

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR MEDICINAL MUSHROOMS

### 国际药用菌学会

International Society for Medicinal Mushrooms (ISMM) was founded in Vancouver, Canada. As a global non-profit organization, ISMM promotes the development of research, education, production, transportation, marketing and cultivation of medicinal mushrooms to have people to work towards common aspirations and goals. The integration will increase the impact of the international medicinal mushroom industry and benefit the health of people in the world.

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### **News Reports**

#### **Dutch Mushroom Days A Great Success Again!**

By Roel Dreve, Mushroom Business

The 36th edition of the Dutch Mushroom Days in The Netherlands proved to be on of the best editions ever! With 110 exhibitors from 18 different countries and 4555 visitors from 83 countries, the event (10-12 May) in the city of Den Bosch was a spectacular success.

Even before the fair started on May 10<sup>th</sup>, industry suppliers like Hooymans Substrates, Christiaens Group, Legro, Kekkilä-BVB and GTL Europe received many international guests to join seminars, company visits and farm tours.



Team of compost supplier CNC, celebrating its 70 year jubilee this year in their stand.

The ambiance in The Brabanthallen was very friendly from the start, with many old friends glad to meet again, sometimes after several years. But at the same time, all exhibitors agreed that most talks were substantive, and, after four years, there were many new innovations and (automated cultivation) systems on display. Stands looked great, food was good (and free for visitors) the new organisers did a great job, and the change to a more informal, festive 'welcome program' with live music by 'The Big Swingers' on the first evening worked out fine.

The Ambassador of the Industry Awards ceremony on the same night produced four new winners; Bert Rademakers (Mycelium Materials), Peter Christiaens (Fungivital), both from The Netherlands, Greg Seymour (President of ISMS) from Australia and Karel Sterckx (Sterckx compost) from Belgium received the coveted Award for their important

mushroom work in and beyond the call of duty.



Peter Christiaens (to the left), Karel Sterckx (center) and Bert Rademakers (right) hold their Ambassador winner certificate. In the back, Ko Hooijmans holds the certificate of Greg Seymour, who was present via a live connection with Australia.

On the second day, the new European promotional campaign 'European Mushrooms – the hidden gem' was launched. Representatives of the GEPC, the promotional campaign team and communication agency SOPEXA gave insight into the highlights and goals of the battle plan, to about 40 players from the sector.



Turn key supplier Christiaens Group always has one of the biggest stands at the fair, with tilting shelves and their drawer system in the back, attracting a lot of attention. Director Mart Christiaens front left.

In the evenings, many companies had their own private parties in the lively and hospitable city of Den Bosch, which was, for one week in 2023, the very center of the international mushroom industry again.

Source: mushroombusiness.com

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#### **Finc and OCM Invest in US Growing Facility**



On July 1st 2023, Shanghai Finc Biotech Co. Ltd announced its subsidiary Finc (Singapore) Bio-tech and OCM Globe Inc jointly invest 60 million US dollar to build a modern and smart growing facility, Finc (America) Biotech, in Houston, Texas.

As the mother company, Shanghai Finc Biotech is the largest Shimeji mushroom producer with a production capacity of 260 tons per day in China. OCM Globe Inc., headquartered in Los Angeles, is the leading Chinese brand operator in Asian food markets through different distribution systems in North America.

The cooperation agreement signing ceremony was held in JW Marriott Shanghai Fengxian on July 1, 2023. There were around 60 representatives from governments, associations, media and business partners present. Dr. Tan Qi, Chairman of WSMBMP, delivered an opening presentation on the outlook of the specialty mushrooms (enoki and shimeji) market. Ms. Zhang Wenhong, CEO of Shanghai Finc Biotech and Mr. Wang Gang, President of OCM Globe Inc. reviewed their own strengths and advantages to assure a good start of the cooperation.

Mr. Wang Nan, the managing director of Finc (America) Biotech, stated the new state-of-the-art facility will supply 50 tons enoki mushroom per day within the bottle system in 2024. It will be the first commercial enoki mushroom growing farm in the US, offering 100 job opportunities, and changing the situation that the US had to import enoki mushroom from Asian countries in the past.

Mr. Cao Derong, President of CFNA, and Mr. Ted Shibita, Deputy Director of the Agricultural Trade Office at the US Consulate General in Shanghai both thought highly of the mutual investment between China and the United States and congratulated the participants in this project.

In the picture (from left to right): Ms. Zhang Hongyu (Trade attache at the US Consulate General), Mr. Ted Shibata (US Consulate), Mr. Cao Derong (CFNA), Mr. Wang Gang (OCM), Mr. Wang Nan (Finc) and Ms. Zhang Wenhong (Finc).

Source: mushroombusiness.com

#### China Tongjiang Tremella Industry Development Conferenceand & The Fourth China

#### **Tongjiang Tremella Days**

The "China Tongjiang Tremella Industry Development Conference & The Fourth China Tongjiang Tremella Days" organized by the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce and Animal By-Products was held from August 9th-10th in Tongjiang, Sichuan Province, China. The theme of this conference was "Innovation Driven, Revitalization and Development". During the event, 8 major activities were held, including the opening ceremony, exhibition, industry tour, the "Tongjiang Flower Moonlight" night tour, tremella tasting, summit forum, press conference, and business negotiations. It was aim to promote the culture and publicity brand of Tongjiang Tremella, collaborate on the revitalization and development of the Tremella industry, and accelerate the construction of a billion level industrial cluster.



China renowned experts and scholars, government officials, department heads, and entrepreneurs attended the opening ceremony. Academician Li Yu, chairman of the International Society for Medicinal Mushrooms, attended the conference and delivered a speech. Academician Li Tianlai, a doctoral supervisor of Shenyang Agricultural University delivered a keynote speech. Greg Seymour, President of the International Society for Mushroom Science, delivered a speech via video. Xu Xiaohu (Vice President of the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce and Animal By-Products), Tan Qi (Vice President of the Shanghai Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Chief of the National Edible Fungus Industrial Technology System, Chairman of the World Society for Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products), Guo Liangdong (Chairman of the Mycological Society of China, and Researcher of the Institute of Microbiology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences), and Li Yufu (Secretary of the CPC Tongjiang County Committee