. 579 m, on bark of *Psidium guajava* branches, 09-Sep-2007, *F.* 

Bungartz 6906 (CDS 36398, F), alt. 580 m, on bark of branches of *Psidium guajava* with mosses (together with *Cora galapagoensis*), 14-Aug-2008, *C. Truong 1275* (CDS 39586, F); Volcán Alcedo, alt. 1,100 m, on bark of *Zanthoxylum*, 07-Mar-2006, *A. Aptroot 65186* (CDS 31770, F); —Santa Cruz Island (2), Bellavista, alt. 400 m, on bark of *Miconia*, 27-May-2005, *A. Aptroot 63148* (CDS 29878, GMUF); abandoned farm behind El Puntudo, alt. 729 m, on bryophyte, growing over hepatics on branch of *Persea americana*; 28-Oct-2010, *A. Yánez 1550* (CDS no. 45044, GMUF).

Dictyonema bungartziana Dal-Forno, Yánez & Lücking sp. nov.

### Figure 25

**Type**: Ecuador, Galapagos, Santa Cruz Island, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, behind the park fence, close to the border of the National Park, 0°39'56.8" S 98°19'31.4" W, alt. 502 m, *Miconia robinsoniana* shrubland, growing over *Frullania* sp. and fern fronds, 23-Jun-2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1209* (CDS 44733, holotype; GMUF, isotype).

**Description**. Thallus epiphytic on tree trunks and branches, mostly on bryophytes, but also on detritus growing surrounding bryophytes, slightly appressed filamentous, in irregular, confluent patches, up to many cm across and entire thallus eventually covering larger areas of the substrate(largest specimen we found around 10 cm), forming a strongly compressed mat of mainly horizontal, loosely interwoven, mostly dark blue green fibrils sitting on top of a white hypothallus and a discrete but discernible prothallus. Thallus with a photobiont layer and a medulla (hypothallus); photobiont

composed of numerous cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a closed hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells, sometimes thinner towards the tips; cyanobacterial filaments composed of (12–)15–20 µm wide and 4–8(–9) µm high, bluish green cells penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae, uniseriate (rarely biseriate); heterocytes sparse, pale yellow, 8–16 µm wide and 4–8 µm high; cells of hyphal sheath variably wavy in lateral outline, but showing the very typical jigsaw pattern characteristic of *Dictyonema*, 5–8 µm thick, very rarely branching; hyphae associated with hyphal sheath straight, 5–7 µm thick, lacking clamp connections.

Hymenophore developed as bulging, stereoid patches from the underside of the thallus margins, white patches up to 1.2 mm broad and 1 cm long, with white (when fresh) to pale yellow (in herbarium), smooth surface; hymenophore in section 50–85  $\mu$ m thick, composed of a paraplectenchymatous layer connected to loose medullary hyphae; hymenium composed of numerous, palisade-like basidioles and basidia; basidioles 20–30  $\times$  5–7  $\mu$ m; basidia 25–35  $\times$  5–8  $\mu$ m, 4-sterigmate; basidiospores ellipsoid to narrowly drop-shaped, non-septate, hyaline, 5–7  $\times$  2–3  $\mu$ m.

**Distribution and ecology.** This represents the most common *Dictyonema* species in the Islands, being represented by many collections from Santa Cruz and Isabela, as well as one from Pinta.

**Etymology.** This species is named after our esteemed colleague and lichenologist Frank Bungartz, who has lived, collected and studied lichens in Galapagos for several years.

Remarks. This is species is a rather typical *Dictyonema*, with wavy fungal sheath, mainly uniseriate cyanobacterial cells and without any very distinctive characteristic. The easiest way to recognize this species is by observing the fibrils, mostly erect and individual, much denser than *D. subobscuratum*, which also differs by the usually muriform aspect of the photobiont cells. *D. bungartziana* do not have net-like or combed fibrils, such as *D. ramificans* and *D. pectinatum*, respectively. This species also does not form bracket-like thalli, as it is characteristic of *D. barbatum*.

Additional material examined (28): Ecuador: Galapagos: — Pinta Island (1), on top of the highest point of the island, alt. 625 m, on plant debris and bryophytes, 26-Feb-2007, F. Bungartz 5746 (CDS 33400, GMUF). –Santa Cruz Island (16), along the trail to El Puntudo, alt. 698 m, on bryophytes (Frullania aculeate) growing epiphytically on Cinchona pubescens branches, 28-Dec-2005, F. Bungartz 3276 (CDS 26918, GMUF); alt. 469 m, growing on Frullania sp., 23-Jun-2010, M. Dal-Forno 1177 (CDS 44711, GMUF); alt. 502 m, on bryophytes, 23-Jun-2010, M. Dal-Forno 1182 (CDS 44717, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno. 1183 (CDS 44718, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1191 (CDS 44724, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1211 (CDS 44735, GMUF); alt. 684 m, A.A. Spielmann 8249 (CDS 44757, GMUF); along the road from Bellavista to Los Gemelos, alt. 574 m, on bryophytes over bark, 23-Jun-2010, M. Dal-Forno 1171 (CDS 44706, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1174 (CDS 44709, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1178 (CDS 44712, GMUF), M. Dal-Forno 1179 (CDS 44713, GMUF); between El Puntudo and Cerro Crocker, alt. 760 m, growing on Frullania sp. on Cinchona trunk, 28-Oct-2010, A. Yánez 1541 (CDS 45035, GMUF); N of Bellavista, alt. 555 m, Miconia shrubland, growing on Frullania sp. on

branches of Miconia robinsoniana, 28-Oct-2010, A. Yánez 1507 (CDS no. 44998), Steve Divine's Farm at the end of Tortoise Road, alt. 364 m, Feb. 23, 2006, A. Aptroot 64519 (CDS 31091, GMUF), F. Bungartz 3956 (CDS 27838, GMUF). — Isabela Island (7), Volcán Alcedo, alt. 1,089 m, on bark of Tournefortia, 05-Mar-2006, A. Aptroot 65037a (CDS 31619, GMUF); Volcán Sierra Negra, alt. 550 m, growing over hepatics on top of Psidium guajava branches, 09-Sep-2007, F. Bungartz 6883 (CDS 36362, GMUF); alt. 980 m, on bryophytes on branches of *Psidium guajava*, 14-Aug-2008, *M.A. Herrera*-Campos 10560 (CDS 40297, GMUF); alt. 1,055 m, growing over dead plant material and Lycopodium and fern stems near the ground; 16-Aug-2008, F. Bungartz 8350 (CDS) 40996, GMUF); Volcán Cerro Azul, 917 m, on basaltic rock, 7-May-2012, F. Nugra 1096 (CDS 52259, GMUF), alt. 767 m, on soil, May 3, 2012, F. Nugra 1051 (CDS 52215, GMUF), alt. 902 m, on bryophytes on fern stems, 7-May-2012, A.A. Spielmann 10621 (CDS 51988, GMUF). — Floreana Island (4), on top of Cerro Asilo de la Paz, permanent plot 25, alt. 531 m, on bryophytes, Jan. 13, 2011, A. Yánez-Ayabaca 1828 (CDS 46566, GMUF), A. Yánez-Ayabaca 1842 (CDS 46565, GMUF), F. Bungartz 9476 (CDS 46557, GMUF); lava flow behind beach, alt. 4 m, Jan. 19, 2011, on bryophytes, A. Yánez-Ayabaca 2041 (GMUF).

*Dictyonema pectinatum* Dal Forno, Yánez-Ayabaca & Lücking, Fungal Diversity 52: 234 (2012)

Figure 26

**Type**: Ecuador: Galapagos: Santa Cruz Island, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, behind parking lot, 0°40′48″ S, 90°19′26″ W, alt. 469 m, secondary forest of *Cinchona pubescens* and *Psidium guajava*, on bark of *Psidium guajava*, 23-Jun-2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1170* (CDS 44705, holotype; GMUF, isotype).

Description. Thallus epiphytic on tree trunks and branches, slightly appressed filamentous, in irregular, confluent patches, up to 15 cm across and entire thallus covering larger areas of the substrate, forming a mat of horizontally arranged, as if "combed," loosely interwoven, dark green fibrils sitting on top of a white indistinct hypothallus, sometimes extending to form a discrete prothallus. Fibrils that do not get overly long to form the characteristic "combed" aspect of the thallus, are of arachnoid appearance, but still show principles of elongated fibrils. Thallus with a thick photobiont layer and a thin medulla; photobiont composed of numerous cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a closed hyphal sheath formed by jigsaw puzzle-shaped cells; cyanobacterial filaments composed of 16–21 μm wide and 5–9 μm high, blue green cells penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae; heterocytes sparse to frequent, yellow, 12–13 μm wide and 2–3 μm high; cells of hyphal sheath wavy in lateral outline, 5–9 μm thick; hyphae associated with hyphal sheath straight, 4–6 μm thick, lacking clamp connections.

Hymenophore not observed.

**Distribution and ecology.** This is the only *Dictyonema* in Galapagos growing directly on bark, as previously mentioned by Yánez et al. (2012); all specimens from the islands grow on the introduced *Psidium guajava*, the common guava. Its known distribution for the Galapagos Islands is from a small population in Santa Cruz, but we

can now also expand the distribution of the species to Ecuador, where two specimens where collected in Mindo, a high altitude humid zone in the Pinchincha Province.

**Remarks.** The appearance of the species with the parallel-horizontal long arrangement of the fibrils is quite unique within the genus. Beyond that, most of the fibrils also have lighter tips and the fungal sheath has "papillae," a very discernible characteristic. These papillae might be the natural wavy outline of the fungal sheath with protuberances.

We thought we saw hymenophores in one of the specimens (M. Dal-Forno 1221); however, the structures resembling resupinate patches of hymenophore turned out to be an old decomposing specimen of a chlorolichen, evidenced by the many green algae around the hyphae in cross section.

The ITS sequences from Galapagos and mainland Ecuador differ in seven base pairs, and among these is an insertion of cytosine in the mainland specimens.

Additional material examined (3): Ecuador — Galapagos, Santa Cruz Island, along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, behind the park fence, close to the border of the National Park, 0°39′56.8″ S, 98°19′31.4″ W, alt. 502 m, *Miconia robinsoniana* shrubland, on bark of *Psidium guajava*, 23-Jun-2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1221* (CDS 44744, GMUF). — Pinchincha, Andes, Cantón San Miguel de Los Bancos, Mindo, Yellow House Trail, alt. 1,279 m, 3-Jul-2012, *M. Dal-Forno 1981c* (GMUF), *M. Dal-Forno 1986* (GMUF).

Dictyonema ramificans Dal-Forno, Yánez & Lücking sp. nov.

### Figure 27

**Type**: Santa Cruz Island; along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, behind the park fence, close to the border of the National Park 0°39′56″ S, 98°19′31″ W, alt. 502 m, *Miconia robinsoniana* shrubland, on bryophyte, growing over *Frullania* sp., 23-Jun-2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1214* (CDS 44738, holotype; GMUF, isotype).

**Description.** Thallus epiphytic on bryophytes, but also on leaves, filamentous, in irregular, confluent patches, each up to 10 cm across, forming a dense mat of more of less horizontal but also vertical, loosely interwoven, dark green fibrils, sitting on top of a white hypothallus extending to form a prothallus. Fibrils forming an arachnoid pattern, formed by connecting fibrils in a more or less erect structure. Thallus organized in photobiont layer and medulla (hypothallus), photobiont composed of numerous cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a closed hyphal sheath; cyanobacterial filaments unior biseriate, composed of up to 15 μm wide and up to 10 μm high, thinner towards the tips, bluish green cells, often longitudinally divided, penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae; heterocytes sparse to frequent, mostly central, rarely lateral, pale yellow, 10–15 μm wide and 5–10 μm high; cells of hyphal sheath highly variable in shape and size, angular to wavy in lateral outline, highly ornamented and sinuous towards the tips of the fibrils, up to 15 μm thick, ramification present and frequent, connecting different fibrils; hyphae associated with hyphal sheath straight, 5–7 μm thick, lacking clamp connections.

Hymenophore developed as bulging, stereoid, resupinate patches, 0.1–1 (–2) mm broad and up to 6 mm long, with white (when fresh) to slightly yellowish white (in

herbarium), smooth surface; hymenophore in section 62–75  $\mu$ m thick, composed of a paraplectenchymatous layer connected to loose medullary hyphae; hymenium composed of scattered, palisade-like basidioles and basidia; basidioles 15–20  $\times$  4–6  $\mu$ m; basidia 20–25  $\times$  5–7  $\mu$ m, basidiospores ellipsoid to narrowly drop-shaped, non-septate, hyaline, 7–8  $\times$  2–4  $\mu$ m.

**Distribution and ecology.** All specimens of this species grow on bryophytes, so far only found in the humid zone of Santa Cruz.

**Etymology.** This epithet refers to the branching pattern of the fibrils.

Remarks. This species is characterized by the formation of an arachnoid pattern on top of a white hypothallus; this aspect is due to the fibrils with ramification.

Cyanobacterial cells are organized inside the fungal sheath as a single chain; however, fungal sheath branches and eventually forms a second chain. The fungal sheath hyphae is overall ornamented (sinuous and "papillae"-like), but has this ornamentation especially prominent in the tips.

Additional material examined (5): Ecuador, Galapagos, Santa Cruz Island, path from Media Luna to El Puntudo, alt. 684 m, on *Frullania* sp. on branch of *Cinchona pubescens*, 28-Oct-2010, *A. Yánez 1517* (CDS 45008, GMUF), *A. Yánez 1518* (CDS 45009, GMUF), *A. Yánez 1521* (CDS 45012, GMUF), alt. 684 m, on bryophyte on trunk of *Cinchona pubescens*, 28-Oct-2010, *A. Yánez 1534* (CDS 45027, GMUF), alt. 762 m, on *Frullania* sp. on the ground, 28-Oct-2010, *A. Yánez 1539* (CDS 45032, GMUF).

*Dictyonema subobscuratum* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking sp. nov.

## Figure 28

**Type**: Ecuador, Imbabura, Andes, Cantón Cotacachi, near Intag, alt. 2,053 m, 26-Jun-2012, *M. Dal-Forno 1803* (GMUF).

**Description.** Thallus epiphytic on mostly bryophytes, but also on branches, filamentous, in irregular, confluent patches, each up to 5 cm across, forming a mat of more of less irregular, loosely interwoven, mostly individual, not dense, dark blue green to dark green fibrils, sitting on top of a white hypothallus forming sometimes a discrete prothallus. Thallus organized in photobiont layer and medulla (hypothallus), photobiont composed of numerous cyanobacterial filaments wrapped in a closed hyphal sheath; cyanobacterial filaments composed of up to 24 μm wide and up to 10 μm high, green bluish cells, often longitudinally divided, penetrated by tubular fungal hyphae; heterocytes frequent, central or lateral, pale yellow, 6–17 μm wide and 5–10 μm high; cells of hyphal sheath highly variable in shape and size, mostly angular and straight in lateral outline, not wavy typical of *Dictyonema*, 5–20 μm thick; hyphae associated with hyphal sheath straight, 5–7 μm thick but also angular, similar to the hyphal sheath, forming almost a connecting tissue between fibrils, lacking clamp connections.

Hymenophore developed as bulging, stereoid patches, patches up to 1 mm broad and 3.5 mm long, with white (when fresh) to yellowish white (in herbarium), smooth surface; hymenophore in section 75–100  $\mu$ m thick, composed of a paraplectenchymatous layer connected to loose medullary hyphae; hymenium composed of scattered, palisadelike basidioles; basidioles 20–30  $\times$  5–7  $\mu$ m; basidia and basidiospores not observed.

*Dictyonema subobscuratum* subsp. *galapagoensis* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking subsp. nov.

**Type:** Galapagos, Floreana Island; along rim trail of Cerro Pajas, eastern part of rim, 1°17'44.8" S 90°27'15.6" W, alt. 442 m, humid zone, low dense vegetation of *Zanthoxylum fagara*, *Scalesia pedunculata*, *Macraea laricifolia*, *Croton scouleri* and ferns (*Polypodium tridens*) over lava boulders; bryophytes hanging in curtains from trees, growing over hepatics (*Frullania* sp.) hanging from *Zanthoxylum* twigs; semi-shaded, wind- and rain-exposed, on bryophytes, 26-Jan-2011, *F. Bungartz 9549* (CDS 46559, holotype; GMUF, isotype).

Morphologically identical to *Dictyonema subobscuratum subobscuratum*, but genetically different and geographically distributed in the Galapagos Islands.

**Distribution and ecology.** The species grow mostly on bryophytes over branches and trunks in humid zones of Santa Cruz and Floreana in the Galapagos Islands. The type of the species was collected in mainland Ecuador, also in a high altitude humid zone.

**Etymology.** The epithet refers to the similarity to another species described recently, *Dictyonema obscuratum*.

**Remarks.** Widened tips or other areas of the fibril are common in this species, with a muriform aspect also, similar to *Dictyonema obscuratum* from Brazil, mostly on tips. This species also has its fungal sheath with more angular cells, without the typical jigsaw puzzle aspect, characteristic of *Dictyonema*; however, the cells are still quite wide. This is the species observed by us to have more heterocyst, that is, the highest frequency

(one every 3–7 cyanobacterial cells). One specimen has many of what seems to be parasites, with many cyanobacterial cells completely brown and dead (*A. Yánez 2058*).

Additional material examined (6): Ecuador, Galapagos, —Floreana Island (4), along rim trail of Cerro Pajas, alt. 504 m, on bryophytes, 26-Jan-2011, *F. Bungartz 9550* (CDS 46560, GMUF), *F. Bungartz 9551* (CDS 46561, GMUF), *F. Bungartz 9552* (CDS 46560, GMUF); at SE-base of Cerro de los Suspiros, permanent plot 22, alt. 342 m, 22-Jan-2011, *A. Yánez 2058* (CDS 48407, GMUF). —Santa Cruz Island (1), along trail from Bellavista to El Puntudo, growing over *Frullania* sp., 23-Jun-2010, *M. Dal-Forno 1181* (CDS 44716, GMUF).



Figure 11 - Map of the Galapagos Islands showing the islands where focused collecting occurred

Species	Control#	Collector	Island	ITS	LSU
Acantholichen galapagoensis	DIC064	F. Bungartz 5593	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF057	M. Dal-Forno 1204	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF058	M. Dal-Forno 1205*	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF089	A. Aptroot 64679	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF090	F. Bungartz 4125	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF091	A. Aptroot 65187	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF092	A. Aptroot 65554	Galapagos, SANTIAGO	1	0
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF093	F. Nugra 400	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF094	F. Nugra 379	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF100	F. Bungartz 8152	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Acantholichen galapagoensis	MDF101	F. Bungartz 8577	Galapagos, SAN CRISTÓBAL	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	DIC343	A. Aptroot 65557	Galapagos, SANTIAGO	1	1
Cora galapagoensis	DIC345	F. Bungartz 4831	Galapagos, SANTIAGO	1	1
Cora galapagoensis	MDF033a	M. Dal-Forno 1180a	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF040a	M. Dal-Forno 1187a	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF045	M. Dal-Forno 1192	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF049	M. Dal-Forno 1196	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
- · ·	MDF052	M. Dal-Forno 1199a	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis				1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF059 MDF068	M. Dal-Forno 1206	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ		0
Cora galapagoensis		M. Dal-Forno 1218	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	
Cora galapagoensis	MDF073	M. Dal-Forno 1223*	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF124	A. Yánez 1509	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF139	A. Yánez 1508	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF140	A. Yánez 1513	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF142	A. Yánez 1538	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF143	A. Yánez 1540	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF147	F. Nugra 437	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF148	F. Bungartz 3322	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF149	M. Herrera-Campos	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
		10546			
Cora galapagoensis	MDF405	F. Nugra 1034	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF406	F. Nugra 1098	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Cora galapagoensis	MDF407	F. Bungartz 10325	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Cora santacruzensis	DIC348	F. Bungartz 5594	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Cora santacruzensis	MDF144	A. Yánez 1547*	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Cyphellostereum floreanum	MDF176	F. Bungartz 9475*	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	1
Cyphellostereum galapagoense	MDF120	F. Bungartz 8517*	Galapagos, SAN CRISTÓBAL	1	1
Cyphellostereum galapagoense	MDF126	A. Yánez 1545	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema barbatum	DIC341	F. Bungartz 8363*	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	1
				1	1
Dictyonema barbatum	DIC342	F. Bungartz 6852	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	1
Dictyonema barbatum	DIC344	F. Bungartz 8576	Galapagos, SAN CRISTÓBAL	1	1
Dictyonema barbatum	DIC346	A. Aptroot 65186	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	-
Dictyonema barbatum	DIC349	C. Truong 1275	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	1
Dictyonema barbatum	DIC350	F. Bungartz 6906	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	1
Dictyonema barbatum	MDF131	C. Truong 1259	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema barbatum	MDF132	C. Truong 1533	Galapagos, SAN CRISTÓBAL	1	0
Dictyonema barbatum	MDF133	A. Aptroot 63148	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema barbatum	MDF136	F. Bungartz 6849	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema barbatum	MDF138	A. Yánez 1550	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	DIC347	M. Herrera-Campos 10560	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF026	M. Dal-Forno 1171	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
ictyonema bungartziana	MDF028	M. Dal-Forno 1174	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
ictyonema bungartziana	MDF030	M. Dal-Forno 1177	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
ictyonema bungartziana	MDF031	M. Dal-Forno 1178	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Pictyonema bungartziana	MDF032	M. Dal-Forno 1179	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF035	M. Dal-Forno 1182	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF044	M. Dal-Forno 1191	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF062	M. Dal-Forno 1209*	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF064	M. Dal-Forno 1211	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
					0
	MDF076	A. A. Spielmann 8249	Galabagos, SANTA CRUZ		
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF086	A. A. Spielmann 8249 M. Dal-Forno 1183	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	
Dictyonema bungartziana Dictyonema bungartziana Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF076 MDF086 MDF156	A. A. Spielmann 8249 M. Dal-Forno 1183 A. Yánez 1828	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	0

Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF159	A. Yánez 2041	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF168	A. Aptroot 64519	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF169	A. Aptroot 65037a	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF171	F. Bungartz 3276	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF172	F. Bungartz 3956	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF173	F. Bungartz 5746	Galapagos, PINTA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF174	F. Bungartz 6883	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF175	F. Bungartz 8350	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF177	F. Bungartz 9476	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF184	A. Yánez 1507	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF195	A. Yánez 1541	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF409	F. Nugra 1051	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF410	A. A. Spielmann 10621	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	1
Dictyonema bungartziana	MDF411	F. Nugra 1096	Galapagos, ISABELA	1	0
Dictyonema pectinatum	MDF025	M. Dal-Forno 1170*	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Dictyonema pectinatum	MDF071	M. Dal-Forno 1221	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Dictyonema ramificans	MDF066	M.Dal-Forno1214*	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Dictyonema ramificans	MDF187	A. Yánez 1517	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema ramificans	MDF188	A. Yánez 1518	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema ramificans	MDF190	A. Yánez 1521	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema ramificans	MDF193	A. Yánez 1534	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	1
Dictyonema ramificans	MDF194	A. Yánez 1539	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema subobscuratum	MDF034	M. Dal-Forno 1181	Galapagos, SANTA CRUZ	1	0
Dictyonema subobscuratum	MDF179	F. Bungartz 9549*	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	1
Dictyonema subobscuratum	MDF180	F. Bungartz 9550	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	0
Dictyonema subobscuratum	MDF181	F. Bungartz 9551	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	0
Dictyonema subobscuratum	MDF182	F. Bungartz 9552	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	0
Dictyonema subobscuratum	MDF196	A. Yánez 2058	Galapagos, FLOREANA	1	1
			Total=	90	27

Table 7 - Specimens included in Subset 1 Country abbreviation key available in Table 8

Control #	Genus	epithet	Country*	Collector	Collector #	GenBank# ITS	GenBank# nuLSU
DIC050	Cyphellostereum	nitidum	BOLI	RivasPlata	1130		EU825970
DIC051	Cora	squamiformis	BOLI	Luecking	23500		EU825969
DIC052	Cora	spec	BOLI	Luecking	23564		EU825964
DIC053	Dictyonema	aeruginosulum	CORI	Nelsen	3754	EU825955	EU825955
DIC054	Dictyonema	aeruginosulum	CORI	WillWolf	12733		EU825954
DIC055	Dictyonema	schenkianum	CORI	Luecking	15340	EU825978	EU825978
DIC056	Cora	byssoidea	CORI	Luecking	15581	EU825958	EU825958
DIC057	Dictyonema	sericeum4	CORI	Luecking	16561	EU825975	EU825975
DIC058	Cora	spec	CORI	Luecking	16563	EU825956	EU825956
DIC059	Dictyonema	subschenkianum	CORI	Luecking	17200	EU825972	EU825972
DIC060	Acantholichen	sorediatus	CORI	Sipman	48329		EU825952.2
DIC061	Cyphellostereum	phyllogenum	CORI	Luecking	15207a		EU825971
DIC062	Dictyonema	hernandezii	CORI	Luecking	15243a	EU825966	EU825966
DIC063	Cora	minor	CORI	unkn	isotype	EU825968.2	EU825968
DIC064	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	Bungartz	5593	EU825953.2	EU825953.2
DIC065	Dictyonema	interruptum	MADE	unkn	10475		EU825967
DIC066	Cora	arachnoidea	MEXI	Luecking	17538		EU825957
DIC100	Dictyonema	sericeum1	PERU	unkn	sn	NEW	NEW
DIC104	Cora	aspera	PERU	unkn	sn	KJ802408	NEW
DIC105	Cora	strigosa	PERU	unkn	sn	KJ802410	NEW
DIC106	Cora	glabrata3	PERU	unkn	sn	KJ780364	NEW
DIC107	Cora	strigosa	PERU	Paz	3	KF443241	KF443274
DIC108	Cora	squamiformis	PERU	unkn	sn	KJ780365.2	NEW
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DIC110	Cora	aspera	BOLI	Luecking	29128	KF443230	KF443267
DIC111	Cora	glabrata	BOLI	Luecking	29364	KJ780368	NEW
DIC112	Cora	glabrata	BOLI	Luecking	29356	KJ780369	NEW
DIC113	Dictyonema	schenkianum	BRAZ	Luecking	30062	KF443225	KF443251

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DIC114	Dictyonema	thelephora	BRAZ	Luecking	30060	NEW	NEW
DIC115	Cyphellostereum	imperfectum	GUAT	Luecking	25588	KF443218	KF443243
DIC116	Dictyonema	spongiosum	GUAT	Luecking	25551b	KF443228	KF443254
DIC118	Dictyonema	metallicum	ECUA	Luecking	26203		NEW
DIC119	Cora	subreticulifera	ECUA	Luecking	26201	KF443239	KF443269
DIC120	Dictyonema	spongiosum	ECUA	Luecking	26200		NEW
DIC121	Dictyonema	spongiosum	GUAT	Luecking	25561	NEW	NEW
DIC122	Dictyonema	immersum	ECUA	Luecking	26258 26255	KF443221	KF443246
DIC123	Dictyonema	metallicum	ECUA	Luecking Lumbsch		KF443222	KF443248
DIC125 DIC126	Dictyonema Dictyonema	irpicinum obscuratum	FIJI BRAZ	Luecking	19837e 23025	NEW KF443223	KF443247 KF443249
DIC126 DIC127	Cvphellostereum	membranaceoides	PHIL	RivasPlata	23023	NEW	NEW
DIC127 DIC128	Cyphellostereum	membranaceonaes	PHIL	RivasPlata	2138	NEW	NEW
DIC128	Dictvonema	irpicinellum	PHIL	RivasPlata	2143	NEW	NEW
DIC129	Cyphellostereum	membranaceum	PHIL	RivasPlata	2183	NEW	KF443245
DIC130a DIC131	Dictyonema	obscuratum	BRAZ	Luecking	23041	NEW	NEW
DIC131	Dictyonema	obscuratum	BRAZ	Luecking	23204	NEW	NEW
DIC133	Dictyonema	sericeum2	BOLI	Wilk	9327	NEW	NEW
DIC135	Cora	squamiformis	BOLI	unkn	2607	KJ780370	NEW
DIC136	Dictyonema	discocarpum	BOLI	unkn	4788	KF443227	KF443253
DIC138	Dictyonema	hapteriferum	BOLI	Wilk	8868	KF443226	KF443252
DIC140	Cora	subarachnoidea	BOLI	Luecking	2780a	KJ802420	NEW
DIC141	Cora	aspera	BOLI	Luecking	2780b	KF443231	NEW
DIC144	Cora	squamiformis	BOLI	Wilk	7434	KJ780371	NEW
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DIC147	Cora	squamiformis	BOLI	Wilk	7587	KJ802423	NEW
DIC148	Cora	squamiformis	BOLI	Wilk	7446	KJ780373	NEW
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DIC150	Cora	inversa	COLO	Luecking	sn	KJ780374	NEW
DIC151	Cora	byssoidea	COLO	Luecking	25901	KF443234	KF443268
DIC152	Cora	hirsuta	COLO	Luecking	sn	KF443235	KF443270
DIC154	Cora	inversa	COLO	Luecking	sn	KF443237	NEW
DIC156	Dictyonema	phyllophilum	FIJI	Lumbsch	19812	KF443224	KF443250
DIC157	Cyphellostereum	membranaceum	FIJI	Lumbsch	19811b		NEW
DIC158	Cyphellostereum	phyllogenum	FIJI	Lumbsch	sn	KF443219	KF443244
DIC200	Cora	squamiformis	ECUA	Luecking	sn	KJ780376	NEW
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DIC202	Cora	squamiformis	ECUA	Luecking	sn	KJ780378	NEW
DIC203	Cora	squamiformis	ECUA	Luecking	sn	KJ780379	NEW
DIC204	Cora	undulata	ECUA ECUA	Luccking	sn	KJ780380	NEW
DIC205 DIC209	Cora Cora	sp undulata	ECUA	Luecking Luecking	sn	KJ780381 KJ780382	NEW NEW
DIC209 DIC210	Cora Cora	unauiata undulata	ECUA	Luecking	sn sn	KJ780382 KJ780383	NEW
DIC210 DIC213	Cora	undulata	ECUA	Lucking	sn	NEW	NEW
DIC213 DIC214	Cora	undulata	ECUA	Luecking		NEW	NEW
DIC214 DIC215	Cora	undulata	ECUA	Luecking	sn sn	KF443238	KF443275
DIC215	Cora	undulata	ECUA	Luecking	sn	KJ780384	NEW
DIC210 DIC217	Cora	undulata	ECUA	Luccking	sn	KJ780384 KJ780385	NEW
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DIC234	Cora	undulata	ECUA	Paredes	653	KJ780389	NEW
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DIC237	Cora	squamiformis	ECUA	Paredes	62	KJ780391	NEW
DIC238	Cora	sp	ECUA	Ceron	38530	KJ780392	NEW
DIC241	Cora	undulata	ECUA	Paredes	41	KJ780393	NEW
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DIC254	Cora	sp	ECUA	Nugra	863	KJ780398	NEW
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DIC265	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	Luecking	31330		NEW
DIC266	Cora	sp	BRAZ	Luecking	31351a	KJ780401	NEW

DIC268	Cora	sp	BRAZ	Luecking	31353		NEW
DIC277	Cora	sorediata	VENE	Hernandez	1777		NEW
DIC278	Cora	undulata	VENE	Hernandez	1778	KJ780402	NEW
DIC279	Cora	arachnoidea	VENE	Hernandez	1779	KF443232	KF443266
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DIC305	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32705	KJ780409	NEW
DIC307	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32707	KJ780410	NEW
DIC308	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32708	KJ780411	NEW
DIC309	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32709		NEW
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DIC315	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32715	KJ780417	NEW
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DIC319	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32719	KJ780421	NEW
DIC320	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32720	KJ780422	NEW
DIC321	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32721	KJ780423	NEW
DIC322	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32722	KJ780424	NEW
DIC323	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32723	KJ780425	NEW
DIC324	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	32724	KJ780426	NEW
DIC330	Dictyonema	sp	CORI	Luecking	17252i	NEW	NEW
DIC331	Dictyonema	aeruginosulum	CORI	Trest	1569	NEW	NEW
DIC333	Dictyonema	phyllogenum	CORI	Luecking	17013	NEW	NEW
DIC334	Dictyonema	Luecking	CORI	Luecking	15327	NEW	NEW
DIC335	Acantholichen	sorediatus	CORI	Luecking	sn	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
DIC336	Dictyonema	sp	CORI	Amtoft	3095	NEW	NEW
DIC337	Dictyonema	Luecking	CORI	Luecking	18008	NEW	NEW
DIC338	Dictyonema	Luecking	CORI	Luecking	15353	NEW	NEW
DIC339	Dictyonema	Luecking	CORI	Luecking	18053	NEW	NEW
DIC341	Dictyonema	barbatum	GALA	Bungartz	8363	NEW	NEW
DIC342	Dictyonema	barbatum	GALA	Bungartz	6852	NEW	NEW
DIC343	Cora	galapagoensis	GALA	Aptroot	65557	NEW	NEW
DIC344	Dictyonema	barbatum	GALA	Bungartz	8576	NEW	NEW
DIC345	Cora	galapagoensis	GALA	Bungartz	4831	NEW	NEW
DIC346	Dictyonema	barbatum	GALA	Aptroot	65186	NEW	NEW
DIC348	Cora	santacruzensis	GALA	Bungartz	5594	NEW	NEW
DIC349	Dictyonema	barbatum	GALA	Truong	1275	NEW	NEW
DIC350	Dictyonema	barbatum	GALA	Bungartz	6906	NEW	NEW
DIC522	Cora	sp	COLO	Luecking	33347	NEW	NEW
DIC595b	Acantholichen	campestris	BRAZ	Spielmann	10243b	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF017	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	DalForno	1271	KF443229	KF443255
MDF018	Corella	sp	BRAZ	DalForno	1272	NEW	NEW
MDF019	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	DalForno	1280	KJ802432	NEW
MDF020	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	DalForno	1281	KJ802435	NEW
MDF021	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	DalForno	1282	KJ802436	NEW
MDF022	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	DalForno	1283	KJ802439	NEW
MDF023	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	DalForno	1284	KJ802441	NEW
MDF024	Corella	brasiliensis	BRAZ	DalForno	1285	KJ802443	NEW
MDF025	Dictyonema	pectinatum	GALA	DalForno	1170	NEW Charatan 5	NEW
MDF057	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	DalForno	1204	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF058	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	DalForno	1205	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF064	Dictyonema	bungartziana	GALA	DalForno	1211	NEW	NEW
MDF066	Dictyonema	ramificans	GALA	DalForno	1214	NEW	NEW
MDF071	Dictyonema	pectinatum	GALA	DalForno	1221	NEW	NEW
MDF089	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	Aptroot	64679	Chapter 5	Chapter 5

MDF090	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	Bungartz	4125	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF093	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	Nugra	400	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF094	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	Nugra	379	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF100	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	GALA	Bungartz	8152	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF120	Cyphellostereum	galapagoense	GALA	Bungartz	8517	NEW	NEW
<b>MDF176</b>	Cyphellostereum	floreanum	GALA	Bungartz	9475	NEW	NEW
MDF179	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	GALA	Bungartz	9549	NEW	NEW
MDF193	Dictyonema	ramificans	GALA	Yánez	1534	NEW	NEW
MDF196	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	GALA	Yánez	2058	NEW	NEW
MDF200	Corella	lobulifera	BRAZ	Eliasaro	5006	KJ780569	NEW
MDF202	Corella	affzahlbruckneri	BRAZ	Beilke	623	KJ780570	NEW
MDF352	Acantholichen	pannarioides	CORI	DalForno	1752	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF410	Dictyonema	bungartziana	GALA	Spielmann	10621	NEW	NEW
MDF543	Acantholichen	albomarginatus	BRAZ	DalForno	2043	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
MDF643	Cora	itabaiana	BRAZ	DalForno	2138	NEW	NEW
<b>MDF679</b>	Acantholichen	variabilis	COLO	Coca	5209	Chapter 5	Chapter 5
OUTGROUP	Eonema	pyriformis	SWED	Hjm	18581	EU118605	EU118605
R01	Dictyonema	thelephora	CORI	Luecking	sn	EU825973	EU825973
R02	Dictyonema	thelephora	CORI	Luecking	sn	EU825974	EU825974
R04	Cyphellostereum	pusiolum	CORI	Luecking	sn	EU825976	EU825976
R06	Cora	hymenocarpa	CORI	Luecking	sn	EU825959	EU825959
R07	Dictyonema	schenkianoides	CORI	Luecking	sn		NEW
R08	Dictyonema	hernandezii	CORI	Luecking	sn		EU825965
R10	Dictyonema	hernandezii	CORI	Luecking	sn	EU825977	EU825977
R11	Cora	asperoides	CORI	Luecking	21016	EU825960	EU825960
R14	Dictyonema	hernandezii	CORI	Luecking	sn		NEW
R18	Cora	wilsoniorum	CORI	Luecking	sn		EU825961
R19	Cora	arachnoidea	CORI	Luecking	sn	EU825961	EU825962
R20	Cora	undulata	CORI	Luecking	sn	EU825963	EU825963

Table 8 - Subset 1, sequences distributed by country

Country	Abbreviation	LSU	ITS
Bolivia	BOLI	18	15
Brazil	BRAZ	22	20
Colombia	COLO	31	29
Costa Rica	CORI	33	26
Ecuador (continental)	ECUA	32	30
Fiji	FIJI	4	3
Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)	GALA	27	27
Guatemala	GUAT	3	3
Madeira (Portugal)	MADE	1	0
Mexico	MEXI	1	0
Peru	PERU	6	6
Philippines	PHIL	4	3
Venezuela	VENE	6	5
	OUTGROUP	1	1
Total = 13		189	168

Table 9 - Subset 2, sequences distributed by country

Country	Abbreviation	ITS
Bolivia	BOLI	14
Brazil	BRAZ	115
Colombia	COLO	53
Costa Rica	CORI	66
Chile	CHILE	10
Ecuador (continental)	ECUA	76
Fiji	FIJI	3
Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)	GALA	90
Guatemala	GUAT	3
Hawaii	HAWA	25
Korea	KOREA	1
Mascarene Islands (France)	MASC	4
Mexico	MEXI	1
New Zealand	NEWZE	1
Peru	PERU	8
Philippines	PHIL	1
Puerto Rico	PUERI	8
United States	USA	4
Venezuela	VENE	6
	OUTGROUP	8
Total = 19		497

Table 10 - Number of ITS sequences per genus (and outgroup)

	ITS
Acantholichen	16
Cora	222
Corella	14
Cyphellostereum	38
Dictyonema	199
Outgroup	8
Total =	497

Table 11 - Summary of information gathered for each marker and combined dataset (concatenated) for Subset 1 The nuLSU and the ITS sequences overlap (see http://sites.biology.duke.edu/fungi/mycolab/primers.htm), and therefore the number of base pairs in the concatenated data set is less than the individual markers combined. Bold text represents phylogenetic trees displayed in this chapter. For all other trees, please see Appendix 10

	ITS	nuLSU	Concatenated
Subset 1 – Guidance Score	0.870305	0.996101	0.962072
Subset 1 – Treatment 1 (full	963 bp	1472 bp	2388 bp
MSA)			
Subset 1 – Treatment 2	515 bp	1436 bp	1890 bp (498
(columns with score below	(448 columns	(36 columns	columns removed)
0.93 removed)	removed)	removed)	
Subset 1 – Treatment 3	348 bp	1407 bp	1504 bp (884
(columns with score below	(615 columns	(65 columns	columns removed)
1.00 removed)	removed)	removed)	
Subset 1 – Total ML trees	3	3	3

Table 12 - Summary of information gathered for the ITS marker for Subset 2

Bold text represents the only phylogenetic trees displayed in this chapter. For all other trees, please see Appendix 10

	ITS
Subset 2 – Guidance Score	0.831294
Subset 2 – <b>Treatment 1 (full MSA)</b>	1208 bp
Subset 2 – Treatment 2	521 bp
(columns with score below 0.93 removed)	
Subset 2 – Treatment 3	553 bp
(columns with score below 0.90 removed)	
Subset 2 – Treatment 4	661 bp
(columns with score below 0.70 removed)	
Subset 2 – Total ML trees	4

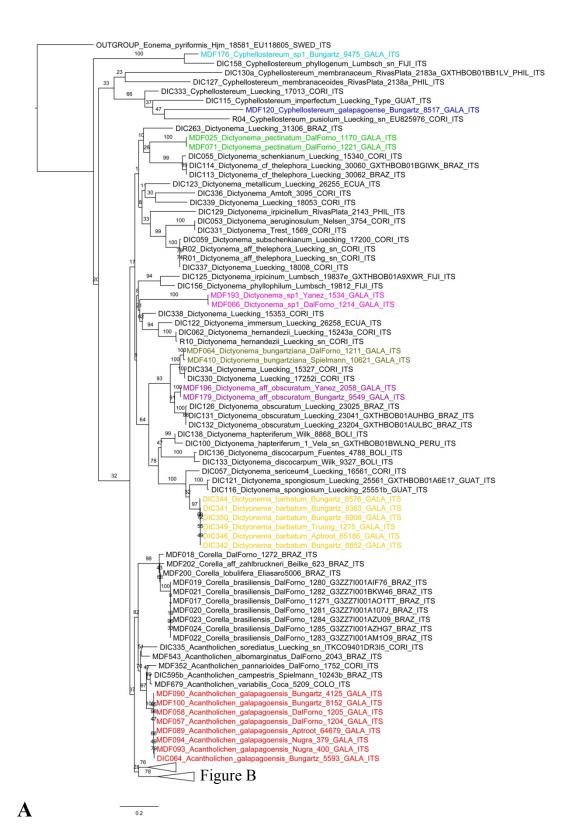
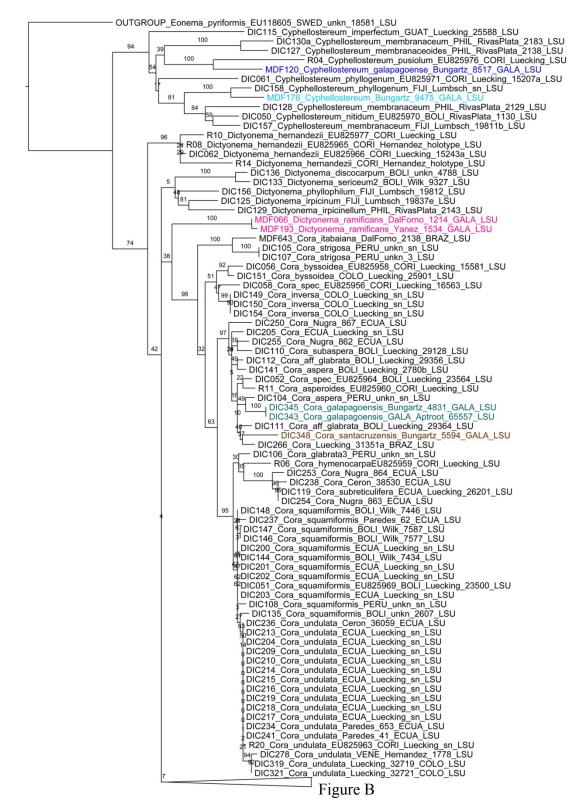




Figure 12 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML with RAxML for the ITS marker with the Subset 1 Treatment 1



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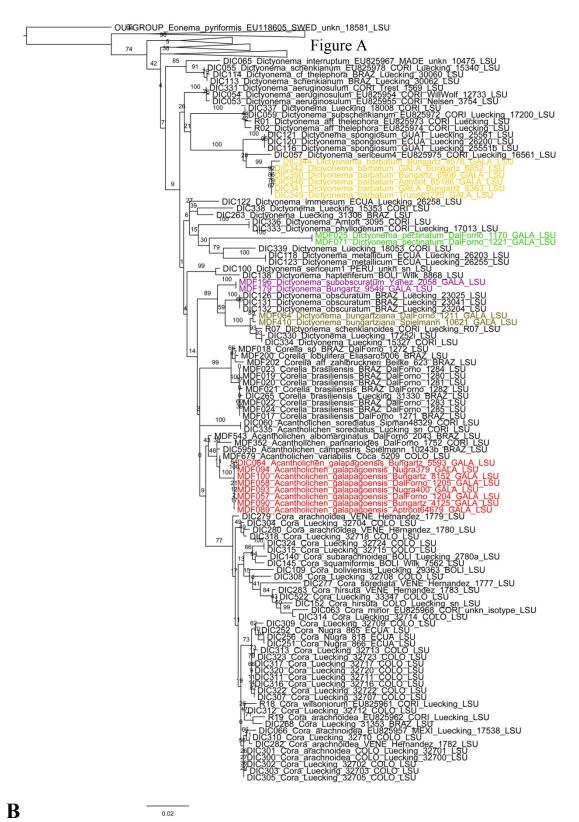


Figure 13 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML with RAxML for the nuLSU marker with the Subset 1 Treatment 1



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Figure 14 - Phylogeny (ITS + nuLSU) of *Dictyonema* obtained under ML with the Subset 1 Treatment 1 Branches are thickened for all bootstrap (BS) values  $\geq 70$ . Branches involving Galapagos specimens have their exact BS value (if  $\geq 70$ ) displayed as well as Bayesian posterior probabilities  $\geq 0.95$ 

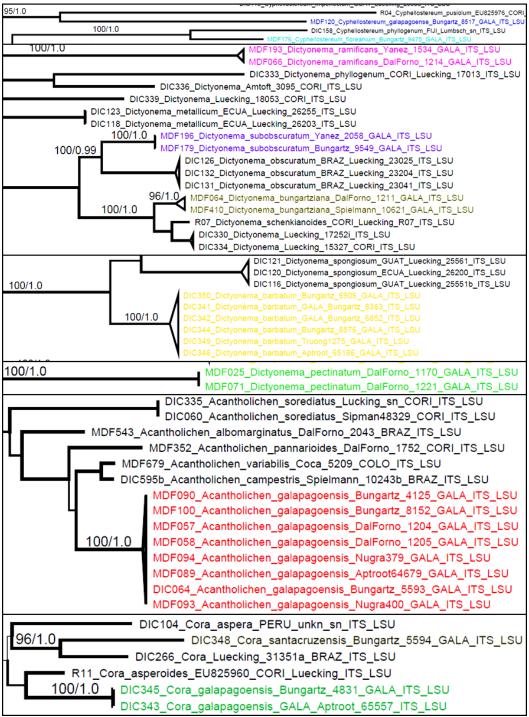
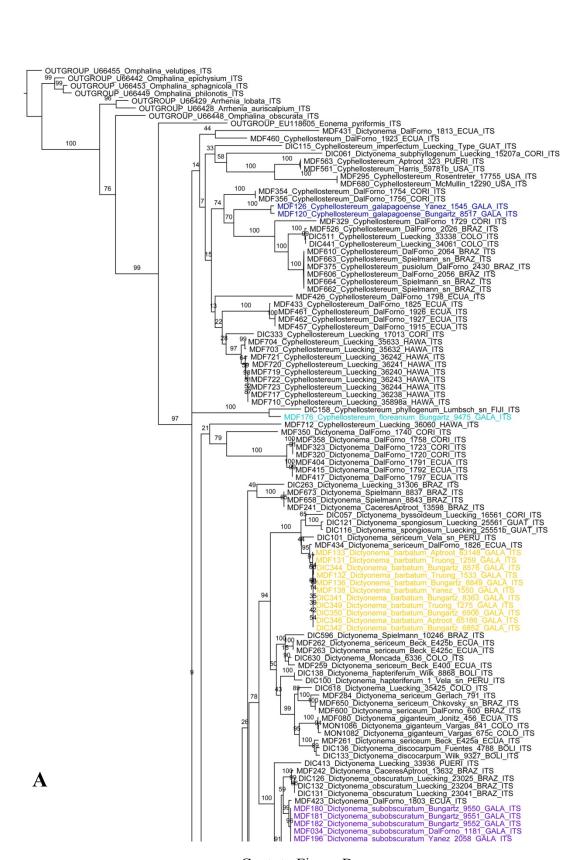
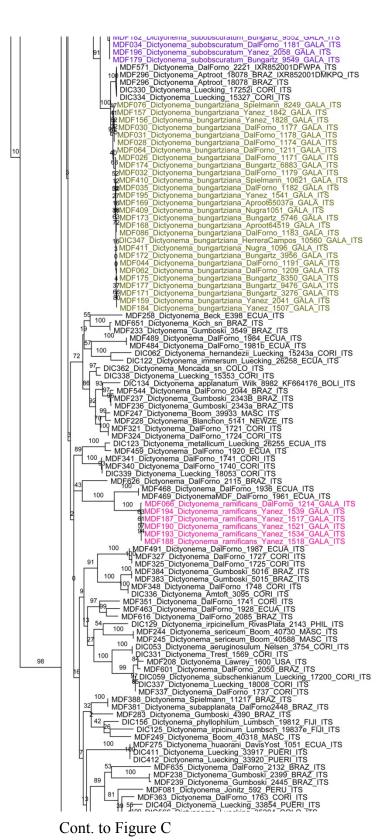


Figure 15 - Expanded view from Figure 14 (Subset 1 – Concatenated data Treatment 1) showing branches with Galapagos specimens

Branches are thickened for all bootstrap (BS) values  $\geq 70$ . Branches involving Galapagos specimens have their exact BS value (if  $\geq 70$ ) displayed as well as Bayesian posterior probabilities  $\geq 0.95$  (ML tree)

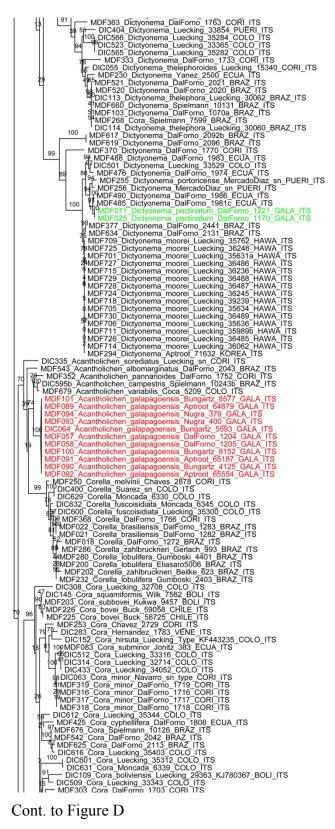


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Figure 16 - Phylogenetic tree of *Dictyonema* obtained under ML with the Subset 2 (Treatement 1)

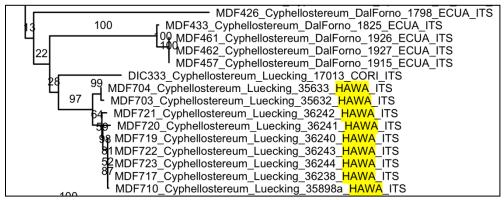


Figure 17 - Branching pattern of an undescribed species of *Cyphellostereum* from Hawaii, indicating a single colonization event and subsequent possible radiation

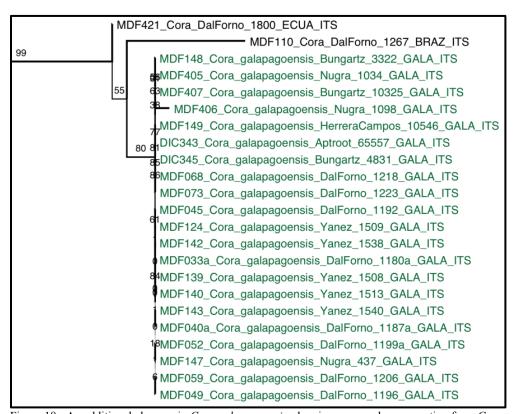


Figure 18 - An additional close up in *Cora galapagoensis*, showing a more clear separation from *Cora* sp. 1 from Brazil (MDF110) and *Cora* sp. 2 from Ecuador (MDF421) in Subset 2

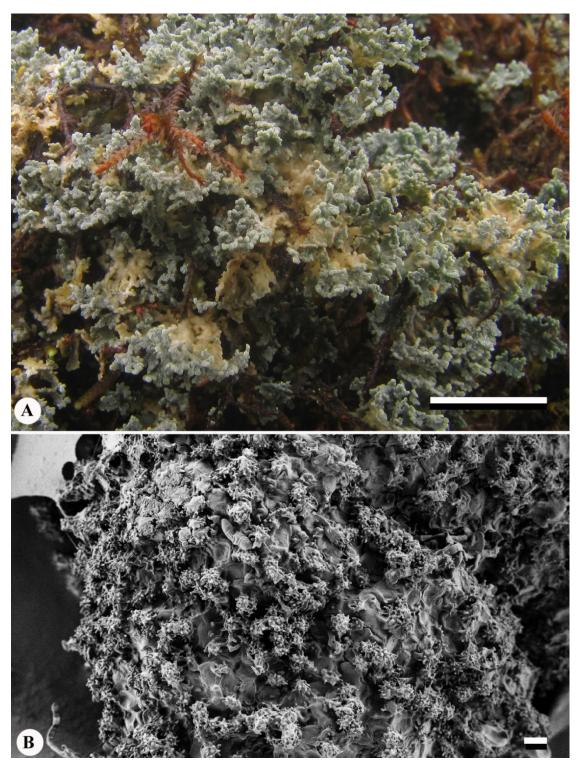


Figure 19 - Acantholichen galapagoensis (holotype, M. Dal-Forno 1205) A- Habit of the species (scale bar = 1 cm); B- SEM image showing thallus surface covered with acanthohyphidia (scale bar =  $10~\mu m$ ). Photo A by Robert Lücking, photo B by Morgan Gostel

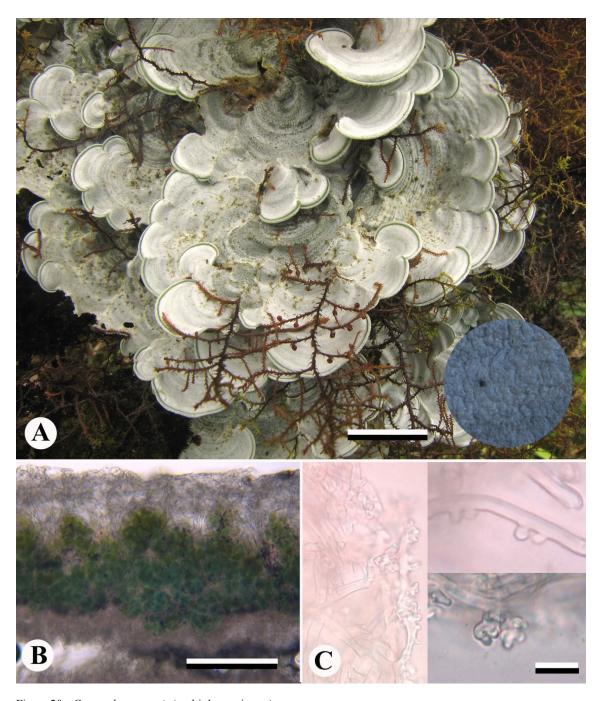


Figure 20 - Cora galapagoensis (multiple specimens) A- Habit of the species (M. Dal-Forno 1180a, scale bar = 2 cm), inlet showing the texture of the upper surface (elephant skin). B- Cross section showing the thallus layers, note the lose hyphae from the cortex (F. Nugra 1034, scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m) . C- Montage showing the different hyphae "sprouting", multiple specimens (scale = 6  $\mu$ m). Photo A by Robert Lücking

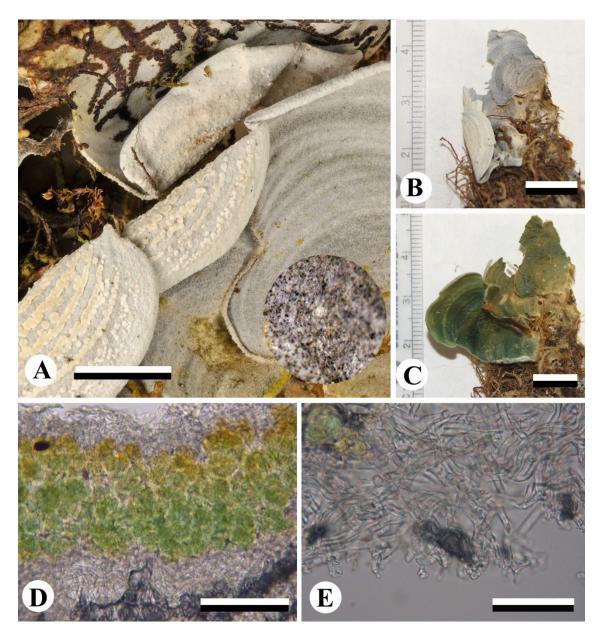


Figure 21 - *Cora santacruzensis* (all A. Yánez 1547) A- Close up showing upper and lower sides, the later with hymenophores, inlet showing the texture of the upper surface (scale bar = 1cm). B- Isotype dry (scale bar = 1cm). C- Isotype wetted in the laboratory after 4 years of collecting (scale bar = 1cm). D- Cross section showing the layers, note the thinner cortex (scale bar =  $100 \mu m$ ). E-Medullar hyphae "sprouting" (scale bar =  $100 \mu m$ ). Photo A by Frank Bungartz

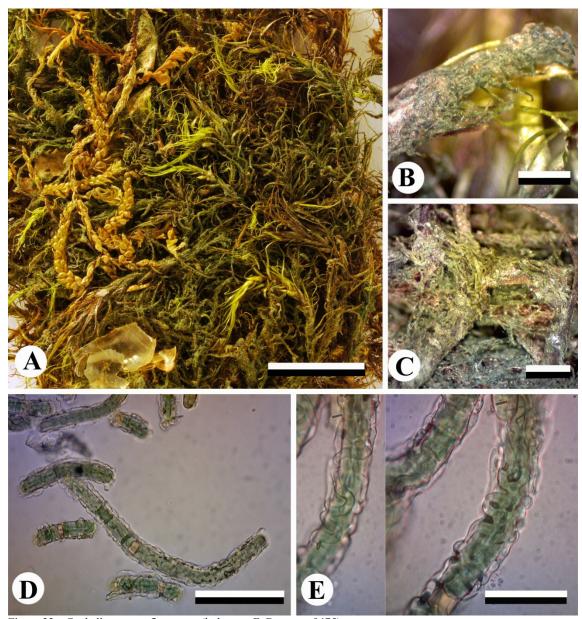


Figure 22 - Cyphellostereum floreanum (holotype, F. Bungartz 9475) A- Habit of the species, growing on bryophytes (scale bar = 1cm). B, C- Close up of the thallus, showing fibrils loosely attached and not very dense (scale bar = 1mm). D- Fibrils general appearance  $40\times$  (scale bar =  $60\,\mu$ m). E- Fibrils showing the fungal sheath around the cyanobacteria, note that despite dense, fungal sheath do not completely cover the cyanobacterial cells  $100\times$  (scale bar =  $40\,\mu$ m)

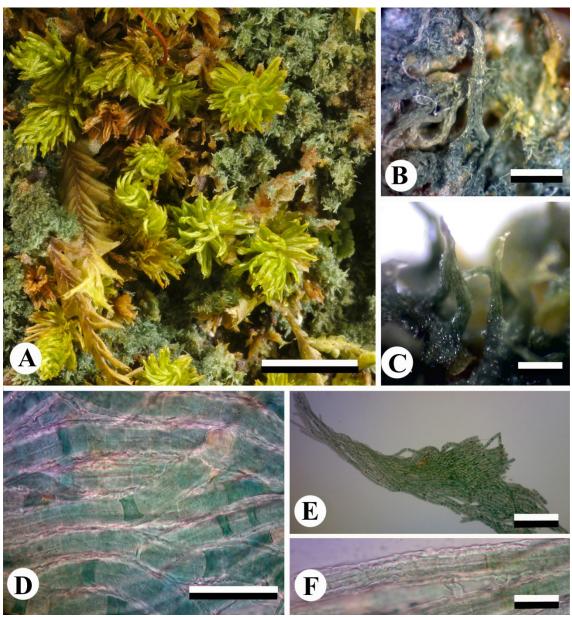


Figure 23 - *Cyphellostereum galapagoense* (all F. Bungartz 8517) A- Habit of the species (scale bar = 5 mm). B,C- Dry and wetted specimen, respectively, showing fibrils condensed (scale bar = 0,5 mm). D- Arrangement of the fibrils  $40 \times$  (scale bar = 60  $\mu$ m). E- Arrangement of the fibrils  $10 \times$  (scale bar = 200  $\mu$ m). F- Close up showing fungal sheath (scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m). Photo A by Frank Bungartz

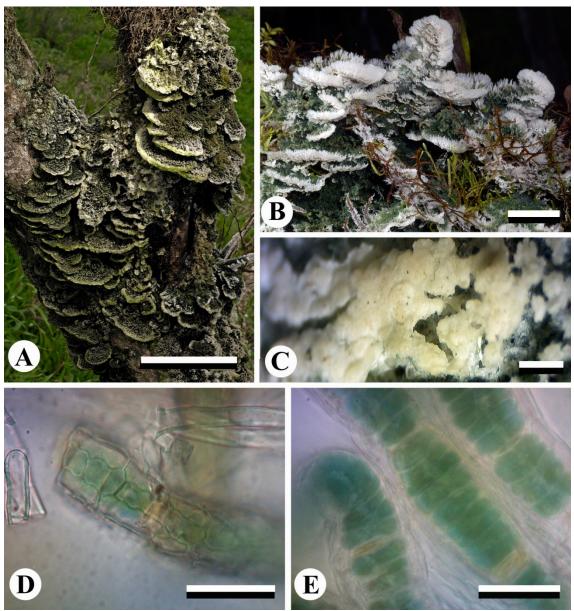


Figure 24 - *Dictyonema barbatum* (multiple specimens)
A- Specimen growing conspicuously in Isabela (F. Bungartz 4127, scale bar = 15 cm). B- General aspect of shelves of the species (F. Bungartz 6906, scale bar = 3cm). C- Close up showing the white to beige continuous hymenophore (C. Truong 1259, scale bar = 1 mm). D- Loose hyphae and fungal sheath hyphae, note the different shapes  $100 \times$  (F. Bungartz 6849, scale bar = 30  $\mu$ m). E- Cyanobacterial cells involved in fungal sheath  $100 \times$  (F. Bungartz 6849, scale bar = 25  $\mu$ m). Photos A and B by Frank Bungartz

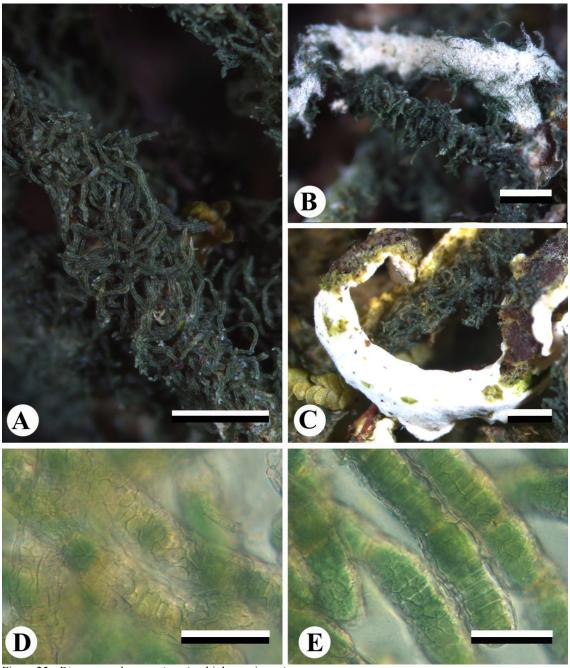


Figure 25 - Dictyonema bungartziana (multiple specimens) A, B- General aspect of the erect fibrils of the species (A - M. Dal-Forno 1182, scale bar = 1 mm, B - M. Dal-Forno 1183, scale bar = 2 mm) C- Stereoid hymenophore (M. Dal-Forno 1209, scale bar = 2 mm). D, E- Cyanobacterial cells involved in fungal sheath  $40 \times$  (M. Dal-Forno 1174, scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m)

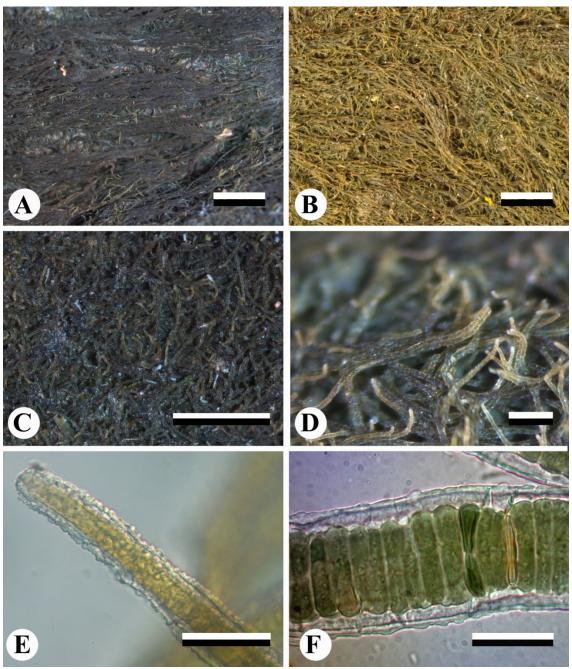


Figure 26 - Dictyonema pectinatum (multiple specimens)

A,B – General aspect of combed fibrils of the species in two different lighting conditions (M. Dal-Forno 1170, scale bar = 4 mm). C- General aspect of the fibrils in parts of the thallus where the fibrils do not have the combed appearance, note the lighter tips (M. Dal-Forno 1221, scale bar = 2 mm). D- Close up showing the lighter tips of the fibrils in stereoscope (M. Dal-Forno 1170, scale bar = 0.7 mm). E- Close up showing the lighter tips of the fibrils in light microscope (M. Dal-Forno 1170, scale bar = 25  $\mu$ m). E- Cyanobacterial cells involved in fungal sheath  $100\times$  (M. Dal-Forno 1221, scale bar = 30  $\mu$ m). Photo B by Frank Bungartz

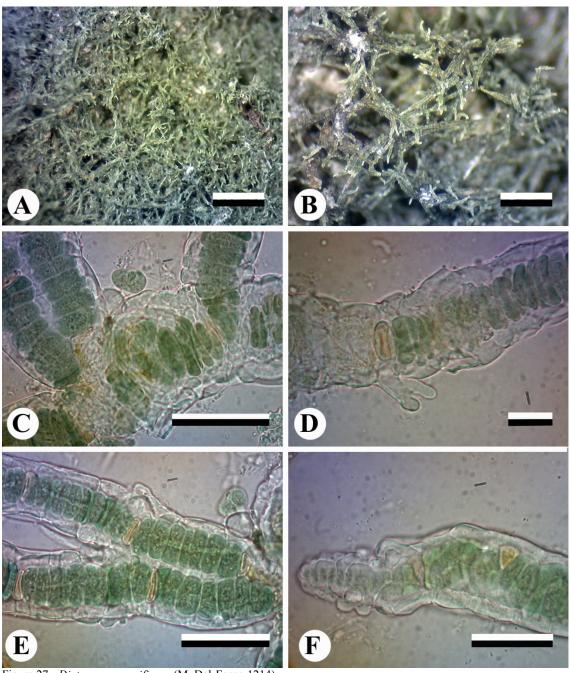


Figure 27 - Dictyonema ramificans (M. Dal-Forno 1214) A - General aspect of fibrils (scale bar = 1 mm). B - Arachnoid arrangement of the fibrils (scale bar = 0,5 mm). C - Many fibrils growing together  $100\times$  (scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m). D - The beginning of a lateral ramification  $100\times$  (scale bar = 15  $\mu$ m). E - Two fibrils connected by fungal sheath, also note the haustoria  $100\times$  (scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m). F- Ornamented hyphae from fungal sheath towards the tip of a fibril  $100\times$  (scale bar = 25  $\mu$ m)

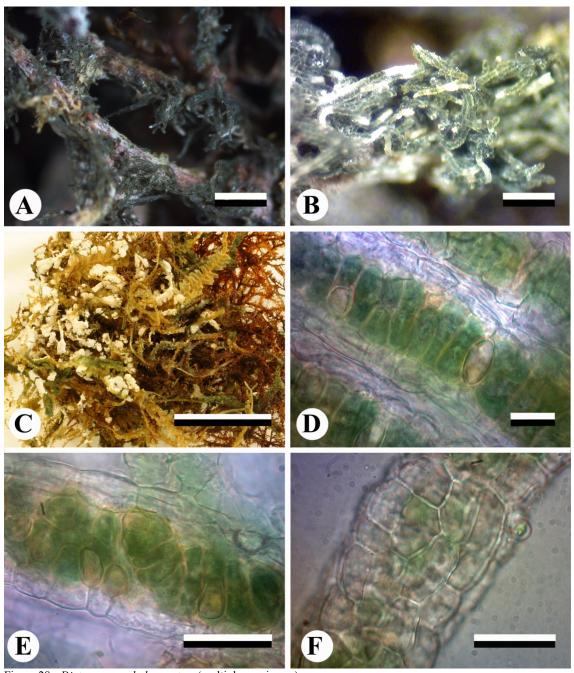


Figure 28 - *Dictyonema subobscuratum* (multiple specimens) A, B - General aspect of fibrils (M. Dal-Forno 1181, scale bar = 1 mm, and 0.25 mm, respectively). C- Thallus growing on bryophytes showing abundant white hymenophore (F. Bungartz 9550, scale bar = 1.5 cm). D, E - Close up showing the longitudinally divided cells  $100 \times$  (F. Bungartz 9551, scale bar = 15  $\mu$ m, and 25  $\mu$ m, respectively). F-Angular variable hyphae from fungal sheath  $100 \times$  (F. Bungartz 9551, scale bar = 25  $\mu$ m). Photo B by Frank Bungartz

Table 13 - Specimens from Subset 2

Control #	Genus	epithet	Collector #	Collector # or Strain	Country	GB # ITS
DIC053	Dictyonema	aeruginosulum	Nelsen	3754	CORI	
DIC055	Dictyonema	thelephoroides	Luecking	15340	CORI	
DIC056	Cora	byssoidea	Luecking	15581	CORI	EU825958
DIC057	Dictyonema	byssoideum	Luecking	16561	CORI	
DIC058	Cora	spec	Luecking	16563	CORI	EU825956
DIC059	Dictyonema	subschenkianum	Luecking	17200	CORI	
DIC061	Dictyonema	subphyllogenum	Luecking	15207a	CORI	
DIC062	Dictyonema	hernandezii	Luecking	15243a	CORI	
DIC063	Cora	minor	Navarro	sn	CORI	
DIC064	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Bungartz	5593	GALA	
DIC100	Dictyonema	hapteriferum	Vela	sn	PERU	
DIC101	Dictyonema	sericeum	Vela	sn	PERU	*****
DIC104	Cora	tenuis	Vela	sn	PERU	KJ802408
DIC105	Cora	strigosa	Jihuallanca	sn	PERU	KJ802410
DIC106	Cora	pseudoreticulifera	Farfan	sn	PERU	KJ780364
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DIC108	Cora	squamiformis	unknown	sn	PERU	
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DIC114	Dictyonema	thelephora	Luecking	30060	BRAZ	
DIC115	Cyphellostereum	imperfectum	Luecking	Type	GUAT	
DIC116	Dictyonema	spongiosum	Luecking	25551b	GUAT	
DIC119	Cora	subreticulifera	Luecking	26201	ECUA	KF443239
DIC121	Dictyonema	spongiosum	Luecking	25561	GUAT	
DIC122	Dictyonema	immersum	Luecking	26258	ECUA	
DIC123	Dictyonema	metallicum	Luecking	26255	ECUA	
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DIC126	Dictyonema	obscuratum	Luecking	23025	BRAZ	
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MDF229	Cora	stereoides	Yánez	2462	ECUA
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Chapter 5 – Photobiont versus mycobiont diversity: A case study of the lichen symbiosis in the *Dictyonema* clade

## Abstract

Based on recent phylogenetic studies of the basidiolichen clade *Dictyonema* s.l., 63 species are now accepted in five genera, with hundreds of species remaining to be described. The identified photobionts of these species are members of a remarkable clade of cyanobacteria called *Rhizonema*, which may be entirely lichenized. To test this hypothesis, we obtained 16S rDNA sequences generated through multi-tag pyrosequencing (MTPS) from 560 specimens representing all major clades within Dictyonema s.l., and an additional 21 ascolichens suspected to contain Rhizonema, collected from Bolivia, Brazil, Canary Islands (Tenerife), Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador (continental), Fiji, Galapagos Islands, Guatemala, Mascarene Islands (La Reunión), Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Thailand, and Venezuela. All of the samples were found to harbor the *Rhizonema* photobiont and most contained more than one haplotype of *Rhizonema*. Initial alignments of the sequences suggested two main clusters of *Rhizonema* across all specimens, and maximum likelihood and TCS network analyses confirmed this result. We are interpreting these as two separate lineages of *Rhizonema*, and each is represented by a relatively large number of

haplotypes. There is no indication of photobiont-mycobiont co-evolution at the species level in any of the clades of *Dictyonema* s.l. However, one of the two lineages of *Rhizonema* (Lineage 2) appears to partner primarily with one of the *Cora* clades collected from northern Andean locations. The other *Rhizonema* lineage (1) is represented by a much larger number of haplotypes and these appear to partner with mycobionts from many *Dictyonema* clades, likely representing the ancestral *Rhizonema* clade within these lichens. Overall, our results show that the diversity of photobionts is far lower than that of the mycobionts, a view that lends support to a previously published hypothesis concerning photobiont sharing in the clade.

## Introduction

Lichens are the result of a symbiotic interaction between a fungus (mycobiont) and one or more photosynthetic components (photobiont), which can be green algae and/or cyanobacteria (Ahmadjian, 1993; Nash, 1996; Purvis, 2000). Lichens are a neither a biological nor a systematic group, but an artificial classification based on a nutritional strategy (Kirk et al., 2008). For nomenclatural purposes, names given to lichens apply to the fungal component, this according to the International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (Chapter II, Section 4, Article 13.1(d) 2011).

Far more research has been done on the phylogenetic relationships of lichen fungi than lichen photobionts (review of early research by DePriest, 2004; some examples: Ertz et al., 2008; Hodkinson et al., 2014; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lutzoni et al., 2001; Nelsen et

al., 2009; Redhead et al., 2002), and even less on the combined analysis of both partners together. Among the studies that have analyzed both components is the pioneering work of Piercey-Normore and DePriest (2001), who for the first time reconstructed the evolutionary histories of both partners of a number of *Cladonia* lichens to see if there was evidence for co-speciation in these associations. Although they found no evidence for co-speciation, they did find evidence for switching of algal genotypes among the *Cladonia* mycobionts.

Additional studies done since then (Nelsen and Gargas, 2008; Piercey-Normore, 2006; Zoller and Lutzoni, 2003) have also generally failed to indicate any co-speciation, but all show evidence of photobiont switching or sharing among mycobionts, an idea made earlier by Trevor Goward (1994), who stated that "lichens are fungi that have taken up agriculture". His idea is that despite the thousands of species of lichen-forming fungi known, ca. 18,000 (Lücking et al., 2009b), there are far fewer species of photobionts (Ahmadjian, 1967; Tschermak-Woess, 1988), and that the fungal partners cultivate and share only the most effective photobionts, a process not too different from agriculture (Goward, 1994; Lücking et al., 2009a). So one would expect that, of the many potential photobiont species and genotypes within species (Robertson and Piercey-Normore, 2007) available for exploitation by fungi, only certain ones will be used the most frequently and these will tend to become widely distributed among many populations and species of lichens.

Most studies of lichen photobionts have focused on chlorolichens, those that have green algae as their photobiont; studies of cyanolichens that contain cyanobacteria have

been far more limited. Rikkinen (2003) estimates that approximately 12% of lichenforming fungal species have cyanobacteria as the primary photobiont, most of them in the fungal order Peltigerales and associating with the cyanobacterial genus *Nostoc*. *Nostoc* can be involved in bi- and tripartite lichens. Bipartite lichens are stable symbioses between one type of lichen-forming fungus and one type of photobiont, while in tripartite lichens one lichen-symbiotic fungus associates simultaneously with both green algal and cyanobacterial symbionts (Rikkinen, 2015). A recent example of study involving bi- and tripartite lichens is the one of Elvebakk et al. (2008), who showed that within an individual thallus of *Pannaria*, distinct *Nostoc* strains may be present in different cephalodia.

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Peltigerales, lichenized with cyanobacteria in the Nostocales. For example, O'Brien et al.

(2005), found that lichenized *Nostoc* are closely related to *Nostoc* associated with other symbiotic relationships, such as the cycad *Cycas* and the liverwort *Blasia*. In addition, their results also indicate that photobiont sharing is common among lichen species in the Peltigerales.

Dictyonema s.l. is the largest group of basidiolichens, with 63 species currently accepted and well over hundred yet to be validly described (**Appendix 10**). The photobionts of all members of the clade are now known to be in the genus *Rhizonema* (Lücking et al., 2009a, 2014a), a novel lineage recently discovered and found to be entirely lichenized. Historically, the photobiont of *Dictyonema* s.l. was thought to be

either species of *Scytonema* in filamentous forms (*Dictyonema*, *Cyphellostereum*) or of *Chroococcus* in foliose and squamulose forms (as in *Cora* and *Corella*; summaries in Oberwinkler, 1970; Parmasto, 1978). This interpretation is understandable since free-living *Scytonema* and lichenized *Rhizonema* (e.g. in the lichen *Cyphellostereum*) are very similar morphologically (**Figure 29**). While certain species of *Scytonema* can easily be distinghuished by their lighter color and their filament morphology, others require microscopical examination to separate them from lichenized *Rhizonema* (free-living *Scytonema* lacks fungal sheath).

Earlier studies (Lücking et al., 2009a) suggested that *Rhizonema* is not exclusive to *Dictyonema*; it is also the photobiont of ascolichens such as *Coccocarpia, Leptogidium*, and *Stereocaulon*, and possibly others that have not yet been studied (Lücking et al., 2009a, 2014a; Muggia et al., 2011). There was also an indication that *Rhizonema* clades were shared among various lineages of *Dictyonema* s.l. The nature of these associations, including the specificity and diversity of the *Rhizonema* photobionts used by all of these lichens, has not yet been thoroughly investigated, however.

Lichenization, especially by basidiolichen fungi, may constrain the evolution of photobionts when lichenized. Zoller and Lutzoni (2003) compared DNA substitution rates of fungal and algal internal transcribed spacer (ITS) in the lichenized basidiomycete *Omphalina* (= *Lichenomphalia* Redhead, Lutzoni, Moncalvo & Vilgalys) and its green algal photobiont *Coccomyxa*, and found that fungal substitutions rates are much higher than those of the algae. They also found higher substitution rates for free living *Coccomyxa*, and for lineages in symbiotic associations with ascolichens in the

Peltigerales, suggesting that lichenization by itself does not necessarily constrain speciation the algae, but somehow only the ones partnering with the basidiomycete *Lichenomphalia*, indicating a strong selection for particular photobiont strains by these fungi-forming basidiomycete. This study sets the precedent for testing possible comparison between diversity of basidiolichens and their photobionts.

Given the limited amount of information about the distribution, diversity and symbiont specificity of *Rhizonema* generally, and the possibility that an association between *Dictyonema* and *Rhizonema* would result in especially low diversity of the *Rhizonema* photobiont, we set out to augment the photobiont sequence dataset of the previous work of Lücking et al. (2009a) to: (1) generate phylogenetic trees and networks to represent the quantity and frequency of haplotypes of the cyanobacterial genus *Rhizonema* of *Dictyonema* s.l., including some additional ascolichens; (2) discuss the possible reasons for differences in diversity between both partners; and (3) discuss the possibility of co-speciation, domestication and photobiont sharing, as has been done by previous authors.

## Materials and methods

## **Taxon sampling**

The dataset consisted of 560 specimens of *Acantholichen*, *Cyphellostereum*, *Cora*, *Corella* and *Dictyonema* species and 21 additional ascolichens containing *Rhizonema*, for a total of 581 specimens collected from 19 pantropical localities (**Tables 14** and **15**; for

detailed list of specimens included, please see **Table 21** at the end of the chapter). All of these were sequenced for both the mycobiont [M; nuclear ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS)] and the photobiont [P; 16S ribosomal RNA (16S)] to add to existing sequence information from Lücking et al. (2009a), representing the diversity of the symbiotic relationships of these lichens. Our much enhanced sampling, 35 times more samples, was expected to better resolve the diversity and the phylogenetic relationships of the mycobiont (M) and the photobiont (P) for the clade. Sequences representing *Eonema pyriforme* were included as the fungal outgroup based on previous studies by Dal-Forno et al. (2013) and Lawrey et al. (2009).

#### **Molecular Data**

Genomic DNA was extracted from a piece of lichenized thallus using the Bio 101 Fast DNA Spin Kit for tissue (Qbiogen, Illkirch, France) according to the manufacturer's protocol with slight modifications (**Appendix 2**). PCR, clean up and Sanger sequencing methods are those of Dal-Forno et al. (2013) (also Chapter 2 of this dissertation). Most fungal sequences of the nuclear ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS) were generated using Sanger sequencing. For that, the primers ITS5 and ITS 4 were used (White et al., 1990) (sequences of these primers in **Table 23** in **Appendix 3**), which represented the entire ITS region (ITS1, 5.8S and ITS2).

To obtain 16S data from the photobionts and also ITS from the mycobiont in cases where high quality sequences were not obtained through Sanger sequencing, we employed the pyrosequencing method (Gillevet and BioSpherex, 2006). We generated

additional representative ITS sequences for 44 fungal samples and a total of 1157 representative sequences for the photobiont 16S with a Roche 454 GS Junior following the methods of Lücking et al. (2014d) (**Appendix 7**), out of a total of approximately 750,000 reads (= sequences) obtained for all samples. The universal bacterial primers L27F and 355R were used for the 16S (Lane, 1991), which covers the initial, more variable region of the primer combination used by Lücking et al (2009a) for the photobiont. For the mycobiont, the primers ITS1F and ITS2 were used (Gardes and Bruns, 1993; White et al., 1990), which covers only the ITS1 and partial 5.8S of the ITS region. Both 454 sequencing runs (ITS and 16S) were usually performed separately to yield a higher number of reads, but since barcodes are different for the fungal and bacterial primer sets, we could also combine samples if needed into a single emulsion PCR and downstream 454 steps.

Data were analyzed by GS Junior System Software Package (Roche) with signal processing for amplicon option. Sequencing data from each pooled sample were sorted based on the barcodes (Gillevet and BioSpherex, 2006) using a custom PERL script (Gillevet et al., 2010). Thus, we were able to normalize each sample by the total number of reads from each barcode.

The 454 sequence data were then analyzed in Geneious 7.1.7 (http://www.geneious.com; Kearse et al., 2012). Each lichen specimen had hundreds to thousands of reads for each marker and the following protocol was applied to each set of sequences (ITS and 16S separately per lichen specimen): (1) Each file containing all ITS or 16S reads for one single lichen sample was dragged into Geneious and "Create

Sequence List" was selected. (2) A De Novo Assemble with High Sensitivity/slow option was performed generating a contig (ITS) or contigs (16S), which were then visualized overall. (3) A BLAST search was performed for the consensus sequence for each contig generated to confirm their identity as main mycobiont/photobiont. (4) When more than one contig was generated (mainly for the photobiont), comparisons of consensus sequences were made by a pairwise alignment. (5) A single sequence was selected that was identical to the consensus sequence for the contig with the most number of reads (contig 1, for photobiont called "primary"), which still represents a real read (= sequence), since GenBank repository do not allow for contig consensus sequences to be deposited. If a second contig was present with a high number of reads (varies according to each sample), a second sequence representing a real read was also selected for use (which we called "secondary"). (6) These DNA sequences were assembled in an Excel Spread sheet, where original barcodes are still available if necessary. An additional spread sheet is created with specimen information and the sequences to be used in down stream phylogenetic analyses.

This Geneious process allows for manual inspection of sequences representing the fungal or cyanobacterial taxa that is the most frequent read of that lichen specimen. When partial Sanger sequences were available, we compare both in Geneious and Sequencher, the later checking the chromatographs (only from Sanger sequencing).

For 16S bacterial sequences, before importing files into Geneious, we previously had subselected for cyanobacterial sequences only through a PERL script (Gillevet, unpublished data), which pulls information from the RDP10 database (Cole et al., 2014)

to select for cyanobacteria taxa only, with the objective to disregard non photobiont bacteria present in the sample.

For fungal ITS, a single most abundant sequence was apparent for each lichen sample. On the other hand, for most cyanobacterial 16S, two main contigs were apparent for each lichen sample most of the time. We therefore thought it was prudent to use both cyanobacterial sequences in phylogenetic analyses to acknowledge that there was natural variation captured by the 454 sequencing method. The most frequent cyanobacterial read was given the name "primary", while the second most frequent cyanobacterial read was given the name "secondary". For 38 lichen samples, however, a similar number of reads (±10 reads) were present in both contigs (**Table 16**).

## Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis

New sequences from Sanger and 454 sequencing were aligned using MAFFT in GUIDANCE for the fungal ITS (Penn et al., 2010a, 2010b) and MAFFT for the bacterial 16S (Katoh et al., 2005 -- auto option, output sorted). The ITS dataset was broken down into three sub-datasets to improve alignment accuracy and make use of as many alignment columns as possible: (1) *Cyphellostereum*, (2) *Dictyonema* s.str. and (3) *Cora-Corella-Acantholichen* (**Tables 19** and **21**).

To assess the global phylogeny of the *Rhizonema* photobionts newly sequenced based on the 16S dataset, we downloaded 77 cyanobacterial 16S sequences from GenBank (numbers in the tree), including all specimens harboring *Rhizonema* from the study of Lücking et al. (2009a), and added 63 newly generated sequences (**Table 22**), for

a total of 140 samples. For this phylogenetic analysis, *Gloeobacter violaceus* and *G. kilaueensis* were used as outgroups following Miadlikowska et al. (2014).

The 16S data were arranged into two alignments, both with sequences generated by Sanger and 454 sequencing included, one in which all representative sequences were used in their complete length (= full-length alignment), and one in which the length used was representing only the shorter length of the 454 reads (= trimmed alignment). This separation was aimed to assess values support for a larger versus a smaller partial 16S rDNA and how that affects bootstrap values in the phylogenetic trees.

All alignments were subjected to maximum likelihood (ML) searches using RAxML 7.2.6 (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis et al., 2005) with nonparametric bootstrapping using 500 replicates under the GTRGAMMA model. RAxML was run in CIPRES Science Gateway V. 3.3 on XSEDE (Miller et al., 2010, 2011).

Phylogenetic trees were visualized, colored and saved as a PDF on FigTree (http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/), then edited in Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop CS5.1.

## Mapping 16S as characters into an ITS tree

Once all newly generated 16S sequences were aligned in MAFFT as described above the sorted output file was first visualized on BioEdit (Hall, 1999) and then in Geneious (Kearse et al., 2012). Each sequence of the partial 16S in the alignment was given a haplotype number (1–132) (**Table 21**). This number was then added to the ITS name string in Excel, for the primary and secondary haplotypes, for example:

>MDF086 Dictyonema bungartziana Galapagos pri 13 sec 30 ITS

This name string states that the lichen specimen with control number MDF086 is a *Dictyonema bungartziana* from Galapagos and it has as primary photobiont haplotype 13 and secondary haplotype 30. Of the 560 *Dictyonema* samples from which we generated 16S data, 495 had a corresponding ITS sequence available from the mycobiont. This same string was generated for each one of these 495 samples and the ITS sequence was added as well. The Excel spreadsheet was then transformed into a fasta file and an outgroup sequence was added. Three datasets with mycobiont sequences recognizing photobiont haplotypes were generated in total [(1) *Cyphellostereum*, (2) *Dictyonema*, and (3) *Cora-Corella-Acantholichen*], and subjected to alignment and phylogenetic reconstruction as described above.

### **Networks**

In addition to manually creating and visualizing haplotypes in Geneious, networks were created in PopART (http://popart.otago.ac.nz) under a TCS network (Clement et al., 2000). The TCS software was created to estimate genealogical relationships among sequences using the method of Templeton et al. (1992). Networks were used in our dataset since sequences had very low levels of divergence. Two datasets were inserted into the program as a phylip file (Felsenstein, 1991). The first dataset had all 1157 sequences (**Table 15**), allowing us to assess not only the diversity of haplotypes but also their relative frequency. The 1157 correspond to 560 primary and 556 secondary photobiont sequences from *Dictyonema*, and 21 primary and 20 secondary photobiont sequences from non-*Dictyonema* samples (**Table 14**). Once 12 main haplotypes were

identified, we selected those and re-did the analysis to better visualize the relationships between them (second dataset). Network graphics were saved as a PDF and edited in Adobe Photoshop CS5.1.

#### Results

## **Photobiont Diversity**

Our results demonstrate that all photobionts from specimens of *Dictyonema* s.l. and the 21 ascolichens included in this analysis belong to the cyanobacterial genus *Rhizonema*. Remarkably, all haplotypes recovered from our specimens (primary and secondary) fit phylogenetically into one of two clusters, which we are referring to as lineages. Since we used a limited, small region of the 16S, we opted for the term "lineages" instead of "species" since they could represent species complexes. Of these two lineages, *Rhizonema* 1 (royal blue in the trees) is by far the most common and *Rhizonema* 2 (brown in the trees) is second most common (**Figure 30A**).

Out of the 581 lichens sampled containing *Rhizonema*, 576 (~99.14%) contained a primary and a secondary photobiont haplotype with high numbers of reads. The two haplotypes usually found within a single lichen thallus only differed by a single nucleotide in the base pair number (bp#) 12 in the sequences gathered (base pair number 19 in *E. coli* counting, GenBank J01859, Ehresmann et al., 1972), which corresponds to the base ambiguity from the 27F primer (AGAGTTTGATCMTGGCTCAG, Lane, 1991). This nucleotide substitution is observed as a cytosine in one haplotype and an adenine in

another. This single difference indicated that haplotypes could be identical aside from bp#12, so we identified them as "combinations". Although these bp#12 variants do not represent different taxonomic units, we treated them as different haplotype combinations to demonstrate the actual sequence diversity in the dataset.

The frequencies of primary and secondary photobionts appear not to have any significance since they differ only by this single nucleotide substitution. Indeed, several specimens showed a similar number of reads of each haplotype (± 10 reads); however, we still referred to one as primary and the other as secondary for consistency in the dataset (**Table 16**). In all cases, primary and secondary belong to the same *Rhizonema* lineage (1 or 2), and both of them show this single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) variation at the same location. This could have two possible explanations: (1) a systematic sequencing error or (2) a universal polymorphism in the *Rhizonema* across all species. A sequencing error is not likely since only a specific position is affected; the hypothesis of a universal polymorphism could be tested by looking at chromatograms of the Sanger sequences generated for the *Rhizonema* 16S; unfortunately, however, the sequences from Lücking et al. (2009a) do not cover that region. Nonetheless, Rhizonema sequences generated by Sanger sequencing by Lücking et al. (2009a) showed many base pairs ambiguities in several regions of the 16S rDNA, which may demonstrate the presence of multiple haplotypes within a single lichen thallus. Direct Sanger sequencing without cloning may hide this diversity, unlike pyrosequencing methods.

The 16S dataset generated by our 454 sequences (**Figure 30**) had an alignment of 317 bp length. Of these base pairs, 37 were variable sites, including 3 insertions, probably

due to sequencing errors since they followed a repeated base. In addition, 25 sites were unique substitutions observed only in a single sequence; and nine sites had frequent base pair substitutions. Substitution patterns at these nine sites were highly correlated with the species delimitation of the two lineages of *Rhizonema* (lineage 1 and lineage 2).

A total of 132 photobiont haplotypes were identified, with a clear pattern demonstrating that there are 12 most frequent haplotypes (**Table 17**), which we are calling "main" haplotypes. As outlined above, each haplotype had a corresponding "sister" haplotype (= combination) in which the only difference was the bp#12 position. We therefore considered them to be related and colored them the same shade. Altogether, therefore, we recognized 6 main combinations (= 12 haplotypes).

Within each lineage of *Rhizonema*, 1 and 2, many haplotype combinations were observed (**Figure 30B**). However, haplotypes representing both *Rhizonema* lineages were never found together within the same lichen thallus. Similarly, a lichen mycobiont (= fungal species) was never found to associate with photobionts representing both *Rhizonema* 1 and 2. This possibility could only be evaluated when there are several specimens available for the same lichen species, which is the case for 20 species represented by five or more specimens.

Combination 3 (purple) is the most frequent haplotype combination, with almost one quarter of all sequences belonging to it (23.34%), representing either haplotype 14 (12.27%) or 31 (11.06%). The differences among the combinations within lineage 1 is denoted by a star (\*) in comparison to Combination 3 (**Table 18**), in the means of base pair substitutions. All together, they account for nearly half of all sequences (49.18%).

Rhizonema 2 is clearly less frequent than Rhizonema 1, accounting for only 22.9% of all sequences. Lineage 2 has a very unique, constant pattern in base pair substitutions across all haplotypes, which are the base pairs highlighted in bold in **Table 18** (bp#119 = T, bp#154 = A, bp#156 = A). This means that all haplotypes within lineage 2, 22 in total (**Table 17**), have those three base pairs different if compared to lineage 1. This consistency of base pair differences suggests that lineage 2 is a separate lineage of Rhizonema. Those three unique base pair substitutions are marked in **Figure 31B** as the differences (line marks) between both lineages.

# 16S haplotype networks

Our TCS network analyses (**Figures 31A** and **31B**) confirmed the possibility of two separated lineages of *Rhizonema*, first observed in Geneious and in the ML inferred 16S phylogenetic tree (**Figure 30A**). It is possible to see that all haplotypes are connected, but there are only four connections between both clusters (= lineages 1 and 2), with all four separated by two base differences, whereas almost all haplotypes within a cluster (= same lineage) have 1 base pair difference, with only a few unique haplotypes having more base differences (**Figure 31A**). The frequency of the haplotypes is directly related to the size of the circles (**Figure 31A**). It is possible to observe that *Rhizonema* 1 and 2 are two separate clusters, each with main haplotypes shown as larger circles, with several less frequent haplotypes shown as smaller circles connected. *Rhizonema* 1 has many more haplotypes than *Rhizonema* 2. The distribution of these haplotypes is based on a single haplotype difference in the main cluster region of lineage 1, containing all

major haplotypes within this lineage (towards the right in the image), while it has up to three base pair differences in the region without a main haplotype (towards the lower left portion in the image, all in royal blue). After identifying the main haplotypes, we ran again the network with only those 12 major haplotype sequences, to better visualize the number of base pairs differences (**Figure 31B**). The two *Rhizonema* lineages remain well separated, with all haplotypes within lineage 1 differences by a single nucleotide, while in lineage 2 they may also vary by two base pairs among them. Finally, the separation between both *Rhizonema* lineages can be visualized by the three line marks, which denotes the three consistent differences in base pairs mentioned above (**Table 18**). Since a single sequence was used for each haplotype in this second analysis, the size of the circles do not denote frequency in this network.

# Cyanobacterial 16S phylogenetic trees

Cyanobacterial 16S phylogenetic trees were produced using two alignments, one with a full length of 768 bp and 140 sequences (called afterwards a full-length dataset) and a trimmed one with a length of 326 bp (corresponding to the length of our 454 reads) and 123 sequences (called afterwards a trimmed dataset). Since some sequences downloaded from GenBank included little or none of the 16S gene region recovered from the 454 dataset, 17 taxa were removed from the trimmed dataset, generating a slightly different number of sequences in the two trees. The phylogenies generated from these 16S datasets showed that all lichenized *Rhizonema* belong to a single monophyletic clade, with high support (92%) in the full-length dataset (**Figure 32A**), but with medium

support (68%) in the trimmed dataset (**Figure 32B**). The tree recovered using the full-length dataset is more informative than the trimmed one, with generally higher support values. For example, the tree generated using the trimmed alignment recovered the clade containing *Fischerella* within *Nostoc*, making *Nostoc* paraphyletic, but it is monophyletic in the full-length dataset (without high support, however). The two lineages of *Rhizonema* do not form supported separate clades (**Figures 33A** and **33B**); nonetheless, lineage 2 is still recovered as a separate group with 49% and 61% bootstrap values in the full-length alignment and in the trimmed dataset, respectively. Haplotypes of both lineages cluster together with previously deposited sequences from Lücking et al. (2009a).

The various haplotypes and haplotype combinations observed earlier do not seem to be highly supported in either analysis (**Figures 33A** and **33B**). However, as observed in the networks (**Figure 33B**), all haplotypes are separated by a single SNP, and the GTR model of substitution we used will not place much weight on a single base pair difference, especially since some of these substitutions are identical, differing only in position within the sequence.

In our efforts to test whether all *Rhizonema* species are entirely lichenized or not, an hypothesis first proposed by Lücking et al. (2009a), we attempted in our collecting trips to include any examples of free-living cyanobacteria that were morphologically similar to *Rhizonema* (**Figure 29**). There were seven specimens collected and these were included in the 16S sequencing and phylogenetic reconstructions. Of all free-living cyanobacteria collected, none was found to be *Rhizonema*. Instead, our phylogenies

indicated that five cluster with sequences of *Scytonema*, while two others seemed to form sister clades with either a lichenized *Stigonema* from *Ephebe* sp. or with *Gloeothece* and *Gloeocapsa* (**Figure 32A**).

# 16S haplotypes mapped into fungal ITS phylogenetic trees

The 16S photobiont haplotypes were mapped onto ITS phylogenies (one for each of the major clades in the *Dictyonema* s.l. phylogeny) obtained for the lichen mycobionts of 495 specimens. The *Cora* clade (containing sequences of *Cora*, *Corella* and *Acantholichen*) includes by far the most sequences, but has the shortest alignment length (882 bp) and highest GUIDANCE score (0.940855), suggesting less interspecific variation as compared to the other genus-level groups (**Table 19**). ITS phylogenetic trees (**Figures 34**, **35**, **36A**, **36B**, **36C** and **37**) inferred by ML for the *Dictyonema* clade with the 16S haplotypes mapped into them show that most of the species across all three phylogenetic trees have lineage 1 of *Rhizonema* as the photobiont.

The *Cyphellostereum* specimens included in our analysis all have *Rhizonema* 1 as the photobiont (**Figure 34A**). The majority of the specimens within this genus seem to lack a dominant haplotype or haplotype combination (**Figure 34B**), and the six specimens with one of the dominant haplotype combinations show only two of the possible six combinations. Two specimens have Comb. 3, three have Comb. 4, and one sample has haplotype 35 as primary with no secondary haplotype.

In the *Dictyonema* s.str. tree (**Figure 35**), both species of *Rhizonema* are represented, with lineage 1 being far more common than lineage 2. *Rhizonema* 2 appears

mostly in the sericeum-clade (in Figure 35 as the top clade), in specimens collected in Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Guatemala. Outside of the D. sericeum clade, only one specimen also harbors lineage 2, and this is *Dictyonema huaorani* Dal-Forno et al., a new species from Amazonian Ecuador which presumably has hallucinogenic properties (Schmull et al., 2014). This species is very closely related to the Puerto Rican species D. pallidoschenkianum (ined.) in the tree, but D. pallidoschenkianum has Rhizonema 1 and is morphologically very different from D. huaorani. For the Cora-clade (dataset for specimens of Acantholichen-Cora-Corella), there is much greater diversity of haplotypes representing both *Rhizonema* species (Figures 36A, B, C and 37). There is, however, a pattern demonstrating that the majority of specimens in one of the Cora clades (in **Figure** 37 as Clade 1) have a photobiont belonging to *Rhizonema* lineage 2. Indeed, out of the 115 specimens of *Cora* in Clade 1, only five specimens (4.35%) do not have *Rhizonema* 2 as photobiont. These five specimens account for only two species (4.35%) out of the approximately 46 found in the clade. This indicates that *Cora* clade 1 has almost exclusively (over 95%) Rhizonema 2 as photobiont.

Similarly, specimens in the other major clade of *Cora* in the ITS tree (**Figure 37** as Clade 2) generally have a photobiont assignable to *Rhizonema* 1. Out of 173 specimens of *Cora* in Clade 2, only seven specimens (4.05%), representing four species (5.97%), have lineage 2 of *Rhizonema* as photobiont.

While *Cora* species from Clade 1 are mainly from the northern Andean region in Colombia, which corresponds to the "wet" paramos in our sampling, the *Cora* species

from Clade 2 are more spread out thorough the Neotropics, mainly in countries such as Brazil, Costa Rica, and Ecuador (mainland and the Galapagos Islands), among others.

Corella also shows interesting patterns of photobiont diversity, with a much more balanced number between *Rhizonema* lineages (**Figure 36A**). Out of the 30 specimens (ten species) included, 18 specimens (six species) have *Rhizonema* 2 and 12 specimens (four species) have *Rhizonema* 1. In terms of geographic distribution, two species from Costa Rica have lineage 1, three undescribed species from Colombia have lineage 2, and from the five species from Brazil, two have *Rhizonema* 1 and three have *Rhizonema* 2. Among these ten *Corella* species, three that harbor *Rhizonema* 2 have a single haplotype combination (Comb. 6). Remaining seven species harbor less frequent haplotypes.

We have only three species representing the genus *Acantholichen*, and two of them, both from Costa Rica, harbor *Rhizonema* 2. The other species, from the Galapagos, has *Rhizonema* 1 (**Figure 36A**).

An analysis of the distribution of the *Rhizonema* species by country (**Table 20**) shows that all ten species from Galapagos (all *Dictyonema* species known to occur in the islands, represented by 95 specimens) have lineage 1 as a photobiont. This lineage is also found in collections from Peru (9), Puerto Rico (8), Fiji (3), Canary Islands (1), Mascarene Islands (5), New Zealand (1) and the Philippines (4). This would suggest a much wider geographic distribution of *Rhizonema* 1 than *Rhizonema* 2, but it should be mentioned that we have fewer collections from most of these countries in our dataset, so our results could change with the incorporation of additional collections. Collections from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Venezuela are relatively well-

represented and these have both photobiont species. Of these, only collections from Colombia and Venezuela, mainly northern Andean locations, have specimens predominantly with lineage 2, while the others have mainly lineage 1 as the photobiont.

It is notable that some fungal species are restricted to a single haplotype combination (information in **Table 21**). For example, all three specimens we have of *Dictyonema obscuratum* Lücking, Spielmann & Marcelli from Brazil (**Figure 35**) have Comb. 3 (haps. 14 and 31) as photobiont. However, most fungal species have more than one haplotype or haplotype combination as the photobiont. For example, *Dictyonema barbatum* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking from Galapagos has one of the highest numbers of different haplotypes, with 9 different haplotypes in 10 specimens sampled.

### **Discussion**

The occurrence of possibly only two distinct *Rhizonema* lineages in the entire *Dictyonema* clade suggests strongly that mycobiont diversity in this group is far higher than photobiont diversity globally. This genus of cyanobacteria was first discovered by Lücking et al. (2009a), who included in their analysis 16 specimens of *Dictyonema* s.l. along with specimens representing various ascolichens which had previously been thought to contain photobionts of the genera *Chroococcus* and *Scytonema*. Since all non-lichenized samples with *Scytonema* morphology were found to belong to *Scytonema* or another cyanobacterial genus, as also confirmed here, Lücking et al. (2009a) speculated on the uniquely lichenized habit of *Rhizonema* to cause the relatively low genetic diversity of these cyanobacteria, which represents photobionts of all genera in

Dictyonema s.l. and in various ascolichens. Our study confirms their results with a far greater sampling of specimens. All of our 581 lichen specimens with suspected *Rhizonema* photobiont newly sampled (560 Dictyonema and 21 non-Dictyonema) were found to contain *Rhizonema* photobionts. Based on the limited resolution of the short 16S fragment sequenced, these denote only two major lineages representing either putative species with allelic variation or species complexes, a strikingly low diversity considering that the lichens they associate with are distributed among several continents and many clades, not necessarily closely related, including hundreds of species.

Due to the limited resolution of the sequenced fragment of the 16S, we are unable at this point to formally recognize actual species among *Rhizonema*, apart from the type species, *Rhizonema interruptum*, which is the photobiont of the European lichen fungus *Dictyonema coppinsii* (Lücking et al., 2014a). The full length phylogeny of *Rhizonema* based mostly on Sanger sequences obtained for the previous study Lücking et al. (2009a) suggests that more than two species might be involved, with our lineage 1 forming a paraphyletic grade composed of possibly several species including *R. interruptum* and also where our lineage 2 is nested. It should be noted that cyanobacteria can currently be described formally both under the ICN (International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants) and the bacterial code and particularly under the latter, species delimitation and nomenclature may be challenging and require additional studies, including culturing and physiological characterization. Prokaryote taxonomy under the bacterial code was initially based on morphological comparisons of axenical cultures with reference strains, but modern techniques have added molecular information to that

concept (Castenholz et al., 2001; Rippka et al., 1979). Hence, reliably delimiting species based on phylogeny requires preferably a multigene approach combined with a species-recognition method. This poses a challenge in this case since traditional Sanger sequencing often fails to obtain good sequence data especially from filamentous *Dictyonema* lichens containing several cyanobacterial strains and other bacteria, and next-generation sequencing makes a multigene approach difficult at this point. O'Brien et al. (2005) and Yahr et al. (2004) use the term "clade" to refer to groups of *Nostoc* and *Asterochloris*, respectively, found in lichen thalli (and free living in the first case). We opted to use the term "lineage", since these lineages (here called 1 and 2) could possibly be species complexes, clades, subspecies, etc.; in addition, lineage 1 forms a paraphyletic grade wheres lineage 2 is monophyletic.

As mentioned above, the low photobiont diversity observed here is in part a result of the short 16S fragment (ca. 314 bp of the 1,522 bp on average for the full length of this gene) we obtained for a marker that is considered to be relatively conserved (Woese and Fox, 1977). While this fragment is ideal for initial characterization of broad photobiont identity, as it allows for accurate alignment across many phylogenetic groups, it provides limited resolution at the species level within the target genus. It is therefore our goal to investigate additional markers used for cyanobacterial phylogenies, for example *rbcLX* (Miadlikowska et al., 2014; O'Brien, 2013a; O'Brien et al., 2005). However, as discussed above, this is likely to fail for many filamentous forms of *Dictyonema* s.l. while it will work better for foliose representatives of *Cora* and *Corella*. Another alternative is to amplify longer pieces of 16S, which remains the main genetic marker to infer

cyanobacterial phylogenies (Elvebakk et al., 2008; Miadlikowska et al., 2014; O'Brien, 2013; O'Brien et al., 2005; Svenning et al., 2005). Nevertheless, the fragment of 16S used here provided sufficient resolution to observe distinct phylogenetic structure in *Rhizonema*, allowing us to test various hypotheses on mycobiont-photobiont associations among lichens.

One of these hypotheses, now supported by results from many studies, is that lichen fungi exhibit extensive photobiont switching and sharing, not unlike the cultivation or domestication of crops by farmers. This has been observed frequently in both chlorolichens (Piercey-Normore and Deduke, 2011; Piercey-Normore and DePriest, 2001; Yahr et al., 2004, 2006), and cyanolichens (Lücking et al., 2009a; O'Brien et al., 2005). In all of these studies, different species of fungi, whether closely or only distantly related or not related at all, were observed to use the same strains of cyanobacteria or green algae, presumably by "sharing" or "stealing" them from other lichens in the same habitat. In most cases, this "sharing" will happen by photobionts becoming liberated from their original thallus by accidental fragmentation and then entering a new symbiosis with a different mycobiont. Such horizontal movement of photobionts among mycobionts results in phylogenies for the two symbionts that bear no obvious resemblance to each other, very different from cospeciation reported for other symbiotic systems, which yield congruent phylogenies, such as gophers and parasitic lice (Hafner and Page, 1995), figs and wasp pollinators (Weiblen and Bush, 2002), gut bacteria of the acanthosomatid stinkbugs (Kikuchi et al., 2009), among others (Brooks, 1979; Downie and Gullan, 2005; Kawakita et al., 2004; Mueller and Gerardo, 2002; Weiblen and Bush, 2002).

The pioneering work of Piercey-Normore and DePriest (2001) that provided early phylogenetic evidence demonstrating that only a few algal genotypes were shared among different *Cladonia* species, implied that selective forces are very different for the two symbionts. The fungus may be selective about particular photobiont strains it partners with, whereas the photobiont may be selective at a much broader level (Piercey-Normore and DePriest, 2001). This could be reflecting the fact that the mycobiont may be the dominant partner of the relationship, and may be able to force the photobiont into the symbiosis. If the photobiont were highly selective as the mycobiont, such a biological system would not work.

Yahr et al. (2004) investigated photobiont diversity within eight co-occurring *Cladonia* species in rosemary scrubs in Florida. They found that there were three clades of *Asterochloris* (green algae) in the community, with several genotypes represented in each. They found some evidence for fungal selectivity, with six *Cladonia* species partnering with only a single clade (including several genotypes), and two species partnering with two clades. Their conclusion was that the *Cladonia* lichens they sampled had high specificity for algae in the genus *Asterochloris*, but they have a variety of selectivity patterns regarding the algal clades and genotypes they select, perhaps reflecting factors that may increase fitness of the lichen symbiosis. Low and high selectivity patterns by the fungus have been observed in many different groups of lichens (Lücking et al., 2009a; Magain and Sérusiaux, 2014; Miadlikowska et al., 2014; Muggia et al., 2011, 2013, 2014; Nelsen and Gargas, 2008; O'Brien et al., 2013; Piercey-Normore, 2004, 2006; Piercey-Normore and DePriest, 2001; Yahr et al., 2004).

Our results for the cyanolichen *Dictyonema* s.l. support the idea that lichen species vary in their photobiont selectivity. Some fungi are relatively generalized with regard to photobiont choices, others are intermediate and some appear to be relatively specialized, at least as defined by Yahr et al. (2004). All of our specimens formed associations with a single genus of photobiont, *Rhizonema*, with two lineages to choose from, *Rhizonema* 1 and *Rhizonema* 2 in cases where the two lineages are actually present in a geographic area or habitat, such as the Colombian paramo. No mycobiont associates with more than one lineage of photobiont, so each mycobiont species can be called a lineage specialist in terms of photobiont selection.

Certain species of *Dictyonema* s.l. species have a single haplotype combination as photobiont; i.e., the Brazilian *Cora terrestris* (ined., nine specimens, Combination 1), and the Colombian *Cora elephas* (ined., seven specimens, Combination 5). These would therefore be considered photobiont specialists according to Yahr et al. (2004). Among the intermediates, there is *Acantholichen galapagoensis* Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking, represented by ten specimens, in which the main photobiont appears to be the Combination 3 (= haplotypes 14 and 31), but there are also two other haplotypes present (haplotypes 22 and 38). In the photobiont generalist category, there is *Dictyonema bungartziana* Dal-Forno, Yánez & Lücking, where the main photobiont found is Combination 2 (= haplotypes 13 and 30), but many more haplotypes can also be present (haplotypes 80, 82, 86, 88, 95, 102, and 112), for a total of nine different haplotypes in 29 specimens. While it is possible all of this is caused by differences in sample sizes representing these species, we have several examples of species represented by small

sample sizes that exhibit high diversity of haplotypes. For example, *D. barbatum* has the same number of haplotypes (9) than *D. bungartziana* in a much smaller sample size (10).

Mycobiont selectivity may be constrained by the pool of photobionts available at any given site. Yahr et al. (2004) measured the photobiont pool for each site they sampled, and all but one had all three clades of *Asterochloris* present. Nevertheless, some Cladonia species associate with only haplotypes from a single Asterochloris clade. This led them to conclude that, despite the availability of photobionts in the habitat, the Cladonia species were selecting haplotypes specifically from one clade and discriminating against the others. In our study, we did not thoroughly analyze all available photobiont pools at all locations, but we do have indications that selectivity occurs in *Dicytonema* lichens and that this varies from group to group. We have evidence that some locations harbor both lineages of *Rhizonema*, lineages 1 and 2, but lichens show evidence of associating with only one. For instance, Itatiaia National Park in Brazil has fungal species that associate mainly with *Rhizonema* 1; out of the 29 specimens collected from that locality, a single *Coccocarpia* thallus has *Rhizonema* 2 as photobiont, with all Dictyonema with Rhizonema 1. This may indicate a low availability in the photobiont pool of *Rhizonema* 2, which explain its absence in most lichens there. However, since we have not systematically collected other non-Dictyonema in that locality, it is hard to assess whether this is a sampling artifact or reflects the real photobiont diversity. Another Coccocarpia thallus was collected in the area and it has Rhizonema 1, which at least discards the possibility of genus specificity there. However, the Santuário do Caraça, another locality we sampled within the same Brazilian state

(Minas Gerais), harbors two co-occurring *Corella* species, one with *Rhizonema* 1 and one with *Rhizonema* 2. This would suggest that both photobiont species are available there but that the fungal species select one photobiont over the other.

Further evidence for selectivity comes from an analysis of the distribution of unique photobionts among lichens in the dataset. For example, all ten specimens of Corella fuscoisidiata (ined.) from Colombia have only Combination 6 (= haplotypes 52) and 61, Rhizonema lineage 2). On the other hand, Corella brasiliensis Vain. has four different haplotypes (haplotypes 22, 23, 38, and 39), none of which is a main haplotype, in seven specimens, but still all represent Rhizonema lineage 1. Corella carassensis (ined.) was collected at the type locality of C. brasiliensis, but has lineage 2 of Rhizonema (haplotypes 60 and 51). Notably, C. carassensis is morphologically practically indistinguishable from C. brasiliensis, but represents a phylogenetically distinct clade based on both Sanger and 454 sequences. In this case, cryptic speciation is supported by different photobiont selectivity for either lineage 1 or lineage 2 of Rhizonema. It is often argued that associated photobiont identity cannot be used to distinguish lichen fungal species since it is not a mycological character. However, the case of C. brasiliensis vs. C. carassensis highlights that photobiont selectivity is in fact a mycological character, likely depending on molecular wall receptors developed on the fungal hyphae.

In the genus *Cora*, photobiont specificity is even developed at a much higher level above species. *Cora* is the largest genus of basidiolichens, with over 100 species currently distinguished and over 400 predicted in total (Lücking et al., 2014c). The genus

is mostly neotropical, with one reported species from the Island of St. Helena, between Brazil and west Africa (Angola and Namibia) (Lücking et al., 2014e; Parmasto, 1978) and another, *Cora gyrolophia*, reported from Mauritius (east from Madagascar, Africa); however, there is some doubt about the latter since no additional or recent records of its presence have been reported since its discovery by Fries (1838; Lücking et al., 2013a).

While *Cora* is monophyletic, there is a distinct split into two major clades in multigene phylogenies which is also reflected by single-marker ITS phylogenies (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lawrey et al., 2009; Lücking et al., 2014c). Due to the lack of morphological and anatomical data to separate the two clades taxonomically, they are considered a single genus. One of these clades, here named Clade 1, is almost exclusively lichenized with *Rhizonema* lineage 2, whereas the other almost exclusively associates with lineage 1. In Clade 1, over 95% of the species harbor *Rhizonema* 2 as photobiont. In Clade 2, the opposite is true, with over 95% of the species having *Rhizonema* 1 as photobiont. This selection appears to be mostly driven by geography since the *Cora* Clade 1 associating with lineage 2 is largely restricted to the northern Andes in Colombia (with few species from other regions); however, several species from the same area but belonging to *Cora* Clade 2, which is otherwise widespread in the Neotropics, associate with *Rhizonema* lineage 1.

The high level of diversification in *Cora* Clade 1 could be associated with the fact that in Colombia, the Andes divide into three separate Cordilleras, thus providing more possibilities for allopatric speciation during their orogenesis. Instead, this new find suggests that actually the evolution of a novel photobiont strain could have triggered this

radiation. The northern Andes in Colombia, northern Ecuador, and western Venezuela are mainly characterize by wet paramo vegetation, whereas the central Andes in southern Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia harbor drier puna associations. Thus, a novel *Rhizonema* photobiont specifically adapted to this climate, together with the fragmented nature of paramo vegetation, could have triggered this regional radiation. This is also supported by the fact that *Rhizonema* 2 is nested within a paraphyletic *Rhizonema* 1 grade and hence clearly derived.

Divergence dating analyses show crown and stem ages for the *Cora* at approximately 10–15 million years ago (mya) (Lücking, 2012; Lücking et al., 2013b, 2014c), which corresponds with the range suggested for the initial uplift of the Andes (Gregory-Wodzicki, 2002; Meade and Conrad, 2008). If a recent radiation of *Cora* in the wet northern Andes was triggered by the evolution of a novel lineage of *Rhizonema*, one that was uniquely adapted to the new habitats being created there, the fungal partners would have subsequently diversified while the photobiont did not, since it was already evolved as optimal photobiont, resulting in less haplotypes of *Rhizonema* lineage 2 in comparison to lineage 1. This is indeed what we see in this clade: a lower diversity of mostly *Rhizonema* lineage 2 haplotypes associated with highly diverse *Cora* lichens from the northern Andes.

Remarkably, all seven *Cora* specimens in Clade 2 with *Rhizonema* lineage 2 are from Colombia (5), Costa Rica (1) and Ecuador (1) and are phylogenetically and morphologically distinct from their closest fungal relatives with *Rhizonema* lineage 1. We attribute this to photobiont sharing (= cyanobacterial switching) within the same

geographic region and habitat across the wet paramos of the northern Andes, suggesting that these *Cora* lineages from clade 2 colonized this habitat subsequently to clade 1 and successfully established due to their ability to switch their main photobiont type from lineage 1 to lineage 2.

Overall our results suggest a low photobiont lineage diversity within *Rhizonema* photobionts associated with *Dictyonema* s.lat. lichenized fungi. *Rhizonema* 1 is widely distributed among all mycobiont clades and is universally found in Cyphellostereum species and almost all *Dictyonema* species, and *Rhizonema* 2 is found scattered in Dictyonema and frequently in Cora and Corella. Due to the low sampling of Acantholichen, it is hard to assess its photobiont lineage distribution. These trends lend support to our hypothesis of *Rhizonema* 2 being a derived lineage, since between Cyphellostereum and Cora there is a clear pattern from phylogenetically and morphologically primitive to advanced lichens lineages (Dal-Forno et al., 2013). Haplotype diversity is also greater in *Rhizonema* lineage 1 than in *Rhizonema* lineage 2, which would again suggest more recent origin of *Rhizonema* lineage 2, as also supported by the nested position of lineage 2 within lineage 1. Further evidence comes from the fact that *Rhizonema* 1 is found in ascolichens and in lichens outside of the Neotropics, whereas *Rhizonema* 2 seems absent from these lichens. For example, *Rhizonema* is commonly found in ascolichens such as Coccocarpia, Erioderma and Stereocaulon (Lücking et al., 2009a) suggesting the possibility that many more cyanolichens, especially those thought previously to associate with Scytonema photobionts, could potentially harbor *Rhizonema*. Muggia et al. (2011) demonstrated that the ascolichen

genus *Polychidium* (Ach.) S. F. Gray was polyphyletic and resurrected the genus *Leptogidium* Nyl. to include species previously identified as *Polychidium* that supposedly have a *Scytonema* photobiont. However, the three specimens of *Leptogidium* we included in our analyses contain a *Rhizonema* photobiont belonging to lineage 1 and not *Scytonema* as presumed (Henssen, 1963; Muggia et al., 2011). Notably, in *Leptogidium* the fungal cells are shaped like interlocking puzzle pieces (Muggia et al., 2011), strongly resembling cells of the fungal sheath in *Dictyonema* s.l. (Dal-Forno et al., 2013; Lücking et al., 2013a; Oberwinkler, 1970, 1984; Parmasto, 1978), which explains why these entirely unrelated lichens are often confused in the field.

The genus name *Rhizonema* and its family, Rhizonemataceae, were only recently validly published to address the need for a name for this apparently widespread but previously unrecognized photobiont. The type species, *R. interrumptum*, is from Ireland (Lücking et al., 2014a). We do not have sequence data for the type material (photo- or mycobiont), but we do have ITS and 16S data for a specimen listed as a paratype (*Ertz 10475*), a specimen from Madeira. The sequence was generated with Sanger sequencing (Lücking et al., 2009a) and it is much longer than the ones we generated with the 454 GS Junior. However, we are able to establish that *Dictyonema coppinsii*, the mycobiont of *R. interruptum*, has *Rhizonema* 1.

Given that the fungal partners in *Dictyonema* s.l. represent hundreds of species and that *Rhizonema* is also the photobiont of many species of ascolichens, the overall genetic diversity of the photobionts is orders of magnitude lower than the diversity of the fungal partners. The remarkable difference suggests that photobiont species may be under

strong selection caused by lichenization. Unlike *Nostoc* and other cyanobacteria that can be found both in lichens and in a free-living state, *Rhizonema* is thus far only known to be lichenized. This could explain the observed low genetic diversity as a result of domestication, retaining over evolutionary time only a narrow range of physiologically optimized strains that live in the contained environment of a lichen thallus. Cyanobacteria that are frequently found in the free-living state, however, are expected to adapt to a much broader range of habitats and hence should be genetically more diverse. Thus, as with highly domesticated crops, *Rhizonema* depends ultimately on another species to survive and persist, and strong selection by this other species determines what evolutionary trajectory it can take. Trevor Goward (1994) has made this point before, saying that "lichens are fungi that have taken up agriculture", and the idea has also been applied to the *Rhizonema* lineage by Lücking et al. (2009a). Our data provides further support for this hypothesis, which appears the best explanation we can give for the extraordinarily low diversity of the *Rhizonema* lineage, while on the other hand representing the most successful cyanobacterial photobiont in lichens in terms of the phylogenetic diversity of its associated mycobionts.

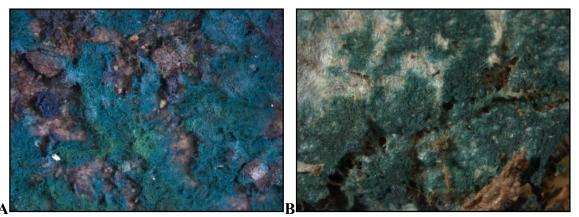


Figure 29 - Comparison of free living Scytonema MDF082 (A) and lichenized Rhizonema in Cyphellostereum imperfectum (B)

Table 14 - Summary of specimens, and ITS and 16S sequences by country (outgroups not included) The number of 16S sequences should be approximately twice, since each specimen had a primary and a secondary photobiont 16S sequence (all, except five), in which we are calling haplotypes. Note that only *Dictyonema* samples are included in the ITS count. We did not generate ITS sequences for the ascolichens

Country	Lichen	(M) Non	Dictyonema -	ITS (M)	ITS (M)	16S (P)
Country	specimens	Dictyonema	clade (M)	available	missing	sequences
Bolivia	21	0	21	19	2	42
Brazil	99	10	89	70	19	196
Canary Islands (Tenerife)	1	0	1	1	0	2
Chile	1	0	1	1	0	2
Colombia	154	0	154	139	15	307
Costa Rica	61	2	59	56	3	121
Ecuador (continental)	104	6	98	90	8	208
Fiji	3	0	3	2	1	5
Galapagos Islands	98	3	95	85	10	196
Guatemala	2	0	2	2	0	4
Mascarene Islands (La Reunión)	5	0	5	5	0	10
Mexico	1	0	1	1	0	2
New Zealand	1	0	1	1	0	2
Panama	1	0	1	0	1	2
Peru	9	0	9	7	2	18
Philippines	4	0	4	3	1	8
Puerto Rico	8	0	8	7	1	16
Thailand	1	0	1	0	1	2
Venezuela	7	0	7	6	1	14
Total = 19	581	21	560	495	65	1157

Table 15 - Summary of sequences used per genus (outgroups not included). The number of 16S sequences should be approximately twice, since each specimen had a primary and a secondary photobiont 16S sequence (all, except five)

	ITS	16S	16S
		primary	secondary
Dictyonema clade	495	560	556
Acantholichen	12	14	14
Cora	288	314	313
Corella	30	35	35
Cyphellostereum	23	25	23
Dictyonema	142	172	171
Others	N/A	21	20
Coccocarpia	N/A	16	16
Erioderma	N/A	2	2
Leptogidium	N/A	3	2
Subtotal =	495	581	576
Total =	495	1157	

Table 16 - Samples with same or similar number of reads ( $\pm$  10 reads) for primary secondary photobiont frequency Samples represented by their control number, which is listed in Table 21

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DIC116, 126, 131, 134, 217, 349, 422, 470
MDF046a, 268, 283, 286, 290, 324, 325, 348, 350, 367, 415, 418, 423, 435, 443, 447, 450, 464, 465,
480, 510, 522, 526, 536, 543, 602, 617, 625, 630, 634

Table 17 - Haplotype diversity and frequency among the 581 lichens sampled
Hap = haplotype number. Spec = number of sequences having that haplotype as primary or secondary photobiont.
Royal blue refers to all less frequent haplotypes within lineage 1, while brown for less frequent haplotypes in lineage 2.
All additional colors represent six main haplotypes combinations

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Hap	Spec
001	1
	3
002	
003	50
004	10
005	1
006	1
007	3
008	51
	31
009	1
010	2
011	10
011	
012	1
013	76
014	142
015	
015	1
016	3
017	1
018	4
010	4
019	27
020	1 4
021	1
021	
022	10
023	1
024	7
025	1
025	
026	1
027	1
028	1
	1
029	2
030	67
031	128
031	120
032	1
033	3
034	4
025	20
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036	1
037	4
038	12
	13
039	4
040	10
041	1
042	1
043	1
044	3
0.45	2
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046	1

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047	95
048	10
049	9
050	4
051	8
052	40
053	1
054	1
055	91
056	10
057	1
058	1
059	7
060	8
061	39
062	1
063	4
064	2
	2
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066	1
067	1
068	1
069	4
070	1
071	5
072	1
073	1
074	1
075	1
076	6
077	1
078	2
079	1
080	3
081	3
082	7
083	10
084	10
	4
085	
086	4
087	5
088	1
089	3
090	1
091	2
092	1
093	1

094	1
095	8
096	3
097	1
098	1
099	2
100	1
101	4
102	2
103	1
104	1
105	1
106	2
107	3
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120	1
121	1
122	1
123	2
124	1
125	1
126	1
127	1
128	1
129	1
130	1
131 132	1
132	1
TOT=	1157

Table 18 - Summary of haplotypes present in the dataset

Comb = combination. Comb perc = combination percentage. Hap = Haplotype. # = number of sequences with that haplotype. Freq perc = Frequency of the haplotype, shown in percentage towards the entire dataset (n=1157). \* denotes for differences in comparison to other combinations within the same lineage

Comb	Comb	<u> </u>		Freq						
	perc	Нар	#	perc	Differen	ces in base p	airs			
			Lineage 1 – main haplotypes = 49,18%							
Comb.	8,73%	003	50	4,32%	12 = A	69 = A*	224 = A	225 = A		
1		008	51	4,41%	12 = C	69 = A*	224 = A	225 = A		
Comb.	23,34%	014	142	12,27%	12 = C	69 = C	224 = A	225 = A		
3		031	128	11,06%	12 = A	69 = C	224 = A	225 = A		
Comb.	4,75%	019	27	2,33%	12 = C	69 = C	224 = G*	225 = A		
4		035	28	2,42%	12 = A	69 = C	224 = G*	225 = A		
		Lineage 2 – main haplotypes = 22,90%								
Comb.	16,08%	047	95	8,21%	12 = C	66 = T*	109 = A*	119 = T	154 = A	156 = A
5		055	91	7,87%	12 = A	66 = T*	109 = A*	119 = T	154 = A	156 = A
Comb.	6,83%	052	40	3,46%	12 = C	66 = C	109 = G	119 = T	154 = A	156 = A
6		061	39	3,37%	12 = A	66 = C	109 = G	119 = T	154 = A	156 = A

. Table 19 - Alignment information for each ITS datasets

	# Specimens	MSA	Longer sequence	GUIDANCE score
Cora-clade	330	882	717	0.940855
Cyphellostereum	23	856	741	0.810703
Dictyonema s.str.	142	967	752	0.849136

Table 20 - Information about Rhizonema species present in each locality. Bold information denotes focused collecting

Country	Lichen specimens	Rhizonema present
Bolivia	21	Both
Brazil	99	Both, mainly lineage 1
Canary Islands	1	Lineage 1
Chile	1	Lineage 2
Colombia	154	Both, mainly lineage 2
Costa Rica	61	Both, mainly lineage 1
Ecuador (continental)	104	Both, mainly lineage 1
Fiji	3	Lineage 1
Galapagos Islands	98	Lineage 1
Guatemala	2	Lineage 2
Mascarene Islands	5	Lineage 1
Mexico	1	Lineage 2
New Zealand	1	Lineage 1
Panama	1	Lineage 1
Peru	9	Lineage 1
Philippines	4	Lineage 1
Puerto Rico	8	Lineage 1
Thailand	1	Lineage 1
Venezuela	7	Both, mainly lineage 2
Total = 19	581	

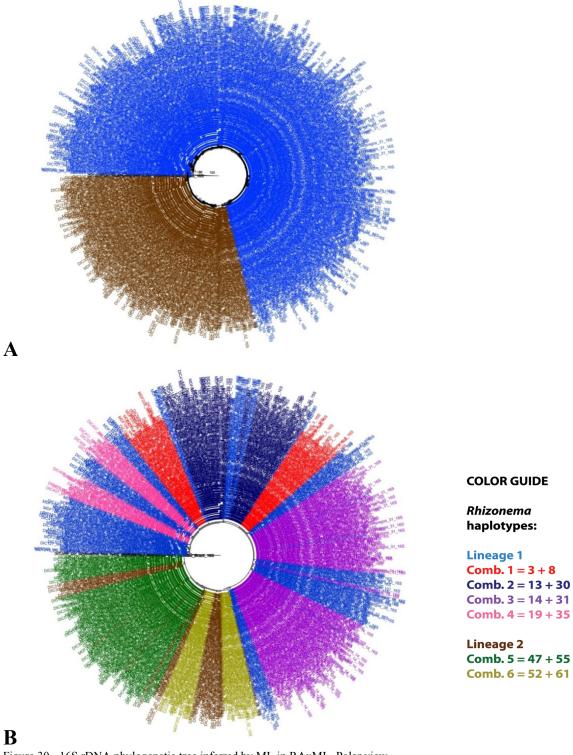


Figure 30 - 16S rDNA phylogenetic tree inferred by ML in RAxML. Polar view A - Colors royal blue and brown showing the two lineages of *Rhizonema* (1 and 2, respectively). B- The different combination of haplotypes within each lineage. The colors brown and royal blue here denote the lack of a dominant haplotype

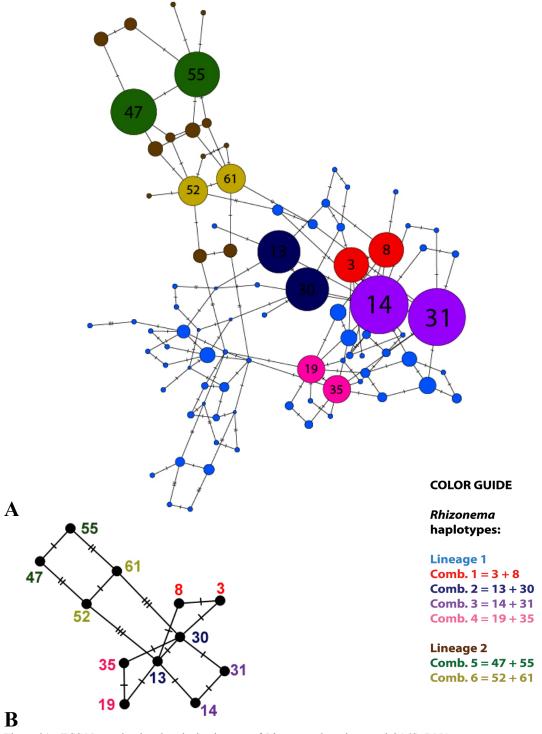
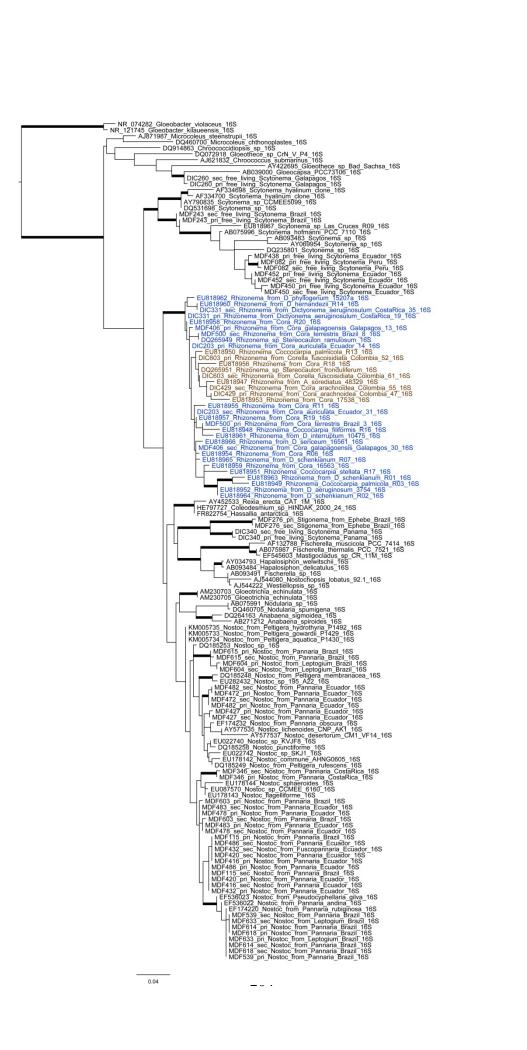


Figure 31 - TCS Networks showing the haplotypes of *Rhizonema* based on partial 16S rDNA A- All haplotypes and their frequency on PopART. B- Simplified network ran on PopART showing only the main haplotypes relationship. All haplotypes in lineage 1 are only separated by a single base difference (line mark). All haplotypes combinations are separated by a SNP in bp#12 (in both lineages)



A

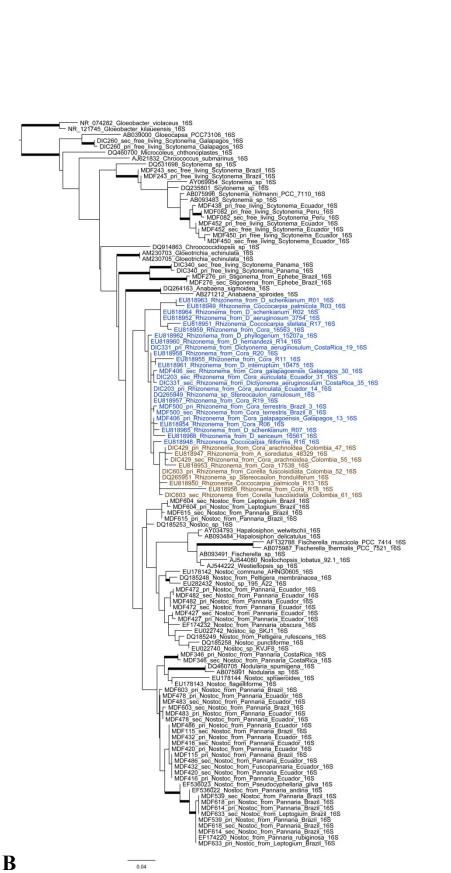


Figure 32 - 16S rDNA phylogenetic trees inferred by ML in RAxML A- Full lenght alignment (768bp and 140 specimens). B- Alignment shortened to match only the partial region of 16S rDNA we had sequence from 454 (326bp and 123 specimens). Both *Rhizonema* lineages are presented by the colors royal blue (1) and brown (2)

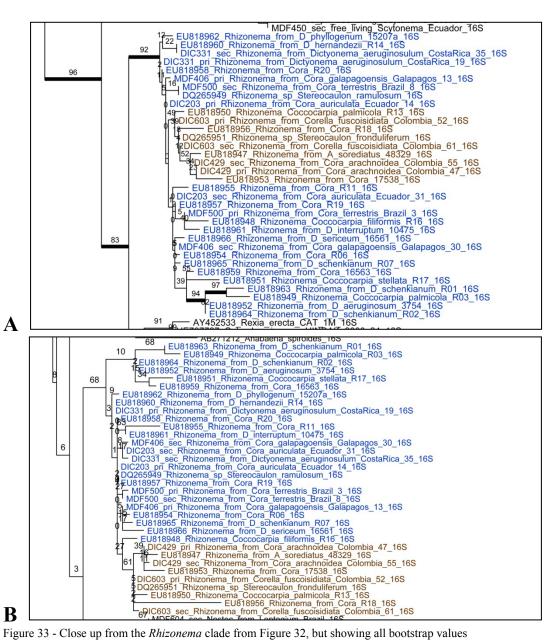


Figure 33 - Close up from the *Rhizonema* clade from Figure 32, but showing all bootstrap values 16S rDNA phylogenetic trees inferred by ML in RAxML. A- Full-length alignment (768bp and 140 specimens). B-Alignment shortened to match the length of the partial region of the 16S rDNA we had sequence from 454 (326bp, 123 specimens, including 34 *Rhizonema*). Bootstrap values  $\geq$  70 are represented by thickened branches

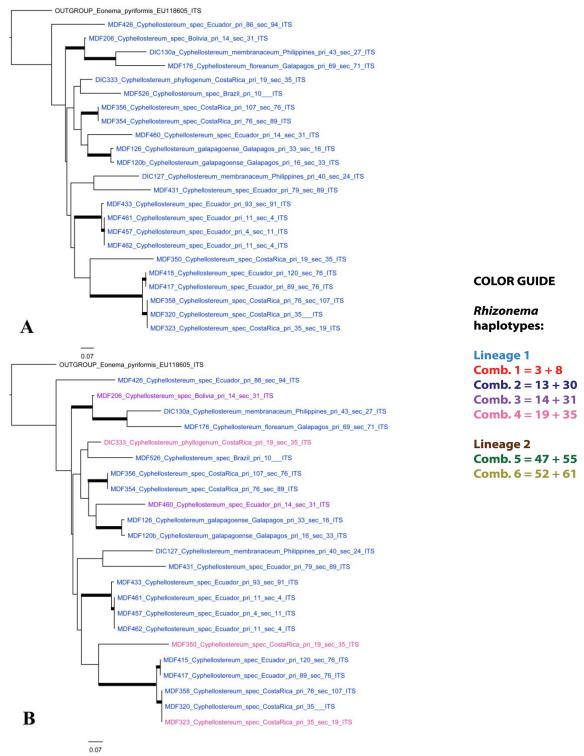


Figure 34 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML in RAxML for the ITS marker for *Cyphellostereum* species only A - Colors showing only lineage 1 of *Rhizonema* for all *Cyphellostereum* species. B- Two combination of haplotypes are present within the genus (comb. 3 and comb. 4). 23 specimens plus one outgroup. The color royal blue denotes the lack of a dominant haplotype. Bootstrap values  $\geq 70$  are represented by thickened branches

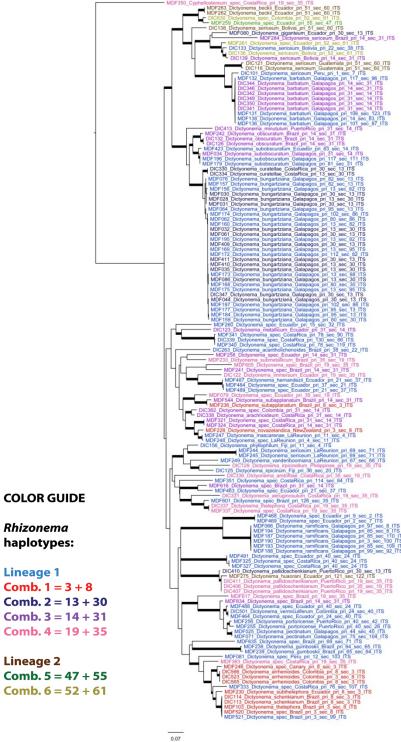
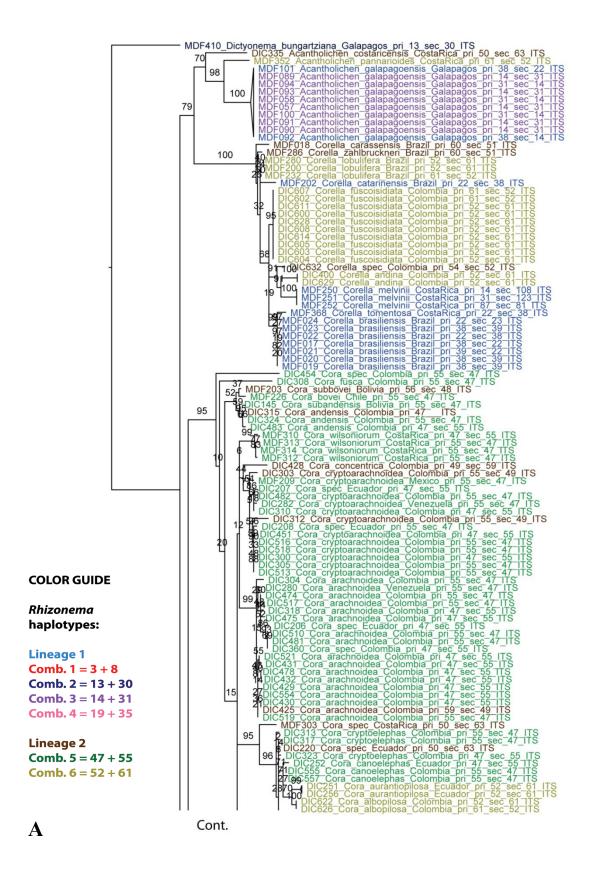
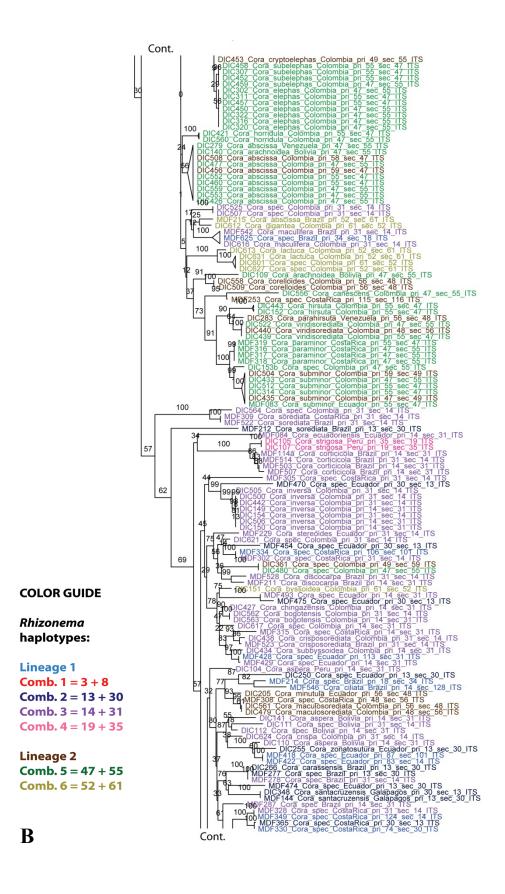


Figure 35 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML in RAxML for the ITS marker for *Dictyonema* species only Colors showing that the majority of *Dictyonema* s.s. species has lineage 1 of *Rhizonema*, however all 6 haplotype combinations are present. 142 specimens plus one outgroup. The colors brown and royal blue denote the lack of a dominant haplotype. Bootstrap values  $\geq 70$  are represented by thickened branches





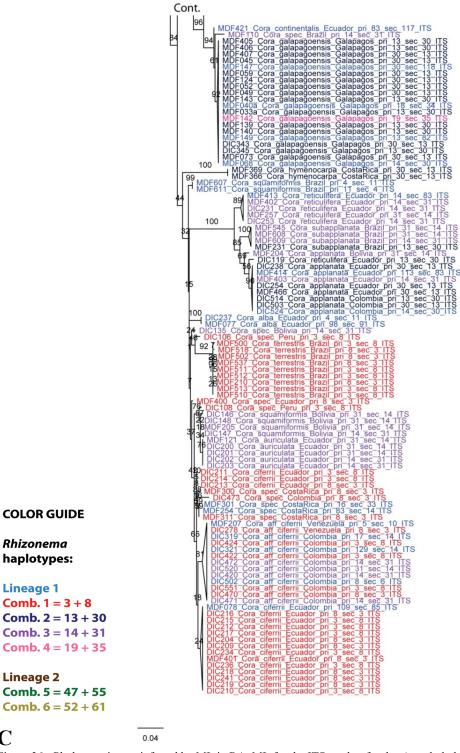


Figure 36 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML in RAxML for the ITS marker for the *Acantholichen-Corella-Cora* clade Colors show that the majority of species has lineage 1 of *Rhizonema*, however all 6 haplotype combinations are present. *Cora* clade 1 seems to have lineage 2 of *Rhizonema* as the predominant photobiont. Bootstrap values are shown. 330 specimens plus one outgroup

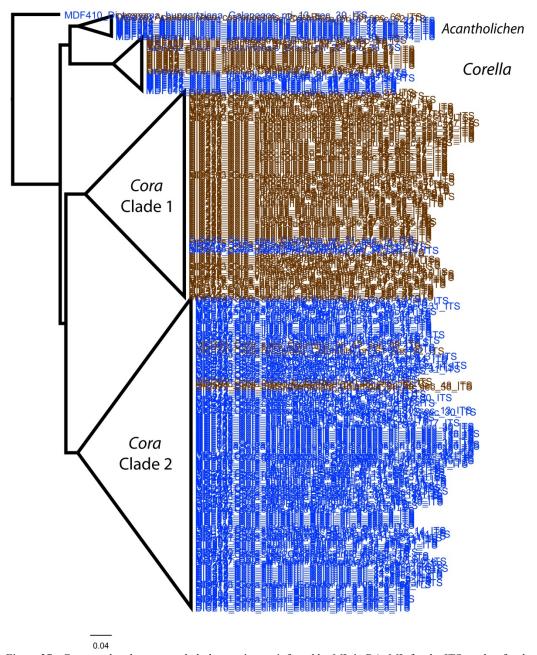


Figure 37 - Cartooned and compacted phylogenetic tree inferred by ML in RAxML for the ITS marker for the *Acantholichen-Corella-Cora* clade to show distribution of *Rhizonema* lineages (same data as Figure 36)
For names, please consult previous figure. Colors show that the majority of species has lineage 1 of *Rhizonema*. *Cora* clade 1 seems to have lineage 2 of *Rhizonema* as the predominant photobiont, while *Cora* clade 2 has *Rhizonema* lineage 1 almost exclusively. *Corella* and *Acantholichen* species seem to have both species of *Rhizonema* as photobiont. Bootstrap values  $\geq$  70 are represented by thickened branches

Table 21 - Specimens, including collection information used in this study X denotes for ITS not available. Rhiz = *Rhizonema* lineage present (lineage 1 or lineage 2)

Control	Genus	epithet	Voucher	Country	ITS	Pri	Sec	Rhiz
DIC335	Acantholichen	costaricensis	Lücking sn	Costa Rica		50	63	2
MDF057	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	DalForno 1204	Galapagos		14	31	1
MDF058	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	DalForno 1205	Galapagos		31	14	1
MDF088	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Aptroot 63215	Galapagos	X	14	31	1
MDF089	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Aptroot 64679	Galapagos		14	31	1
MDF090	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Bungartz 4125	Galapagos		14	31	1
MDF091	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Aptroot 65187	Galapagos		14	31	1
MDF092	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Aptroot 65554	Galapagos		38	14	1
MDF093	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Nugra 400	Galapagos		14	31	1
MDF094	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Nugra 379	Galapagos		31	14	1
MDF099	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Truong 1532	Galapagos	X	38	14	1
MDF100	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Bungartz 8152	Galapagos		31	14	1
MDF101	Acantholichen	galapagoensis	Bungartz 8577	Galapagos		38	22	1
MDF352	Acantholichen	pannarioides	DalForno 1752	Costa Rica		61	52	2
DIC104	Cora	aspera	Vela sn	Peru		14	31	1
DIC105	Cora	strigosa	Jihuallanca sn	Peru		35	19	1
DIC106	Cora	sp.	Farfan sn	Peru		3	8	1
DIC107	Cora	strigosa	Paz 3	Peru		19	35	1
DIC108	Cora	sp.	unknown sn	Peru		3	8	1
DIC109	Cora	arachnoidea	Lücking 29363	Bolivia		47	55	2
DIC110	Cora	aspera	Lücking 29128	Bolivia		14	31	1
DIC111	Cora	sp.	Lücking 29364	Bolivia		31	14	1
DIC112	Cora	sp.	Lücking 29356	Bolivia		14	31	1
DIC119	Cora	reticulifera	Lücking 26201	Ecuador		13	30	1
DIC135	Cora	sp.	Wilk 2607	Bolivia		14	31	1
DIC140	Cora	arachnoidea	Wilk 2780a	Bolivia		47	55	2
DIC141	Cora	aspera	Wilk 2780b	Bolivia		14	31	1
DIC142	Cora	sp.	Wilk 7979	Bolivia	X	56	48	2
DIC145	Cora	squamiformis	Wilk 7562	Bolivia		55	47	2
DIC146	Cora	squamiformis	Wilk 7577	Bolivia		31	14	1
DIC147	Cora	squamiformis	Wilk 7587	Bolivia		14	31	1
DIC148	Cora	squamiformis	Wilk 7446	Bolivia		31	14	1
DIC149	Cora	inversa	Lücking sn	Colombia		14	31	1
DIC150	Cora	inversa	Lücking sn	Colombia		14	31	1
DIC151	Cora	byssoidea	Lücking sn	Colombia		61	52	2
DIC152	Cora	hirsuta	Lücking Type	Colombia		55	47	2
DIC153b	Cora	sp.	Lücking sn	Colombia		47	55	2
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DIC204	Cora	ciferrii	Lücking sn	Ecuador		8	3	1
DIC205	Cora	minutula	Lücking sn	Ecuador		56	48	2
DIC206	Cora	sp.	Lücking sn	Ecuador		47	55	2
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DIC208	Cora	sp.	Lücking sn	Ecuador		55	47	2
DIC209	Cora	ciferrii	Lücking sn	Ecuador		8	3	1
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DIC234	Cora	ciferrii	Paredes 653	Ecuador		3	8	1
	Cora	sp.	Paredes 653	Ecuador	X	14	31	1

DIC236	Cora	aifamuii	Ceron 36059	Ecuador		3	8	1
DIC236 DIC237	Cora	ciferrii alba	Paredes 62	Ecuador		4	11	1
DIC238	Cora	applanata	Ceron 38530	Ecuador		30	13	1
DIC241	Cora	ciferrii	Paredes 41	Ecuador		8	3	1
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DIC253	Cora	reticulifera	Nugra 864	Ecuador		14	31	1
DIC254	Cora	applanata	Nugra 863	Ecuador		30	13	1
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DIC266	Cora	carassensis	Lücking 31351a	Brazil	*7	13	30	1
DIC268	Cora Cora	sp.	Lücking 31353 Hernandez	Brazil Venezuela	X X	30 47	13 55	1 2
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DIC616	Cora	sp. maculifera	Lücking 35403	Colombia	Λ	31	14	1
DIC617	Cora		Lücking 35424	Colombia		14	31	1
		sp.				31	14	1
DIC621	Cora	sp.	Moncada 6158	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC622	Cora	albopilosa	Moncada 6160	Colombia	37			
DIC623	Cora	sp.	Moncada 6199	Colombia	X	61	52	2
DIC624	Cora	crispa	Moncada 6308	Colombia		31	14	1
DIC626	Cora	albopilosa	Moncada 6326	Colombia		61	52	2
DIC627	Cora	sp.	Moncada 6327	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC631	Cora	lactuca	Moncada 6339	Colombia		52	61	2
MDF033a	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno 1180a	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF040a	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno	Galapagos		18	34	1
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MDF045	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno 1192	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF049	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno 1196	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF052	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno 1199a	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF059	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno 1206	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF068	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno 1218	Galapagos		14	30	1
MDF073	Cora	galapagoensis	DalForno 1223	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF077	Cora	alba	Jonitz 436	Ecuador		98	91	1
MDF078	Cora	ciferrii	Jonitz 377	Ecuador		109	85	1
MDF083	Cora	subminor	Jonitz 383	Ecuador		55	47	2
MDF084	Cora	ecuadoriensis	Jonitz 603	Ecuador		14	31	1
MDF110	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1267	Brazil		14	31	1
MDF114a	Cora	corticicola	DalForno 1274a	Brazil		14	31	1
MDF121	Cora	squamiformis	Aptroot 63657	Galapagos		31	14	1
MDF124	Cora	galapagoensis	Yanez 1509	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF139	Cora	galapagoensis	Yanez 1508	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF140	Cora	galapagoensis	Yanez 1513	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF142	Cora	galapagoensis	Yanez 1538	Galapagos		19	35	1
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MDF 203 MDF 204	Cora	applanata	Kukwa 9437 Kukwa 9206	Bolivia		31	14	1
MDF 204 MDF 205	Cora	squamiformis	Kukwa 9200 Kukwa 928966	Bolivia		31	14	1
MDF 205 MDF 207	Cora	aff. ciferrii	Hale 44528	Venezuela		5	10	1
	Cora Cora	cryptoarachnoidea		Mexico		55	47	2
MDF209			Egan 17538					1
MDF210	Cora	terrestris	Ariati 376	Brazil		8 14	3 31	1
MDF211	Cora	discocarpa	Ariati sn	Brazil				1
MDF212	Cora	sorediata	Beilke 87	Brazil		13	30	1
MDF214	Cora	sp.	Beilke 42	Brazil		18	34	1
MDF215	Cora	abscissa	Eliasaro 2482a	Brazil	*7	52	61	2
MDF216	Cora	sp.	Eliasaro 2482b	Brazil	X	31	14	1
MDF226	Cora	bovei	Buck 59058	Chile		55	47	2
MDF229	Cora	stereoides	Yanez 2462	Ecuador		31	14	1
MDF231	Cora	subapplanata	Gumboski 2400	Brazil		13	30	1
MDF253	Cora	sp.	Chavez 2729	Costa Rica		115	116	2
MDF254	Cora	glabrata	Quesada 1304	Costa Rica		83	14	1

MDF257	Cora	vaticulifava	Beck E388	Ecuador		31	14	1
MDF264	Cora	reticulifera sp.	Spielmann 3282	Brazil	X	31	14	1
MDF266	Cora	sp.	Spielmann 5042	Brazil	X	14	31	1
MDF271	Cora	sp.	Spielmann 2455	Brazil	X	13	30	1
MDF272	Cora	sp.	Spielmann 2932	Brazil	X	13	30	1
<b>MDF273</b>	Cora	sp.	Spielmann 2061	Brazil	X	51	60	2
<b>MDF277</b>	Cora	sp.	Gumboski 4244	Brazil		13	30	1
MDF278	Cora	sp.	Gumboski 4245	Brazil		31	14	1
MDF287	Cora	sp.	Gerlach 994	Brazil		14	31	1
MDF300	Cora	glabrata	DalForno 1700	Costa Rica		8	3	1
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MDF308	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1708	Costa Rica		48	56	2
MDF309	Cora	sorediata	DalForno 1709	Costa Rica		31	14	1
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MDF311	Cora	glabrata	DalForno 1711	Costa Rica		8	3	1
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MDF317 MDF318	Cora Cora	paraminor	DalForno 1717 DalForno 1718	Costa Rica Costa Rica		47 47	55	2
MDF319	Cora	paraminor paraminor	DaiForno 1718 DalForno 1719	Costa Rica		55	47	2
MDF319	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1719 DalForno 1728	Costa Rica		31	14	1
MDF330	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1730	Costa Rica		74	30	1
MDF334	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1734	Costa Rica		106	101	1
MDF349	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1749	Costa Rica		124	14	1
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MDF366	Cora	hymenocarpa	DalForno 1766	Costa Rica		30	13	1
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MDF405	Cora	galapagoensis	Nugra 1034	Galapagos		13	30	1
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MDF407	Cora	galapagoensis	Bungartz 10325	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF413	Cora	reticulifera	DalForno 1788	Ecuador		14	83	1
MDF414	Cora	applanata	DalForno 1789	Ecuador		113	83	1
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MDF421	Cora	continentalis	DalForno 1800	Ecuador		83	117	1
MDF422	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1802	Ecuador		83	14 31	1
MDF428 MDF429	Cora Cora	sp.	DalForno 1806 DalForno 1807	Ecuador Ecuador		113 14	31	1
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MDF454	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1921	Ecuador	Λ	30	13	1
MDF466	Cora	applanata	DalForno 1934	Ecuador		30	13	1
MDF470	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1962	Ecuador		30	13	1
MDF474	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1966	Ecuador		13	30	1
MDF475	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1972	Ecuador		30	13	1
MDF493	Cora	sp.	DalForno 1996	Ecuador		14	31	1
MDF500	Cora	terrestris	DalForno 2000	Brazil		3	8	1
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MDF503	Cora	corticicola	DalForno 2003	Brazil		14	31	1
MDF507	Cora Cora	corticicola	DalForno 2007 DalForno 2010	Brazil Brazil		14	31 8	1
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		terrestris	DalForno 2018	Brazil		8	3	1

MDF519	Cora	sorediata	DalForno 2019	Brazil	X	14	31	1
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MDF528	Cora	discocarpa	DalForno 2028	Brazil		31	14	1
MDF537	Cora Cora	terrestris maculifera	DalForno 2037 DalForno 2042	Brazil Brazil		8 31	3 14	1
MDF542 MDF545	Cora	subapplanata	DalForno 2042 DalForno 2045	Brazil		31	14	1
MDF 546	Cora	ciliata	DalForno 2046	Brazil		14	128	1
MDF 607	Cora	squamiformis	DalForno 2061	Brazil		4	11	1
MDF608	Cora	subapplanata	DalForno 2062	Brazil		31	14	1
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MDF611	Cora	squamiformis	DalForno 2065	Brazil		11	4	1
MDF625	Cora	sp.	DalForno 2113	Brazil		34	18	1
MDF630	Cora	sp.	DalForno 2122	Brazil	X	14	31	1
DIC265	Corella	brasiliensis	Lücking 31330	Brazil	X	38	22	1
DIC400	Corella	andina	Suarez sn	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC600	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35300	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC602	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35314	Colombia		61	52	2
DIC603	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35315	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC604	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35316	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC605	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35327	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC607	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35330	Colombia		61	52	2
DIC608	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35332	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC610	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35336	Colombia	X	52	61	2
DIC611	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35341	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC614	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Lücking 35350	Colombia Colombia	v	52 61	61 52	2
DIC619 DIC620	Corella Corella	sp.	Moncada 6108 Moncada 6110a	Colombia	X X	61	52	2
DIC628	Corella	sp. fuscoisidiata	Moncada 6329	Colombia	Λ	52	61	2
DIC629	Corella	andina	Moncada 6330	Colombia		52	61	2
DIC632	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Moncada 6345	Colombia		54	52	2
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MDF018	Corella	carassensis	DalForno 1272	Brazil		60	51	2
MDF019	Corella	brasiliensis	DalForno 1280	Brazil		38	39	1
MDF020	Corella	brasiliensis	DalForno 1281	Brazil		38	39	1
MDF021	Corella	brasiliensis	DalForno 1282	Brazil		39	22	1
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MDF200	Corella	lobulifera	Eliasaro 5006	Brazil		52	61	2
MDF201	Corella	sp.	Donha 1759	Brazil	X	61	52	2
MDF202	Corella	catarinensis	Beilke 623	Brazil		22	38	1
MDF232	Corella	lobulifera	Gumboski 2403	Brazil		61	52	2
MDF250	Corella	melvinii	Chaves 2878	Costa Rica		14	108	1
MDF251	Corella	melvinii	Chaves 2437	Costa Rica		31	123	1
MDF252	Corella Corella	melvinii	Chaves 122 Gumboski 4401	Costa Rica		87 52	81 61	1 2
MDF280 MDF286	Corella	lobulifera zahlbruckneri	Gumboski 4401 Gerlach 993	Brazil Brazil		60	51	2
MDF368	Corella	tomentosa	DalForno 1766	Costa Rica		22	38	1
DIC127	Cyphellostereum	membranaceum	RivasPlata	Philippines		40	24	1
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DIC130a	Cyphellostereum	membranaceum	RivasPlata	Philippines		43	27	1
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DIC333	Cyphellostereum	phyllogenum	Lücking 17013	Costa Rica		19	35	1
MDF120b	Cyphellostereum	galapagoense	Bungartz 8517	Galapagos		16	33	1
MDF126	Cyphellostereum	galapagoense	Yanez 1545	Galapagos		33	16	1
MDF176	Cyphellostereum	floreanium	Bungartz 9475	Galapagos		69	71	1
MDF206	Cyphellostereum	sp.	Kukwa 8736	Bolivia		14	31	1
MDF320	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1720	Costa Rica		35	X	1
MDF323	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1723	Costa Rica		35	19	1
MDF350	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1740	Costa Rica		19	35	1
MDF354	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1754	Costa Rica		76	89	1
MDF356	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1756	Costa Rica		107	76	1
MDF358	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1758	Costa Rica		76	107	1
MDF415	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1792	Ecuador		120	76	1
<b>MDF417</b>	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1797	Ecuador		89	76	1

MDF426	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1798	Ecuador		86	94	1
MDF431	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1813	Ecuador		79	89	1
MDF433	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1825	Ecuador		93	91	1
MDF457	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1915	Ecuador		4	11	1
MDF460	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1923	Ecuador		14	31	1
MDF461	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1926	Ecuador		11	4	1
MDF462	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1927	Ecuador		11	4	1
MDF465	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 1933b	Ecuador	X	31	14	1
MDF526	Cyphellostereum	sp.	DalForno 2026	Brazil		10	X	1
DIC101	Dictyonema	sericeum	Vela sn	Peru		1	7	1
DIC102	Dictyonema	sericeum	Vela sn	Peru	X	30	13	1
DIC103	Dictyonema	sericeum	Vela sn	Peru	X	7	2	1
DIC113	Dictyonema	schenkianum	Lücking 30062	Brazil		8	3	1
DIC114	Dictyonema	schenkianum	Lücking 30060	Brazil		8	3	1
DIC116	Dictyonema	sericeum	Lücking 25551b	Guatemala		51	60	2
DIC117	Dictyonema	phyllophilum	Lücking 26211	Ecuador	X	14	31	1
DIC118	Dictyonema	metallicum	Lücking 26203	Ecuador	X	14	31	1
DIC121	Dictyonema	sericeum	Lücking 25561	Guatemala		51	60	2
DIC122	Dictyonema	immersum	Lücking 26258	Ecuador		19	35	1
DIC123	Dictyonema	metallicum	Lücking 26255	Ecuador		31	14	1
DIC125	Dictyonema	irpicinum	Lumbsch 19837e	Fiji		36	20	1
DIC126	Dictyonema	obscuratum	Lücking 23025	Brazil		14	31	1
DIC128	Dictyonema	membranaceum	RivasPlata 2129a	Philippines	X	72	73	1
DIC129	Dictyonema	irpicinellum	RivasPlata 2143	Philippines		19	35	1
DIC132	Dictyonema	obscuratum	Lücking 23204	Brazil		14	31	1
DIC133	Dictyonema	sericeum	Wilk 9327	Bolivia		22	38	1
DIC136	Dictyonema	sericeum	Fuentes 4788	Bolivia		52	61	2
DIC137	Dictyonema	sericeum	Wilk 9269	Bolivia	X	52	61	2
DIC138	Dictyonema	sericeum	Wilk 8868	Bolivia		51	60	2
DIC139	Dictyonema	sericeum	WIlk 8886	Bolivia		14	31	1
DIC156	Dictyonema	phyllophilum	Lumbsch 19812	Fiji		11	4	1
DIC157	Dictyonema	membranaceum	Lumbsch 19811b	Fiji	X	19	X	1
DIC263	Dictyonema	acantholichenoides	Lücking 31306	Brazil		38	22	1
DIC264	Dictyonema	sp.	Lücking 31307	Brazil	X	14	31	1
DIC330	Dictyonema	curatellae	Lücking 17252i	Costa Rica		30	13	1
DIC331	Dictyonema	aeruginosulum	Trest 1569	Costa Rica		19	35	1
DIC334	Dictyonema	curatellae	Lücking 15327	Costa Rica		13	30	1
DIC336	Dictyonema	amtoftiae	Amtoft 3095	Costa Rica		35	19	1
DIC337	Dictyonema	thelephora	Lücking 18008	Costa Rica		19	35	1
DIC338	Dictyonema	arachnoideum	Lücking 15353	Costa Rica		31	14	1
DIC339	Dictyonema	gomezianum	Lücking 18053	Costa Rica		130	66	1
DIC341	Dictyonema	barbatum	Bungartz 8363	Galapagos		31	14	1
DIC342	Dictyonema	sp.	Bungartz 6852	Galapagos		31	14	1
DIC344	Dictyonema	sp.	Bungartz 8576	Galapagos		14	31	1
DIC346	Dictyonema	sp.	Aptroot 65186	Galapagos		14	31	1
DIC347	Dictyonema	sp.	HerreraCampos 10560	Galapagos		30	13	1
DIC349	Dictyonema	sp.	Truong 1275	Galapagos		31	14	1
DIC350	Dictyonema	sp.	Bungartz 6906	Galapagos		31	14	1
DIC362	Dictyonema	sp.	Moncada sn	Colombia		31	14	1
DIC402	Dictyonema	sp.	Lücking 33852	Puerto Rico	X	19	35	1
DIC406	Dictyonema	pallidoschenkianum	Lücking 33901	Puerto Rico		35	19	1
DIC407	Dictyonema	pallidoschenkianum	Lücking 33907	Puerto Rico		19	35	1
DIC410	Dictyonema	pallidoschenkianum	Lücking 33915	Puerto Rico		30	13	1
DIC411	Dictyonema	pallidoschenkianum	Lücking 33917	Puerto Rico		19	35	1
DIC413	Dictyonema	minutulum	Lücking 33936	Puerto Rico		31	14	1
DIC414	Dictyonema	sp.	Lücking 27018k	Panama	X	30	13	1
DIC415	Dictyonema	pallidoschenkianum	Lücking 34241	Thailand	X	29	45	1
DIC501	Dictyonema	vermiculiferum	Lücking 33529	Colombia		24	40	1
DIC523	Dictyonema	arrhenioides	Lücking 33365	Colombia		3	8	1
	Dictyonema	arrhenioides	Lücking 35282	Colombia		8	3	1

DIC566	Dictyonema	arrhenioides	Lücking 35284	Colombia		8	3	1
DIC630	Dictyonema	Sp.	Moncada 6336	Colombia		52	61	2
MDF025	Dictvonema	pectinatum	DalForno 1170	Galapagos		44	40	1
MDF028	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1174	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF030	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1177	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF031	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1178	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF032	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1179	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF034	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	DalForno 1181	Galapagos		31	14	1
MDF035	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1182	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF044	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1191	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF061	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1208	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF062	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1209	Galapagos		80	86	1
MDF064	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1211	Galapagos		95	13	1
MDF066	Dictyonema	ramificans	DalForno 1214	Galapagos		97	8	1
MDF071	Dictyonema	pectinatum	DalForno 1221	Galapagos		75	104	1
<b>MDF076</b>	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Spielmann 8249	Galapagos		82	13	1
MDF079	Dictyonema	sp.	Jonitz 655	Ecuador		35	19	1
MDF080	Dictyonema	giganteum	Jonitz 456	Ecuador		30	13	1
MDF081	Dictyonema	sp.	Jonitz 592	Peru		12	103	1
MDF086	Dictyonema	bungartziana	DalForno 1183	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF103	Dictyonema	thelephora	DalForno 1070a	Brazil		3	8	1
MDF131	Dictyonema	barbatum	Truong 1259	Galapagos		106	123	1
MDF132	Dictyonema	barbatum	Truong 1533	Galapagos		117	96	1
MDF134	Dictyonema	barbatum	Aptroot 65523	Galapagos	X	14	83	1
MDF136	Dictyonema	barbatum	Bungartz 6849	Galapagos		101	87	1
MDF138	Dictyonema	barbatum	Yanez 1550	Galapagos		14	83	1
MDF156	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Yanez 1828	Galapagos		13	82	1
<b>MDF157</b>	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Yanez 1842	Galapagos		82	13	1
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MDF160	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Yanez 2056	Galapagos		13	82	1
MDF165	Dictyonema	sp.	Aptroot 63192a	Galapagos	X	13	95	1
<b>MDF168</b>	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Aptroot 64519	Galapagos		80	30	1
MDF169	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Aptroot 65037a	Galapagos		13	95	1
MDF170	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Bungartz 3275	Galapagos	X	95	13	1
MDF172	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Bungartz 3956	Galapagos		112	82	1
MDF173	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Bungartz 5746	Galapagos		13	88	1
MDF174	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Bungartz 6883	Galapagos		102	86	1
MDF175	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Bungartz 8350	Galapagos		13	95	1
MDF177	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Bungartz 9476	Galapagos		95	13	1
MDF179	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	Bungartz 9549	Galapagos		81	31	1
MDF180	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	Bungartz 9550	Galapagos	X	101	87	1
MDF181	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	Bungartz 9551	Galapagos	X	14	96	1
MDF182	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	Bungartz 9552	Galapagos	X	14	83	1
MDF184	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Yanez 1507	Galapagos	~~	95	13	1
MDF185	Dictyonema	sp.	Yanez 1514	Galapagos	X	87	125	1
MDF187	Dictyonema	ramificans	Yanez 1517	Galapagos		85	110	1
MDF188	Dictyonema	ramificans	Yanez 1518	Galapagos		99	92	1
MDF190	Dictyonema	ramificans	Yanez 1521	Galapagos		3	100	1
MDF193	Dictyonema	ramificans	Yanez 1534	Galapagos		85	109	1
MDF194	Dictyonema	ramificans	Yanez 1539	Galapagos		85	8	1
MDF195	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Yanez 1541	Galapagos		13	82	1
MDF196	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	Yanez 2058	Galapagos Galapagos		117	111	1
MDF197	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Yanez 2162	1 0	X	102 31	86 14	1
MDF218	Dictyonema	sericeum novazelandica	Donha 103	Brazil New Zealand	Λ	3	8	1
MDF228 MDF230	Dictyonema Dictyonema	subthelephora	Blanchon 5141 Yanez 2500	Ecuador		8	3	1
MDF233	Dictyonema Dictyonema	submetallicum	Gumboski 3549	Brazil		35	19	1
MDF236	Dictyonema	subapplanatum	Gumboski	Brazil		8	3	1
MDF238	Dictyonema	gumboskii	2343a Gumboski 2399	Brazil		64	65	1
MDF239	Dictyonema	gumboskii	Gumboski 2445	Brazil		65	64	1
MDF241	Dictyonema	sp.	Caceres &	Brazil		14	31	1
MDF242	Dictyonema	subobscuratum	Aptroot 13598 Caceres & Aptroot 13632	Brazil		14	31	1

MDF244	Dictyonema	sericeum	Boom 40730	La Reunion		69	71	1
MDF245	Dictyonema	sericeum	Boom 40588	La Reunion		69	71	1
MDF246	Dictyonema	sp.		Canary		8	3	1
			Boom 45707	Islands				
MDF247	Dictyonema	mascarenae	Boom 39933	La Reunion		11	4	1
MDF248	Dictyonema	sp.	Boom 40086	La Reunion		4	11	1
MDF249	Dictyonema	vandenboomiana	Boom 40318	La Reunion		67	68	1
MDF255	Dictyonema	portoricense	Mercado-Diaz sn	Puerto Rico		40	26	1
MDF256	Dictyonema	portoricense	Mercado-Diaz sn	Puerto Rico		40	42	1
MDF258	Dictvonema	sp.	Beck E398	Ecuador		14	31	1
MDF259	Dictyonema	sp.	Beck E400	Ecuador		55	47	2
MDF260	Dictyonema	sp.	Beck E415	Ecuador		15	32	1
MDF261	Dictyonema	sp.	Beck E425a	Ecuador		52	61	2
MDF262	Dictyonema	beckii	Beck E425b	Ecuador		51	60	2
MDF263	Dictyonema	beckii	Beck E425c	Ecuador		51	60	2
MDF275	Dictyonema	huaorani	DavisYost 1051	Ecuador		121	122	2
MDF281	Dictyonema	sp.	Gumboski 4388	Brazil	X	30	13	1
MDF284	Dictyonema	sericeum	Gerlach 791	Brazil	37	14	31	1
MDF285	Dictyonema	sp.	Gerlach 985	Brazil	X	19	35	1
MDF321 MDF322	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1721 DalForno 1722	Costa Rica Costa Rica	X	31	14 14	1
MDF324	Dictyonema Dictvonema	sp.	DalForno 1724		Λ	14	31	1
MDF324 MDF325	Dictyonema Dictyonema	sp. sp.	DaiForno 1724 DalForno 1725	Costa Rica Costa Rica		40	24	1
MDF323	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1727	Costa Rica		40	24	1
MDF333	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1727	Costa Rica		76	107	1
MDF337	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1737	Costa Rica		19	35	1
MDF339	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1739	Costa Rica	X	131	132	1
MDF340	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1740	Costa Rica		78	119	1
MDF341	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1741	Costa Rica		78	90	1
MDF351	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1741	Costa Rica		114	84	1
MDF363	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1763	Costa Rica		19	35	1
MDF409	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Nugra 1051	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF410	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Spielmann 10621	Galapagos		13	30	1
MDF411	Dictyonema	bungartziana	Nugra 1096	Galapagos		30	13	1
MDF423	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1803	Ecuador		83	14	1
MDF444	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1861	Ecuador	X	29	45	1
MDF463	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1928	Ecuador		21	37	1
MDF464	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1933a	Ecuador		24	40	1
MDF467	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1935	Ecuador	X	25	41	1
MDF468	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1936	Ecuador		9	2	1
MDF469	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1961	Ecuador	X	2	7	1
MDF473 MDF484	Dictyonema Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1965 DalForno	Ecuador Ecuador	Λ	70 37	71 21	1
		sp.	1981b DalForno			21	37	1
MDF487	Dictyonema	hernandezii	1982a	Ecuador		۷1	31	1
MDF488	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1983	Ecuador		40	24	1
MDF489	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1984	Ecuador		21	37	1
MDF491	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1987	Ecuador		40	24	1
MDF492	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 1988	Ecuador	X	13	30	1
MDF520	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2020	Brazil		3	8	1
MDF521	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2021	Brazil	v	3	99	1
MDF536	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2036 DalForno	Brazil	X	3	8	1
MDF541a	Dictyonema	sp.	2041a	Brazil	A	14		1
MDF544	Dictyonema	subapplanatum	DalForno 2044	Brazil		14	31	1
MDF601	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2050	Brazil		126	35	1
MDF602	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2051	Brazil	X	19	35	1
MDF605	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2055	Brazil		19	35	1
MDF616	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2085	Brazil		31	14	1
MDF617	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2092b	Brazil		19	35	1

MDF621	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2102	Brazil	X	31	14	1
MDF634	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2131	Brazil		14	31	1
MDF635	Dictyonema	sp.	DalForno 2132	Brazil		69	71	1
<b>MDF027</b>	Coccocarpia	pellita	DalForno 1172	Galapagos	N/A	44	46	1
MDF046a	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1193	Galapagos	N/A	28	44	1
MDF114b	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1274b	Brazil	N/A	35	19	1
MDF344	Coccocarpia	microphyllidia	DalForno 1744	Costa Rica	N/A	14	83	1
MDF345	Coccocarpia	stellata	DalForno 1745	Costa Rica	N/A	95	13	1
MDF419	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1801b	Ecuador	N/A	81	31	1
MDF437	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1831	Ecuador	N/A	77	105	1
MDF455	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1922	Ecuador	N/A	35	19	1
MDF471	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1963	Ecuador	N/A	30	13	1
MDF477	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1975	Ecuador	N/A	35	19	1
<b>MDF479</b>	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 1977	Ecuador	N/A	13	30	1
MDF505	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 2005	Brazil	N/A	31	14	1
MDF515	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 2015	Brazil	N/A	53	62	2
MDF613	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 2074	Brazil	N/A	14	31	1
<b>MDF629</b>	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 2120	Brazil	N/A	61	52	2
MDF631	Coccocarpia	sp.	DalForno 2123	Brazil	N/A	11	4	1
MDF506	Erioderma	sp.	DalForno 2006	Brazil	N/A	14	31	1
MDF532	Erioderma	sp.	DalForno 2032	Brazil	N/A	31	14	1
<b>MDF029</b>	Leptogidium	stipitatum	DalForno 1176	Galapagos	N/A	34	18	1
MDF508	Leptogidium	sp.	DalForno 2008	Brazil	N/A	31	X	1
MDF541b	Leptogidium	sp.	DalForno 2041b	Brazil	N/A	14	31	1

Table 22 - Cyanobacteria used for the 16S analysis only

Control		Genus		Habit		Country	Haplotype
>MDF115	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF115	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF346	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	CostaRica	N/A
>MDF346	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	CostaRica	N/A
>MDF416	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF416	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF420	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF420	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF427	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF427	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF432	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF432	sec	Nostoc	from	Fuscopannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF472	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF472	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF478	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF478	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF482	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF482	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF483	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF483	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF486	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF486	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF539	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF539	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF603	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF603	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF604	pri	Nostoc	from	Leptogium	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF604	sec	Nostoc	from	Leptogium	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF614	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF614	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A

>MDF615	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF615	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF618	pri	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF618	sec	Nostoc	from	Pannaria	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF633	pri	Nostoc	from	Leptogium	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF633	sec	Nostoc	from	Leptogium	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>DIC203	pri	Rhizonema	from	Cora	auriculata	Ecuador	14
>DIC203	sec	Rhizonema	from	Cora	auriculata	Ecuador	31
>DIC331	pri	Rhizonema	from	Dictyonema	aeruginosulum	CostaRica	19
>DIC331	sec	Rhizonema	from	Dictyonema	aeruginosulum	CostaRica	35
>DIC429	pri	Rhizonema	from	Cora	arachnoidea	Colombia	47
>DIC429	sec	Rhizonema	from	Cora	arachnoidea	Colombia	55
>DIC603	pri	Rhizonema	from	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Colombia	52
>DIC603	sec	Rhizonema	from	Corella	fuscoisidiata	Colombia	61
>MDF406	pri	Rhizonema	from	Cora	galapagoensis	Galapagos	13
>MDF406	sec	Rhizonema	from	Cora	galapagoensis	Galapagos	30
>MDF500	pri	Rhizonema	from	Cora	terrestris	Brazil	3
>MDF500	sec	Rhizonema	from	Cora	terrestris	Brazil	8
>DIC260	pri	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Galapagos	N/A
>DIC260	sec	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Galapagos	N/A
>DIC340	pri	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Panama	N/A
>DIC340	sec	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Panama	N/A
>MDF082	pri	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Peru	N/A
>MDF082	sec	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Peru	N/A
>MDF243	pri	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Brazil	N/A
>MDF243	sec	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Brazil	N/A
>MDF438	pri	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF450	pri	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF450	sec	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF452	pri	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF452	sec	Scytonema	sp.	free	living	Ecuador	N/A
>MDF276	pri	Stigonema	from	Ephebe	sp.	Brazil	N/A
>MDF276	sec	Stigonema	from	Ephebe	sp.	Brazil	N/A

### **Chapter 6 – Conclusions and Future Work**

### **Conclusions**

As one of the main outcomes of this dissertation work, we now are able to recognize 5 genera in *Dictyonema* s.l., accepting one of them as paraphyletic. We also show that *Dictyonema* s.l. can be used as a model of evolutionary transitions, since it presents a gradual incorporation of the basidiocarps into the lichen thallus. Overall, the clade includes a remarkable variety of morphologies and symbioses, with the basal genus *Cyphellostereum* probably representing a transitional group.

The species in *Cora* appear to be relatively young and shows that they present an extraordinary case of rapid radiation. This genus had been previously synonymized under *Dictyonema*, and our results not only demonstrate is a separate genus, but also represents over a hundred species in what used to be considered only one, *Dictyonema glabratum*. This study was also able to show *Corella* as a separate genus, and therefore should be resurrected. It also used to be part of *Dictyonema glabratum*, and now we are able to say it constitutes a distinct genus, apart from *Dictyonema* and *Cora* and sister to *Acantholichen*. The genus *Acantholichen* previously thought to be monotypic has currently six species and also represents the potential to be speciose and to present high levels of endemism.

Our focus collecting in the Galapagos Islands allowed us to revise species concepts of basidiolichens and we now recognize ten species in the archipelago. Our enhanced, pantropical sampling of the *Dictyonema* clade showed that all ten current species have arrived to the islands separately by multiple colonization events. At this moment, eight are considered endemic, while two can also be found on mainland Ecuador.

ITS has been used widely in the mycological community as a barcoding locus and we strongly believe that among the markers currently being used, ITS is the best option for species delimitation in the *Dictyonema* clade. This molecular marker provides very good resolution and support for many clades and our additional data, prevenient from anatomical, morphological and ecological data corroborates with tree topology, except perhaps in the paraphyletic genus *Dictyonema*. However, monophyly tests (Dal-Forno, unpublished data; Lawrey et al., 2009), have not been able to reject that hypothesis.

The photobiont of all *Dictyonema* is the cyanobacteria *Rhizonema* so far only found lichenized. This cyanobacterial genus can also be found on other ascolichens, such as *Coccocarpia, Erioderma, Leptogidium* and *Stereocaulon*. There seems to be most of the time a primary and a secondary haplotypes within the lichen thallus. This is actually attributed to a SNP (Cytosine or Adenine) in bp# 12 (bp# 19 in *E. coli* numbering, or the very beginning of the 16S gene), and not a real representation of two different OTUs.

There are 12 main haplotypes of *Rhizonema* in the partial 16 rDNA used, or six main combinations of haplotypes. These haplotypes are almost always together, with

only a few exceptions. These exceptions include two haplotypes (one main one and a less frequent one), but those two haplotypes are also different by one or a couple SNPs.

The photoniont *Rhizonema* appears to be biologically constrained by the fungi, and only two distinct lineages can be observed across all specimens sampled with the current 16S rDNA data. Many haplotypes within these two lineages can be found; however, the different haplotypes are always within the same species of *Rhizonema*. Haplotypes within a single lichen thallus can only be of lineage 1 or lineage 2, but never one of each.

Rhizonema lineage 2 is mainly found within one of the two clades of *Cora*. This clade has no morphological or anatomical differences from the other *Cora*, and therefore we still call both of them the same genus. However, the unique finding of a different species of *Rhizonema* has lend support to think that there is a relationship between the two. The evolution of a second species of *Rhizonema* seems to have triggered a split in *Cora*. The *Rhizonema* lineage 2 and *Cora* Clade 1 are represented mainly by specimens from the wet paramos in northern Colombia.

Overall, our results reinforce the idea, not prevalent in mycology, that species other than microfungi represent most of the undescribed species of Fungi. This group, previously known by a couple species in a single genus, shows a high diversity in multiple genera. These species are mostly not cryptic, they have distinct morphology, anatomy, substrate preference, ecology and distribution. Our sampling efforts had focus mainly in the Neotropics, but we extrapolate that the Paleotropics and temperate zones may also harbor unrecognized diversity.

We hypothesize that one of the reasons that the diversity of this group has not been recognized before is because foliose forms, such as *Cora* and *Corella*, loose diagnostic characteristics, such as thallus color, texture and arrangement of its lobes, shape and color of hymenophores, etc., when removed from their natural habitat. We emphasize again that these are basidiolichens belonging to the order Agaricales (Agaricomycetes, Basidiomycota), an order which contains some of the most charismatic and known mushrooms, such as the fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*), but also the most commonly eaten mushroom, called button, cremini or portobella mushrooms [*Agaricus bisporus* (J.E. Lange) Imbach]. Long known by mycologists, these mushrooms are measured and studied in the field, and we advocate for similar approaches when studying *Dictyonema* s.l. and basidiolichens in general.

Data from this dissertation points to a very high diversity in the fungal partner and a very low diversity of the photobiont. Some haplotypes of *Rhizonema* are shared among many different clades within *Dictyonema* s.l., while some are shared mainly among lineages within a single clade. Since only data from a small region of the 16S gene was used for the cyanobacterial partner, one that is considered very conserved, there is need to further investigatethe distribution of photobionts within the *Dictyonema* clade using other genetic markers. However, our use of only a partial sequence belonging to the 16S rDNA was able to elucidate haplotype patterns in two distinct lineages of *Rhizonema*. This is still very low diversity is compared to the hundreds species of the fungal partner we are now able to recognize. Comparing this extraordinary different numbers of species within both bionts lend support to previously published theory about lichen photobiont

domestication, in which the photobiont is being constrained by the fungi and evolutionary changes are very limited. This supports the ideas of the Canadian lichenologist Trevor Goward (1994), who said "lichens are fungi that have taken up agriculture", since it seems like the mycobionts and not photobionts are doing the selecting and the associations are a reflection of the "choices" they make.

#### **Future work**

There are a number of new questions that have resulted from this dissertation and remain to be answered in the future. Our working group has now the enormous challenge of publishing hundreds of new species in the genera *Cora*, *Corella*, *Cyphellostereum* and *Dictyonema* in which species boundaries have been established. Although this dissertation is a beginning to start recording this unrecognized diversity, we still have many more to go. This is a long life project, considering that our samples are mainly focus in the Neotropics and the paleotropics remain to be collected comprehensively. For example, it is a main goal to work on a large project of species of the *Dictyonema* clade in Brazil, including a field guide with pictures and distribution of each one of the species.

Concerning the DNA sequence data used in this study, molecular phylogenies of *Dictyonema* have primarily utilized ITS, which has been adopted by the mycological community as barcoding locus (Schoch et al., 2012). However, some clades, particularly those that are shallow-rooted and of recent origin, are poorly resolved using only ITS. Therefore, the development of new genetic markers is in need for phylogenetic

reconstruction of these rapidly evolving or recently derived lineages. In combination with ITS, new markers may help to resolve relationships and strengthen support throughout the tree, increasing our knowledge of species diversification in this clade.

Lastly, another project in preparation is regarding the microbiome of the lichen symbiosis of the *Dictyonema* clade. Lichens are traditionally described as a symbiosis between a fungus and a green algae and/or cyanobacteria, but this is a rather simplistic definition since they are also known to harbor many microorganisms (fungi and bacteria primarily), some of which are obligately lichen-associated. While collecting data for this dissertation, data was also collected on the lichen microbiome using next-generation sequencing (Roche 454 GS Junior) for approximately 560 specimens of *Dictyonema*, and it is possible to observe bacterial community profiles associated with these lichens, especially regarding their morpho-type. We expect that these will vary in interesting ways, especially regarding the lichen morpho-type, but perhaps also with habitat type and geography.

# **Appendices**

# Appendix 1. Specimen protocol for the different forms.

Dictyonema/Cyphellostereum		Genbank ITS:	
Control Number:			
Collector:	Country:	Pictures:	
MORPHOLOGY			
Thallus: epiphytic	- terricolous - rock-inhabiting - on wood	– bryophylous – lichenicolous.	
associates	s with: lichens – bryophytes on bark: tw	wigs – branches – lianas – trunk – bryophyte-laden	
Growth form: shel	f-like – forming a mat / filamentous – crus	tose / fibrils appressed: irregularly – strongly /	
complete	y embedded in matrix – intermediate – rest	ting on / clustering of fibrils: more or less individual -	
interwove	en / density of the fibrils: dense – medium -	- scarce/ circular orientation: present – absent / angle of	
fibrils: ho	rizontal (flat) – obliquous – perpendicular (	(erect) / direction: going everywhere – intermediate –	
same (uni	form) – combed – arachnoid / special chara	acters: none – microfruticose – with projections – other:	
Size: cm d	iam. or cm long, cm wide	e / small – medium – large / continuous – more or less	
continuou	ıs – dispersed patches		
Lobes: present – ab	osent / to per thallus / cm lor	ng, cm wide	
Color: dark –light	/ olive-green – green – greenish – aeruginou	us – bluish – blue / dull – shiny	
Prothallus: absent	– present / thin – distinct / white	/ µm thick	
Hypothallus: abser	nt – present / visible – not visible / white	/	
Hymenophore: ma	urginal–submarginal–laminal / resupinate–s	steroid-cyphelloid to corticioid-steroid-cyphelloid/	
rounded-	angular-linear-irregular-elongate-reticulat	te patches/ separated-slightly fused-largely fused/ small-	

medium-large/mm long and mm broad/dense-scattered-sparse /surface:	smooth – byssoid			
/ margins: smooth–byssoid/ involute–flat				
color: fresh: white-pale yellow-yellow-orange-brown herbarium: white-pale yellow-yellow-yellow-orange-brown herbarium:	ow-orange-brown			
ANATOMY				
Thallus in section: µm thick, with: photobiont layer– medulla				
Photobiont layer: µm thick / individual photobiont cells µm broad and µm long /				
uniseriate – biseriate – triseriate				
color: dark -light / olive-green - green - greenish - aeruginous - bluish - blue/ tips: same color - yellow - orange				
heterocytes: sparse –frequent/hyaline – pale yellow – bright yellow/ – µm wide and – µm long				
cells of hyphal sheath: µm thick / completely covering cyanobacteria (dense) – leaving spaces (loose) / wavy				
(normal) – less wavy – more angular / ornamentation: papillose – verrucose – other:				
Medulla/hypothallus: μm thick / hyphae μm thick				
Clamp connections: not observed – observed/				
<b>Hymenophore in section</b> : μm thick/ μm thick medullary hyphae				
hymenium: numerous-scattered palisade-like basidioles / numerous-scattered basidia				
basidioles:×µm, cylindrical – clavate/ rounded-irregular tips				
basidia:×µm, cylindrical – clavate/ rounded-irregular tips				
basidiospores: absent – present/ few – abundant /ellipsoid – lacrymoid – fusiform/	× μm			
REMARKS.				
It is part of the complex:				
1- This species is morphologically similar to 2- This species is morphologically s	imilar to			
Differing in Differing in				
Related phylogenetically: yes – no  Related phylogenetically: yes – no				

DRAWINGS

Cora/Corella	Genbank ITS:	Control
Number:		
Collector: Country:	Pictures:	
MORPHOLOGY		
Thallus: epiphytic – terricolous – rock-inhabiting – o	on wood – bryophylous – lichenicolous.	
associates with: lichens – bryophytes o	on bark: twigs – branches – lianas – trunk – br	yophyte-laden
Growth form: Foliose – macrosqualmulose – squam	ulose. Size: cm diam. or _	cm long,
cm wide		
Lobes: to per thallus / cm long,	cm wide / densely branched-sparsely bran	nched-once
branched-not branched		
Radial branching sutures: present (rare – sparse – a	ibundant) – absent	
<b>Texture:</b> thick –thin / coriaceous – papyraceous – cra	assus – succulentus – other:	/ wrinkle –
straight /		
Relief/direction of lobes: completely flat – parallel v	vith the substrate – somewhat erect / ascending	ng – descending /
Fresh color: Uniform – varying in concentric zones (	(slight – distinct) / dull-shiny	
white – grey – brown –green – blue – yello	w:	
submarginal zone: lighter – darker – same /	white – grey – brown –green – blue – yellow	v <b>:</b>
Herbarium color: Uniform – varying in concentric z	zones	
white – grey – brown –green – blue – yello	w:	
submarginal zone: lighter – darker – same -	- different / white - grey - brown -green - bl	ue – yellow:
Rehydrated color (in the lab): same – different / wh	nite – grey – brown –green – blue – yellow:	
Upper surface: concentric ridges: with – without / rid	dges to per cm lobe length / pronounce	d – shallow
pits: with – without / dense – sparse / prono	punced – shallow	
hairs: with – without / coarse – fine / dense	- sparse/ angle: erect - obliquous - flat / dire	ection: going
everywhere – intermediate – same (uniform	n) – combed – arachnoid / tips: individual – in	itertwined – base:
individual – intertwined / color: white – yel	llowish / location: on entire surface – in conce	entric zones –
towards the margins – in concentric zones a	and towards the margin / size: long – short /_	mm long,
mm wide at the tip, mm wide at	the base/	

Margin: involute – flat/ slight – distinct/ thick – thin / mm thick / surface: even – granular – sorediate to even –
granular – sorediate / glabrous – finely arachnoid – hairy / color: white – grey – brown –green – blue –
yellow.
Soredia: present – absent / marginal – submarginal – laminal / white – grey – brown –green – blue – yellow.
Lower surface: corticated – ecorticate / glabrous – hairy – felty-arachnoid / coarse – fine / dense – sparse/ angle: erect
- obliquous - flat / direction: going everywhere - intermediate - same (uniform) - irregular - combed -
$arachnoid \ / \ tips: individual-intertwined-base: individual-intertwined \ / \ color: white-yellowish \ / \ location: white$
on entire surface – in concentric zones – towards the margins – in concentric zones and towards the margin /
size: long – short / mm long, mm wide at the tip, mm wide at the base
Fresh color: Uniform – varying in concentric zones / same as upper surface – differing from upper surface
white – grey – brown –green – blue – yellow:
Herbarium color: Uniform – varying in concentric zones / same as upper surface – differing from upper surface
white – grey – brown –green – blue – yellow:
submarginal zone: lighter – darker- same / white – grey – brown –green – blue – yellow:
Hymenophore: marginal-submarginal-laminal / resupinate-steroid-cyphelloid to corticioid-steroid-cyphelloid/
rounded-angular-linear-irregular-elongate-reticulate patches/ separated-slightly fused-largely fused/ small-
medium-large/ mm long and mm broad/dense-scattered-sparse /surface: smooth - byssoid
/ margins: smooth–byssoid/ involute–flat
color: fresh: white-pale yellow-yellow-orange-brown herbarium: white-pale yellow-yellow-orange-brown
ANATOMY
Thallus in section: μm thick, with: upper cortex – photobiont layer– medulla
Upper cortex: roof-like – paraplectenchymatous
Upper layer: µm thick /loosely woven – densely packed/ irregularly arranged – periclinal /
μm thick hyphae
'Medullary' layer: µm high/irregularly arranged – anticlinal/ µm thick hyphae
Towards the margin: same pattern – no such distinction visible (cortex entirely formed by loosely woven –
densely packed hyphae).
Photobiont layer: µm thick / cyanobacteria clusters µm diam./ individual photobiont cells
um broad and — um long

color: dark-light/blue-green to brown-yellow-orange in upper portions				
heterocytes: sparse –frequent/hyaline – pale yellow – br	ight yellow/ μm wide and μm long			
cells of hyphal sheath: µm thick				
Medulla: μm thick / hyphae μm thick/ clamp connections not observed-observed/ μm				
thick /location:				
Hymenophore in section: μm thick/ μm thick medullary hyphae				
hymenium: numerous-scattered palisade-like basidioles / numerous-scattered basidia				
basidioles:×µm, cylindrical – clavate/ rounded-irregular tips				
basidia: × µm, cylindrical – clavate/ rounded-irregular tips				
basidiospores: absent – present/ few – abundant /ellipsoid – lacrymoid – fusiform/ × – µm				
REMARKS.				
It is part of the complex:				
1- This species is morphologically similar to	2- This species is morphologically similar to			
Differing in	Differing in			
Related phylogenetically: yes – no	Related phylogenetically: yes – no			

### DRAWINGS

## **Appendix 2.** Protocol for DNA Extraction followed for all samples.

### **BIO101-FastPrep-DNA Extraction (Protocol for Fungi and Lichens):**

- 1) Add 1ml lysing buffer (CLS-Y) to the provided tubes with the sample and the Lysing Matrix.
- 2) Add an additional ceramic bead to the tubes.
- 3) Mix and Homogenize in FastPrep Instrument for 30 sec. at speed  $5.5 \times 2$ .
- 4) Centrifuge tubes for 10 min. at  $14,000 \times g$  to pellet debries.
- 5) Transfer the supernatant to a clean 1.5 mL centrifuge tube.
- 6) Add 250 μL **PPS** reagent and mix by inverting the tube by hand 10 times.
- 7) Centrifuge at  $14,000 \times g$  for 5 min. to pellet precipitate.
- 8) Transfer supernatant (600–800 μL) to a clean 2mL centrifuge tube.
- 9) Add equal volume of Binding Matrix (mix the binding matrix well before use).
- 10) Mix gently and incubate tubes with agitation (in a rotator) for 5 min. at room temperature.
- 11) Incubate tubes for 15–20 min. at room temperature to settle down the matrix.
- 12) Remove 600–650  $\mu$ L of top layer of the supernatant being careful to avoid settled **Binding Matrix** and discard.
- 13) Repeat last step.

- 14) Mix the remainder (approximately 650  $\mu$ L) and transfer of the mixture to a **Spin Filter** and centrifuge the spin filter and catch tube at 14,000  $\times$  g for 1 minute.
- 15) Empty the catch tube and add 500  $\mu$ L **SEWS-M** (make sure that ETOH is added to **SEWS-M**) to the **Spin Filter** and centrifuge at 14,000  $\times$  g for 1 minute.
- 16) Repeat last step (add SEWS-M and centrifuge).
- 17) Centrifuge for 2 min. at 14000 × g to dry Binding Matrix/DNA complex.
- 18) Transfer the spin filter to a new catch tube.
- 19) Air dry the Spin Filter for 5 min. at room temp (in the hood).
- 20) Elute DNA by resuspending Binding Matrix/DNA complex in 150 μL DES or DEPC water (warmed at 65°C).
- 21) Incubate for 2 minutes at 55°C (in a heat block) or water bath.
- 22) Centrifuge for 1 minute at  $14000 \times g$  to transfer the DNA to the catch tube.
- 23) Store the DNA at  $-20^{\circ}$ C.

The size of the thallus used for extraction usually varied from a 0.2–0.5 cm<sup>2</sup>, however if the specimen was small only 0.1 cm<sup>2</sup> was used. The extractions were initially quantified in a 1% agarose gel with ethidium bromide; however, this procedure was stopped because strong bands were not obtained and still, the PCR would work.

The DNA extraction was diluted in DEPC-treated water (Deionized, diethylpyrocarbonate) in the following proportions:

- 1:10 dilution (5  $\mu$ L DNA + 45  $\mu$ L of DEPC) = 50  $\mu$ L
- 1:5 dilution (5  $\mu$ L DNA + 20  $\mu$ L of DEPC) = 25  $\mu$ L

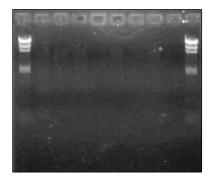


Figure 38 - Gel electrophoresis (1% agarose gel with ethidium bromide) with DNA extractions of *Corella* 

## **Appendix 3** Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR).

With the Polymerase Chain Reaction it is possible to selectively amplify a target region of genetic material. This process yields hundreds of thousands of copies of the target region of DNA, and involves three main steps: denaturation, annealing and extension. In the first step, the DNA solution is heated to separate the double helix into two separate strands. In the next step, the solution is cooled, allowing a set of primers to anneal. Primers are short segments of synthetic DNA which anneal to an area flanking the target region of the DNA. In the final step, extension, the DNA polymerase enzyme (Taq Gold polymerase - Applied Biosystems, Foster City, California, USA) synthesizes a complementary strand of DNA using synthetic nucleotide bases (dNTPs). This process is repeated in a thermal cycling machine for 40–45 cycles (the 40–45 cycles do not involve the extension or the initial long denaturation).

For a 20 µL reaction, we use:

- DEPC Water: 7.9  $\mu$ L - Primer 1 (forward): 1  $\mu$ L

- 10X buffer:  $2 \mu L$  - Primer 2 (reverse):  $1 \mu L$ 

- Mg mix: 2  $\mu$ L - Taq Polymerase: 0.1  $\mu$ L

- dNTPs:  $2 \mu L$ 

- BSA: 2 μL

The PCR cycling program used is:

1- 95°C for 11 min.

4- 72°C for 2 min.

2- 95°C for 30 sec.

5- Repeat steps 2–4 39 times

3- 50°C (ITS and *RPB2*) or 47 °C (nuLSU)

6- 72°C for 10 min.

for 30 sec.

7-  $\infty$  at 4°C

When amplification was not successful utilizing the regular PCR procedure (as described above), we performed a PCR using Bio-X-Act Long Mix (Bioline USA, Taunton, Massachusetts, USA).

For a 20 µL reaction, we use:

The PCR cycling program being

- DEPC Water: 10 μL

- 2X Mix: 6 μL

- Primer 1 (forward): 1 μL

- Primer 2 (reverse): 1 μL

- DNA: 2 μL

used is shown below:

1. 95°C for 5 min.

2. 95°C for 30 sec.

3. 50°C (ITS and *RPB2*) or 47 °C (nuLSU) for 30 sec.

4. 72°C for 2 min.

5. Repeat steps 2–4 34 times

6. 72°C for 30 min.

7.  $\infty$  at 4°C

The PCR process is performed with primers to amplify three genes from the mycobiont (M) and photobiont (P) (**Table 23** ):

- Nuclear Internal Transcriber Spacer rDNA (ITS, composed of ITS1, 5.8S and ITS2) (approximately 700 bp). Primers used ITS4 and ITS5.
- Nuclear Large Subunit rDNA (nuLSU) (approximately 1400 bp). Primers used: LR0R and LR7.
- RNA polymerase II subunit (RPB2) (approximately 600 bp). Primers used: bRPB2-6F or bRPB2-5F, and bRPB2-7R, bRPB2-7R2 or bRPB2-7.1R.
  - 16S rRNA (approximately 355bp). Primers used: L27F and 355R.

Table 23 - Markers used for PCR and/or sequencing

	Primer	Primer sequence (5'-3')	References
M	ITS4	TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC	(White et al., 1990)
M	ITS5	GGAAGTAAAAGTCGTAACAAGG	(White et al., 1990)
M	ITS2	GCTGCGTTCTTCATCGATGC	(White et al., 1990)
M	ITS1F	CTTGGTCATTTAGAGGAAGTAA	(Gardes and Bruns, 1993)
M	LR0R	ACCCGCTGAACTTAAGC	http://www.biology.duke.edu/fungi/my colab/primers.htm
M	LR7	ACCCGCTGAACTTAAGC	http://www.biology.duke.edu/fungi/my colab/primers.htm
M	LR3R	GTCTTGAAACACGGACC	http://www.biology.duke.edu/fungi/my colab/primers.htm
M	LR16	TTCCACCCAAACACTCG	http://www.biology.duke.edu/fungi/my colab/primers.htm
M	LR5	TCCTGAGGGAAACTTCG	http://www.biology.duke.edu/fungi/my colab/primers.htm
M	b <i>RPB2</i> -6F	TGGGGYATGGTNTGYCCYGC	(Matheny, 2005)
M	f <i>RPB2</i> -5F	GAYGAYMGWGATCAYTTYGG	(Liu et al., 1999)
M	b <i>RPB2-</i> 7R	GAYTGRTTRTGRTCRGGGAAVGG	(Matheny, 2005)
M	b <i>RPB2</i> -7R2	ACYTGRTTRTGRTCNGGRAANGG	(Matheny et al., 2007)
M	b <i>RPB2-</i> 7.1R	CCCATRGCYTGYTTMCCCATDGC	(Matheny, 2005)
P	L27F	AGAGTTTGATCMTGGCTCAG	(Lane, 1991)
P	355R	GCTGCCTCCCGTAGGAGT	(Lane, 1991)

PCR products are run in a 1% agarose gel with ethidium bromide to confirm the size, as well as the quantity and quality of the product.

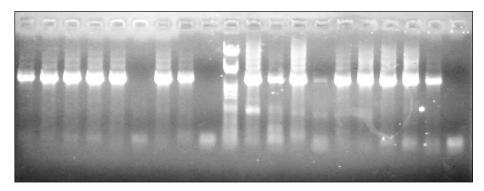


Figure 39 - Gel electrophoresis showing PCR products (bands)

#### **Appendix 4.** Clean up process using magnetic beads.

PCR cleanup is necessary to remove excess dNTPs and primers from the product solution before the product can be sequenced. The products are purified with magnetic beads (Agencourt Biosciences, Beverly, Massachusetts, USA), following the manufacturer's protocol below.

## Purifying PCR products Using AMPure (Magnet Beads):

- 1) Transfer 10  $\mu$ L PCR product to a 300  $\mu$ L round bottom microtiter plate (you can save the pipette tips for pipetting at step 3).
- 2) Mix and add 18 μL AMPure PCR Bind buffer to PCR reaction (1.8 × Rxn. Vol.).
- 3) Mix the AMPure and PCR product by pipetting up and down thoroughly (DNA binds to the magnet beads).
- 4) Wait for about 10 minutes and repeat step 3.
- 5) Place the purification plate onto a SPRIplate to separate beads from solution.
- 6) Wait 15–20 minutes depend on Rxn. size volume (solution should be clear).
- 7) Aspirate cleared solution ( $\sim$ 25  $\mu$ L) from the purification plate situated on SPRIplate (care should be taken not to upset the ring of separated magnetic beads).

- 8) Dispense 200 µL of 70% ethanol (freshly made) to each well of purification plate.
- 9) Aspirate the wash solution after 30 sec. and discard (changing the pipette tips is not necessary).
- 10) Repeat steps 8 and 9.
- 11) Be sure to remove all of the ethanol from the bottom of the well or it may take a long time to dry (all of this should be done on the magnet plate).
- 12) Place the purification plate (while it's still on the magnet plate) on the bench top to air dry (dry completely: ~10 min.).
- 13) Add 40 μL of elution buffer (TE or water) to each well. Seal the plate and spin it down for 30 seconds (this should be done off of the magnet plate).
- 14) Mix samples by pipetting up and down 10 times.
- 15) Wait 10 minutes before next step to allow beads to hydrate.
- 16) Mix samples by pipetting up and down 10 times again.
- 17) Place the plate on magnet and allow solution to separate until it is clear (10–15 min.).

#### Optional:

- 18) Pipette DNA (~35 μL) from the plate while it is situated on the SPRIplate (you may run the remaining of the purified product on an agarose gel to quantify the product).
- 19) Purified PCR product is ready to use in downstream processes.

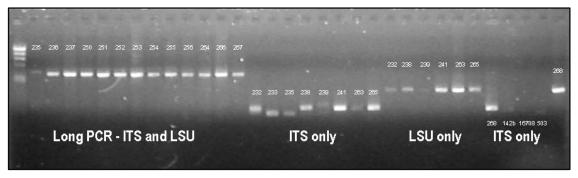


Figure 40 - Gel electrophoresis showing clean up products

## **Appendix 5.** Sequencing reaction protocol.

The purified PCR products are used in standard sequencing reactions with BigDye Terminator Ready Reaction Mix v3.1 (Applied Biosystems) as below:

Standard Sequencing Reaction Protocol using Big Dye Terminator:

Reagents	10 μL Rxn
1) Big Dye Terminator (Ready Reaction Mix)	1µL
2) 5× Reaction Buffer	$3\mu L$
4) Primer (final con.= 3.2 pmol)	1µL
5) diH2O+ DNA (Cleaned PCR product= 30–90 ng)	5 μL

- 1. Turn on the thermal cycler (it needs to reach the right temperature) and select the cycle, but do not start the cycle.
- 2. Keep and thaw all of the reagents on ice.
- 3. Label the tubes with ordered numbers (e.g., 1–32).
- 4. Add water to the tubes if needed (depend on the DNA concentration of the cleaned products).
- 5. Make a master mix of Big Dye and  $5\times$  Reaction buffer for the number of the reactions plus one extra, vortex and add 4  $\mu$ L to each tube.

- 6. Add 1  $\mu$ L of primer to the tubes (if different primers are being used, if only one, you may include in the master mix).
- 7. Add the DNA (cleaned PCR product) to the tubes and spin the tubes down.
- 8. Put the tubes in the thermal cycler, and start the proper cycle.

#### Note:

\*Add the components in order: water, primer, master mix and DNA at the end.

\*Put the tubes in thermal cycler immediately after adding the DNA and spinning.

#### **Standard Rxn. Conditions for Sequencing:**

1 cycle @ 96°C for 1 min.

25–50 cycles@ 96°C for 30 sec.

50°C for 15 sec.\*

60°C for 4 min.

∞ (a) 4°C

\*Note: Annealing temperature can be changed depend on the Tm of the primer used in the reaction.

The primers used were LR0R, LR3R, LR5, LR7, LR16, ITS4 and ITS5 (**Table 23**). *RPB2* sequences were obtained between conserved domains 6 and 7 of *RPB2* using basidiomycete specific primers b*RPB2*-6F or f*RPB2*-5F, and b*RPB2*-7R, b*RPB2*-7R2 or b*RPB2*-7.1R (**Table 23**).

## **Appendix 6.** Sephadex protocol.

## **Sequencing Reaction Clean-up with Sephadex G-50:**

- 1. Pour a small amount of Sephadex powder on the Multiscreen Filtration System (black plate) and spread powder into desired number of wells using flat glass plate. Once all desired wells are filled, put excess Sephadex powder back into Sephadex container.
- 2. Take a 96 well millipore plate and slide it onto the Multiscreen Filtration plate upside-down with the letters of the millipore plate against metal peg on the multiscreen filtration plate. Once it is in place, flip over so that the multiscreen filtration plate is now on top, allowing the Sephadex powder to go into the wells of your millipore plate. To ensure that all the Sephadex has gone into the wells of the millipore plate, lightly pound black plate with your fingertips before pulling it away.
- 3. Fill a container with  $diH_2O$  or DEPC water. Use a multi channel pipet, set to 150  $\mu L$  and add a total of 300  $\mu L$  of  $H_2O$  to each lane of the millipore plate containing the Sephadex powder.
- 4. Cover millipore plate with its plastic cap and allow the Sephadex to hydrate for 2–3 hours. \*Note: The plate can be wrapped in saran rap and stored in the fridge overnight.

#### **After hydrating the Sephadex for 2-3 hours:**

- 1. Add an additional 50  $\mu$ L of water to each well (changing pipet tips is **not** necessary for adding water to the wells).
- 2. Attach a clean 96 well reaction plate to bottom of millipore plate, being sure that the letters of each plate line up with each other. Place plate along with a balance plate and spin water out of Sephadex at 2000 rpm (= $800 \times g$  in CR 4-12 centrifuge) for 5 min. (make sure the columns are not cracked).
- 3. Use a new 96 well plate. This is the plate your DNA will be in. Only slightly empty out your balance plate, as you will need to re-balance it with your sample plate once you've put your DNA in.
- 4. Load your 10 uL sequencing reaction into the corresponding wells of the millipore filter plate (follow your sample sheet so you do not lose track of which well has which DNA sample). When loading your sequencing reaction samples into the millipore plate, be sure to load right into the middle of your Sephadex, as you want all of your sample to filter through the Sephadex. This will ensure that the terminators are removed.
- 5. Weigh your sample plate and the balance plate to be sure they are balanced and spin in CR 4-12 Centrifuge once again for 8 min. at 2000 rpm (=  $800 \times g$ ).
- 6. Now your DNA will be in the 96 well reaction plate. Carefully take your sample plate (with the base) and dry the samples in Speed Vac. for about 1 hour (or until dry) on medium heat. Be careful not to over dry your samples.

7. Once your samples are dried down, cover them and label it with your name and the date and what samples are in the plate (or project name) and place in freezer until ready to load into the DNA Sequencer.

\*Note: Make sure to keep the balance when using centrifuge or Speed Vac.

The sequencing method used is fluorescent dye-labeled dideoxynucleotide DNA sequencing on an automated ABI sequencing machine. In this process, a one-sided PCR is run (meaning only one primer is added to the reaction, resulting in a single strand). In addition to dNTPs, fluorescent dye-labeled dideoxynucleotide bases are added to the solution. These bases result in the termination of the growing chain. Each nucleotide base (A, C, G and T) emits a different wavelength of light. As the PCR product flows through the polymer in the sequencing machine, each fragment migrates according to size – the smallest fragments move most rapidly, and pass by a laser on the sequencing machine. The wavelength emitted by each base is recorded by the machine, which then translates the wavelength into a 'base call'. In this way, the sequence of the DNA fragment is recorded.

## **Appendix 7.** Multitag pyrosequencing for ITS and 16S.

When clean and reliable sequences could not be obtained by traditional Sanger sequencing for the fungal partner (which has only happened in the ITS marker), as well as for all photobiont sequences, we used a multitag pyrosequencing (MTPS) process on a Roche 454 GS Junior pyrosequencer (patent: Gillevet and BioSpherex, 2006; methodology: Gillevet et al., 2010).

For this purpose we develop an emulsion PCR fusion forward and reverse primers containing 454 emulsion PCR linkers and a unique 8 base barcode on the forward primer only. We use fusion primers and eliminate the ligation step that has been used by others (Binladen et al., 2007) to avoid distortion of the data.

For the initial PCR, each DNA extraction was amplified with the uniquely barcoded set of forward ITS1F (Gardes and Bruns, 1993) and a tagged reverse ITS2 (Lane, 1991), both universal fungal primers (Schoch et al., 2012); or 27F and 355R for universal bacterial primers (Lane, 1991) The PCR products are then purified and pooled and quantified with picogreen (Quant-iT PicoGreen assay, Invitrogen), on a Beckman Coulter Multimode DTX 880 instrument. An appropriate dilution of product is then made based on the picogreen result for emulsion PCR. Emulsion PCR is performed following manufacturer's protocol for the GS Junior emPCR Amplification Lib\_L kit, but fewer cycles than suggested in the original protocol are performed on the thermal cycler based

on our experience. The resulting recovered beads are sequenced on a GS Junior sequencing instrument (Roche). All original kits and protocols from Roche are used for the sequencing process without modifications.

Appendix 8. List of currently accepted species.

Name Author	Type locality	Original publication	Current status
Acantholichen P. M. Jørg.	Total= 6		
A. albomarginatus Dal-Forno, Marcelli & Lücking	Brazil	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
A. campestris Dal-Forno, Spielmann & Lücking	Brazil	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
A. galapagoensis Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Galapagos	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
A. pannarioides P. M. Jørg.	Costa Rica	Jørgensen, 1998	-
A. sorediatus Dal-Forno, Sipman & Lücking	Costa Rica	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
A. variabilis Dal-Forno, Coca & Lücking	Colombia	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
Cora Fr.		Total= 21	
C. arachnoidea J. E. Hern. & Lücking	Venezuela	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
C. aspera Wilk, Lücking & E. Morales	Bolivia	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
C. bovei Speg.	Argentina	Spegazzini, 1888	-
C. byssoidea Lücking & Moncada	Colombia	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
C. casanarensis L. Vargas, Moncada & Lücking	Colombia	Vargas et al., 2014	-
C. ciferrii (Tomas.) Lücking, Grall & Thüs	Panama	Tomaselli, 1950	Lücking et al. 2014e
C. cyphellifera Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Ecuador	Lücking et al., 2013a	_
C. fimbriata L. Vargas, Moncada & Lücking	Colombia	Vargas et al., 2014	_
C. galapagoensis Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Galapagos	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
C. glabrata (Spreng.) Fr.	Guadeloupe	Sprengel, 1820	Fries, 1838
C. gyrolophia Fr.	Mauritius	Fries, 1838	-
C. hirsuta (Moncada & Lücking) Moncada & Lücking	Colombia	Lumbsch et al., 2011	Lücking et al. 2013a
C. inversa Lücking & Moncada	Colombia	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
C. minor (Lücking, E. Navarro & Sipman) Lücking	Costa Rica	Chaves et al., 2004	Lücking et al., 2013a
C. pavonia (Sw.) Fr.	Jamaica	Swartz, 1788	Fries, 1838
C. reticulifera Vain.	Brazil	Vainio, 1890	-
C. santacruzensis Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Galapagos	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
C. setosa L. Vargas, Moncada & Lücking	Colombia	Vargas et al., 2014	-
C. squamiformis Wilk, Lücking & Yánez- Ayabaca	Bolivia	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
C. strigosa Lücking, E. Paz & L. Salcedo	Peru	Lücking et al., 2013a	_
C. undulata L. Vargas, Moncada & Lücking	Colombia	Vargas et al., 2014	_

Corella Vain.		Total= 4	
C. brasiliensis Vain.	Brazil	Vainio, 1890	_
C. melvinii (Chaves, Lücking & Umaña)	Costa Rica	Chaves et al., 2004	Lücking et
Lücking, Dal-Forno & Lawrey		,	al., 2013a
C. tomentosa Vain.	Guadeloupe	Vainio, 1899	-
C. zahlbruckneri Schiff.	Brazil	Zahlbruckner, 1909	-
Cyphellostereum D. A. Reid		Total= 6	•
C. floreanum Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Galapagos	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	
C. galapagoense (Yánez, Dal Forno & Bungartz) Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Galapagos	Yánez et al., 2012	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*
C. imperfectum Lücking, Barillas & Dal-Forno	Guatemala	Yánez et al., 2012	-
C. nitidum (Lücking) Lücking	Ecuador	Lücking, 2008	Yánez et al., 2012
C. phyllogenum (Müll. Arg.) Lücking, Dal- Forno & Lawrey	Borneo	Müller, 1883	Lücking et al., 2013a
C. pusiolum (Berk. & M. A. Curtis) D. A. Reid	Cuba	Berkeley and Curtis, 1868	Reid, 1965
Dictyonema C. Agardh ex Kunth		Total= 26	
D. aeruginosulum Lücking, Nelsen & Will-Wolf	Costa Rica	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
D. applanatum Lücking, Dal-Forno & Wilk	Bolivia	Lücking et al., 2014b	-
D. barbatum Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Galapagos	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
D. bungartziana Dal-Forno, Yánez & Lücking	Galapagos	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
D. caespitosum (Johow) Lücking	Brazil	Johow, 1884	Lücking et al., 2013a
D. coppinsii Lücking, Barrie & Genney	Ireland	Lücking et al., 2014a	-
D. diducens Nyl. ex Lücking	Peru	Nylander, 1885	Lücking et al., 2013a
D. discocarpum Lücking, Dal-Forno & Wilk	Bolivia	Lücking et al., 2014b	-
D. giganteum L. Vargas, Moncada & Lücking	Colombia	Vargas et al., 2014	-
D. hapteriferum Lücking, Dal-Forno & Wilk	Bolivia	Lücking et al., 2014b	-
D. hernandezii Lücking, Lawrey & Dal-Forno	Costa Rica	Lumbsch et al., 2011	-
D. huaorani Dal-Forno, Schmull, Lücking & Lawrey	Ecuador	Schmull et al., 2014	-
D. irpicinum Mont.	Taiti	Montagne, 1848	-
D. irrigatum (Berk. & M. A. Curtis) Lücking	China	Berkeley and Curtis, 1860	Lücking et al., 2013a
D. ligulatum (Kremp.) Zahlbr.	Papua New Guinea	Krempelhuber, 1875	Zahlbruckner, 1908
D. metallicum Lücking, Dal-Forno & Lawrey	Ecuador	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
D. moorei (Nyl.) Henssen	Japan	Nylander, 1890	Henssen, 1963
D. obscuratum Lücking, Spielmann & Marcelli	Brazil	Lücking et al., 2013a	-
D. pectinatum Dal Forno, Yánez & Lücking	Galapagos	Yánez et al., 2012	-
D. phyllophilum (Parmasto) Lücking, Dal-Forno & Lawrey	Borneo	Parmasto, 1978	Lücking et al., 2013a
D. ramificans Dal-Forno, Yánez & Lücking	Galapagos	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-

D. scabridum (Vain.) Lücking	Philippines	Vainio, 1923	Lücking et al., 2013a
D. schenckianum (Müll. Arg.) Zahlbr.	Brazil	Müller, 1891	Zahlbruckner, 1931
D. sericeum (Sw.) Berk.	Caribbean	Swartz, 1788	Berkeley, 1843
D. subobscuratum Dal-Forno, Bungartz & Lücking	Ecuador	Dal-Forno et al., 2015*	-
D. thelephora (Spreng.) Zahlbr.	Puerto Rico	Sprengel, 1820	Zahlbruckner, 1931
	Total= 63 species currently accepted		

- Marks species in which the current status is the same as in the original publication.
- \* When data from this dissertation is published validating the species.

# **Appendix 9.** Key to currently accepted genera of *Dictyonema* s.l. (adapted from Lücking et al., 2013a).

1.	Thallus composed of distinct fibrils including cyanobacterial filaments, either appressed to substrate or forming horizontally projecting, semicircular lobes
	Thallus microsquamulose to foliose, no distinct fibrils visible, photobiont instead forming
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	clusters of short, irregularly coiled threads inside the thallus
2.	Photobiont cells narrow (5–7 µm broad), lacking haustoria; hyphal sheath around
	photobiont filaments composed of irregular hyphae leaving interspaces; basidiocarps
	(hymenophores) if present stipitate and erect (cyphelloid), only at the base connected to
	lichenized thallus
_	Photobiont cells broad (7–20 µm broad), with tubular intracellular haustoria; hyphal sheath
	around photobiont filaments composed of paraplectenchymatous, jigsaw-puzzle-shaped
	cells forming a completely closed layer; basidiocarps (hymenophores) if present stereoid-
	corticioid, without stipe, their dorsal portion partially overgrown with the lichenized thallus
	or completely formed on the thallus underside
3.	Thallus microsquamulose; surfaces in microscope view forming apically thickened,
	distinctly spiny hyphae (acanthohyphidia)
_	Thallus macrosquamulose; acanthohyphidia absent
4.	Upper cortex thin, distinctly paraplectenchymatous; upper surface dark blue-green, grey or
	olive-brown when dry; propagules sometimes present; hymenophores unknown
_	Upper cortex thick, composed of an upper, periclinal layer of loosely packed hyphae
	supported by a layer of anticlinal hyphal bundles leaving large interspaces; soredioid
	propagules sometimes present; hymenophores mostly present
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# Appendix 10. Guidance Scores and additional phylogenetic trees from Chapter 4.

Subset 1 – nuLSU: 189 Taxa. Submitted to GUIDANCE, with MAFFT alignment option and 100 bootstrap. Saved 3 files:

- Treatment 1: Entire MSA (score = 0.996106) = 1472bp = 0 columns removed.
- Treatment 2: MSA with columns below 0.93 score removed = 1436bp = 36 columns removed.
- Treatment 3: MSA with columns below 1 removed = 1407 bp = 65 columns removed.

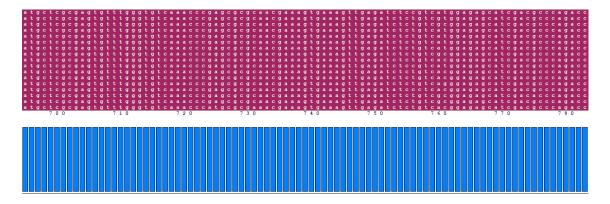


Figure 41 - Guidance visualization screen of conserved nuLSU region

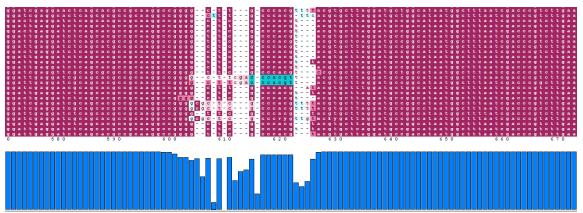


Figure 42 - Guidance visualization screen of nuLSU region with more variability

Subset 1 – ITS: 168 Taxa. Submitted to GUIDANCE, with MAFFT alignment option and 100 bootstrap. Saved 3 files:

Treatment 1 - Entire MSA (score = 0.870305)= 963bp = 0 columns removed.

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Treatment 3 - MSA with columns below 1 removed = 348 bp = 615 columns removed.

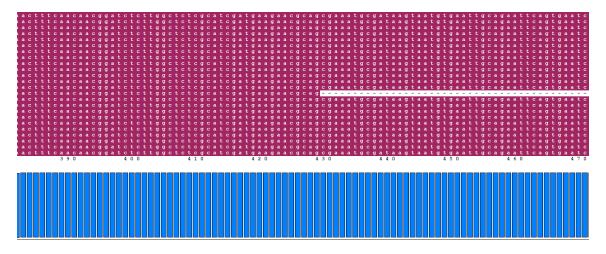


Figure 43 - Guidance visualization screen of 5.8S region

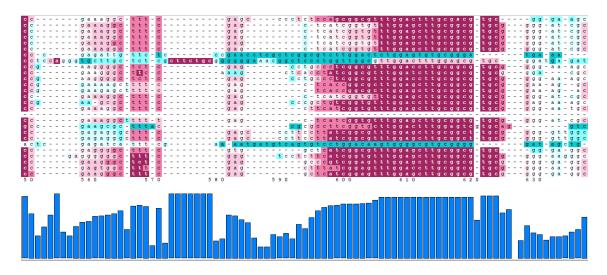
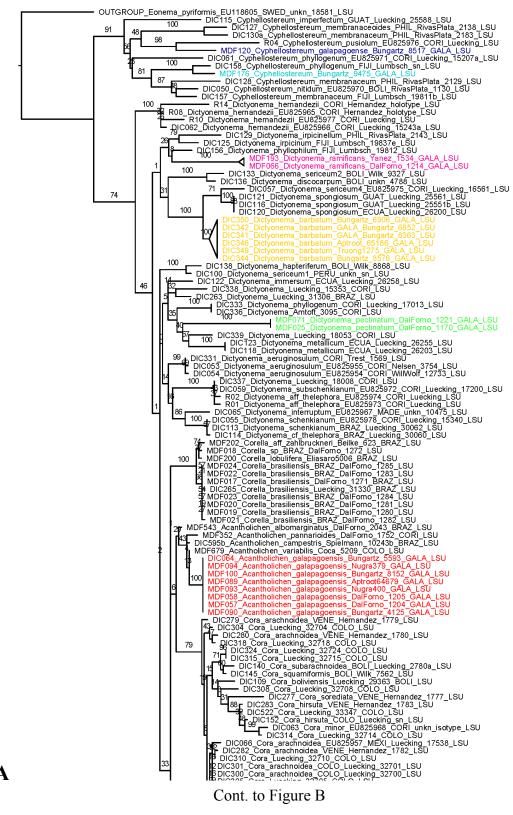
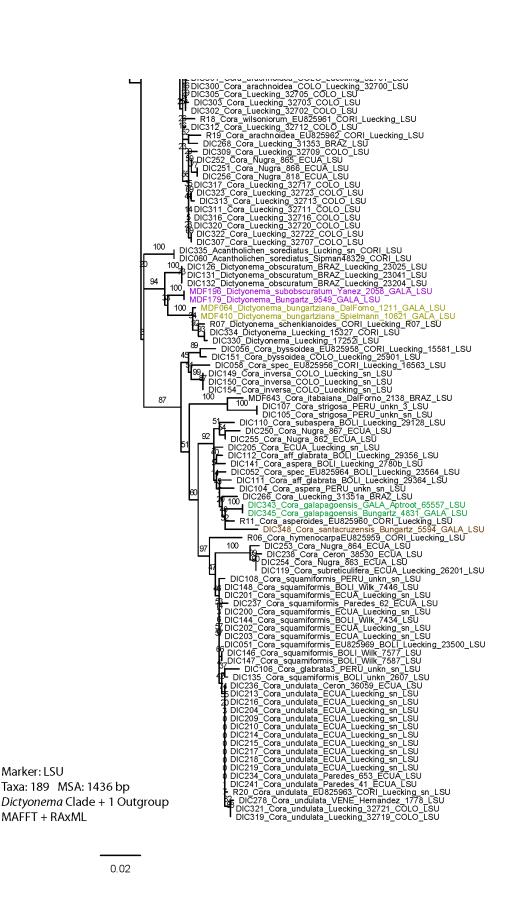


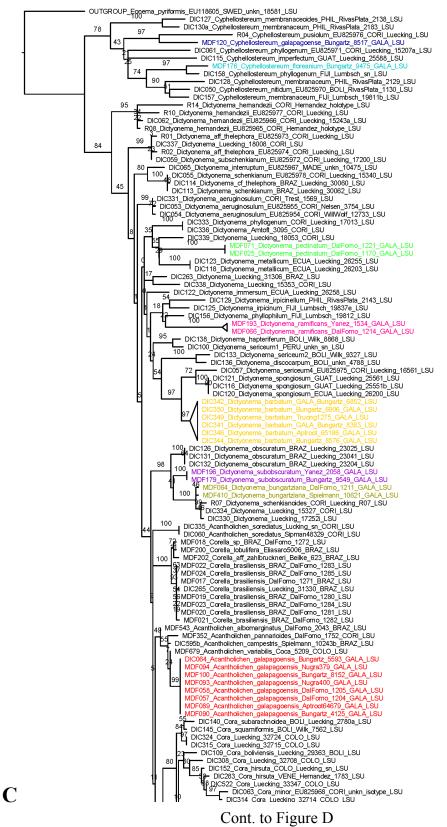
Figure 44 - Guidance visualization screen of ITS2 region



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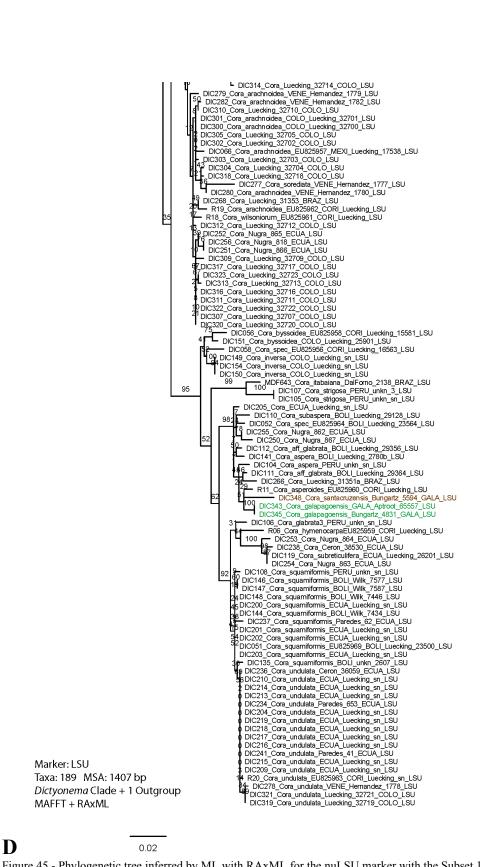


Figure 45 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML with RAxML for the nuLSU marker with the Subset 1 A, B - Treatment 2. C, D - Treatment 3

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OUTGROUP Eonema pyriformis Him 18581 EU118605 SWED_ITS

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MDF120 Cyphellostereum galapagoense Bungartz 8517 GALA ITS

MDF120 Cyphellostereum imperfectum Luecking Type GUAT ITS

DIC133 Cyphellostereum Luecking 17013 CORI ITS

MDF071 Dictyonema pectinatum DalForno 1221 GALA ITS

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DIC334 Dictyonema Luecking 17327 CORI ITS

MDF074 Dictyonema bungartziana DalForno 1211 GALA ITS

MDF074 Dictyonema bungartziana Spielmann 10621 GALA ITS

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MDF197 Dictyonema obscuratum Luecking 23025 BRAZ ITS

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DIC138 Dictyonema discocarpum Fuentes 4788 BOLI ITS

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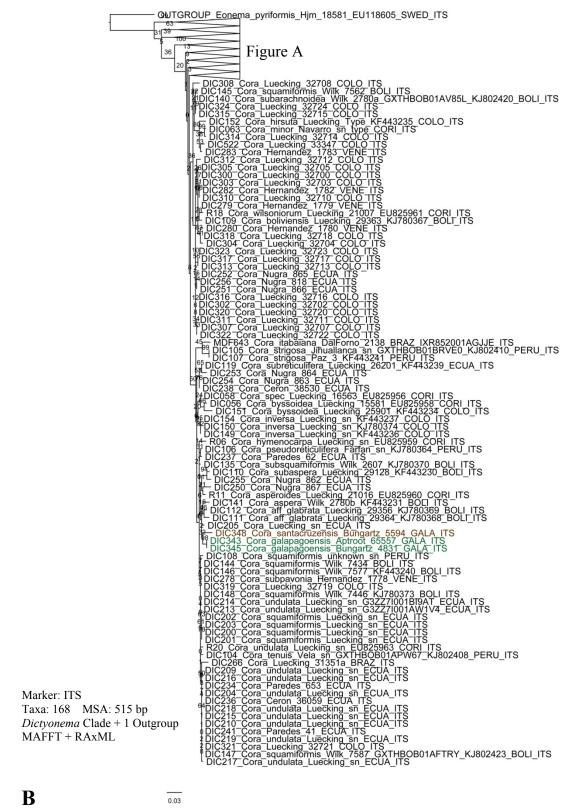


Figure 46 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML with RAxML for the ITS marker with the Subset 1 Treatment 2

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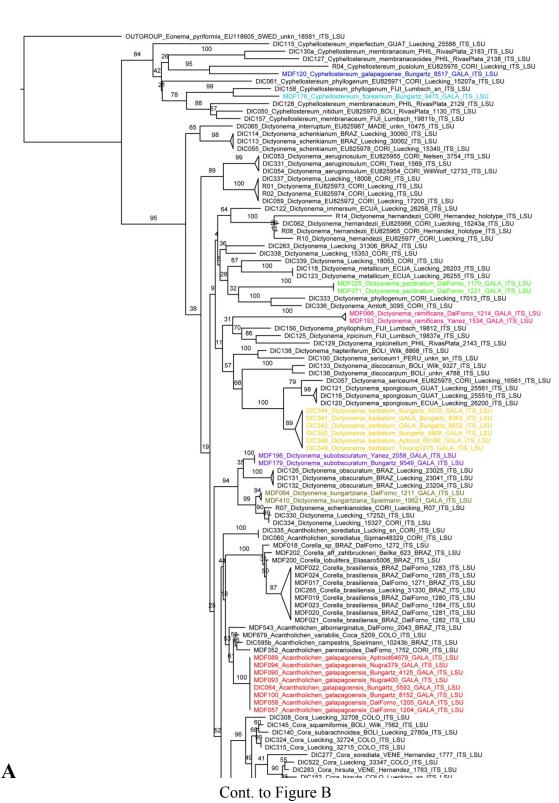
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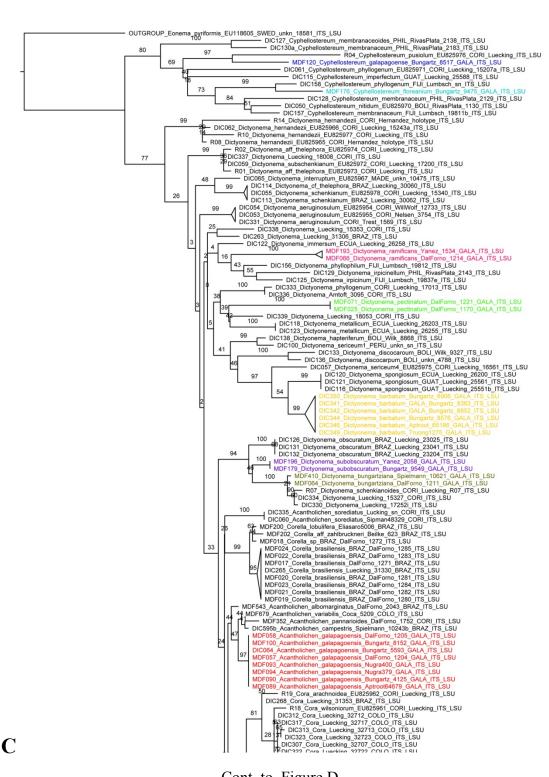
Figure 47 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML with RAxML for the ITS marker with the Subset 1 Treatment 3



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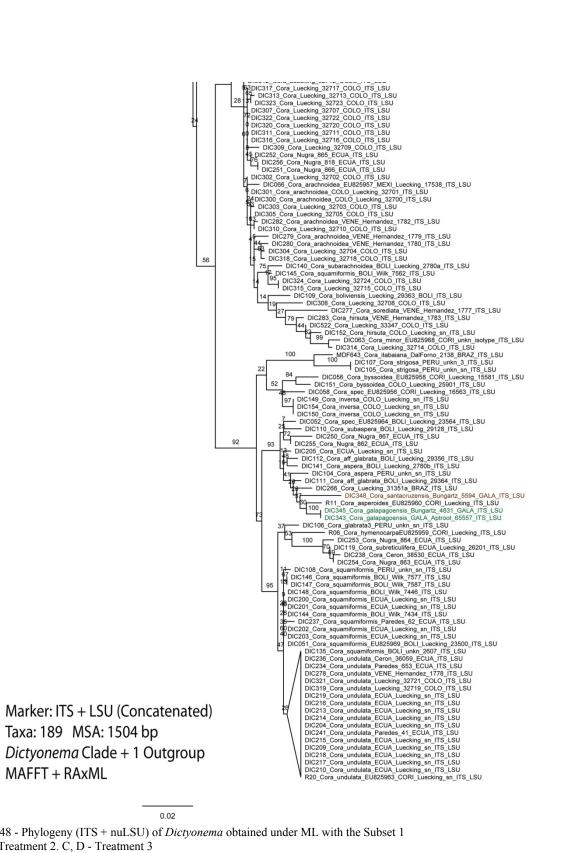
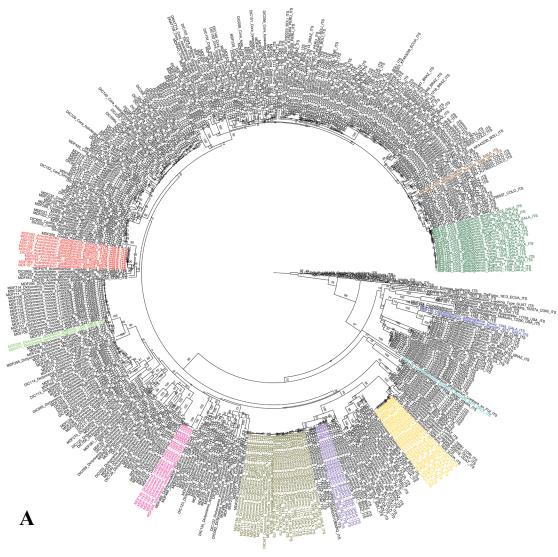
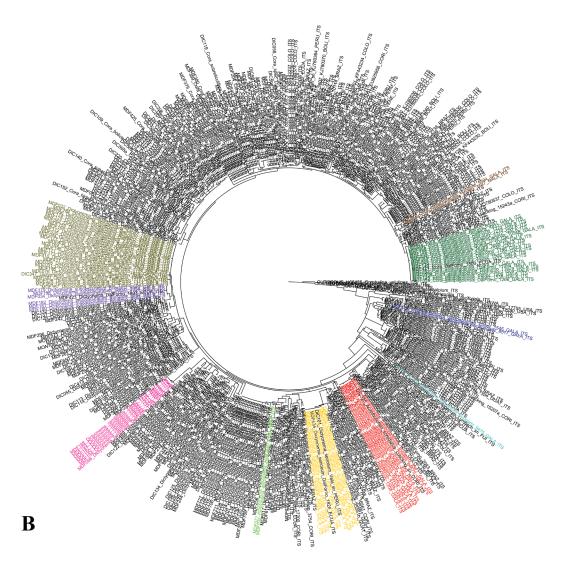


Figure 48 - Phylogeny (ITS + nuLSU) of Dictyonema obtained under ML with the Subset 1 A, B - Treatment 2. C, D - Treatment 3

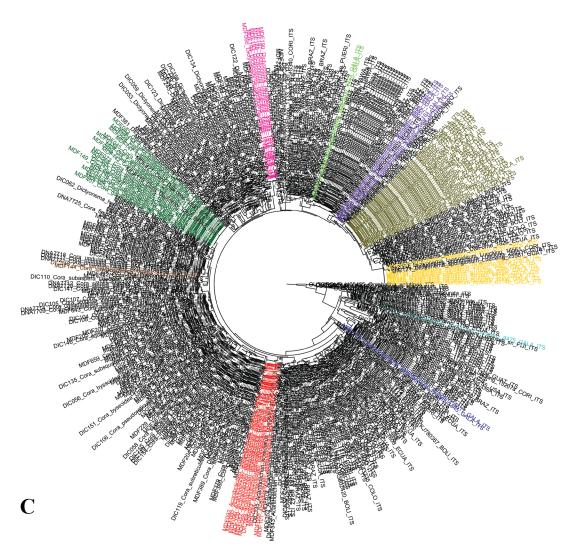
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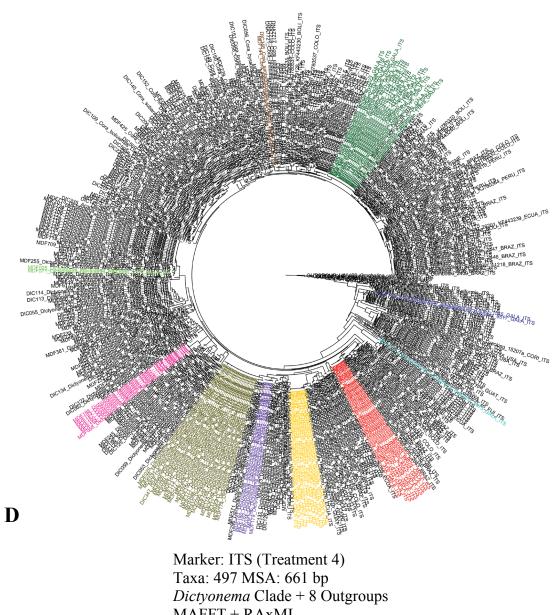
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Dictyonema Clade + 8 Outgroups
MAFFT + RAxML



Marker: ITS (Treatment 2) Taxa: 497 MSA: 521 bp *Dictyonema* Clade + 8 Outgroups MAFFT + RAXML



Marker: ITS (Treatment 3)
Taxa: 497 MSA: 553 bp
Dictyonema Clade + 8 Outgroups
MAFFT + RAXML



MAFFT + RAxML

Figure 49 - Phylogenetic tree of *Dictyonema* obtained under ML with the Subset 2 to show rough tree topology under the different treatments

A- Treatment 1 (same data as Figure 16). B- Treatment 2. C- Treatment 3. D- Treatment 4

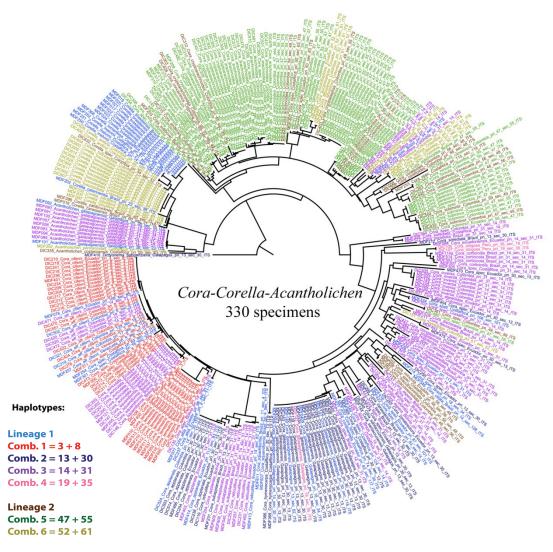


Figure 50 - Phylogenetic tree inferred by ML in RAxML for the ITS marker for the *Acantholichen-Corella-Cora* clade showing 16S rDNA haplotypes. Polar view

Colors show that the majority of species has *Rhizonema* 1, however all 6 haplotype combinations are present. *Cora* clade 1 seems to have *Rhizonema* 2 as the predominant photobiont. Legible names and bootstrap values are shown in Figure 36

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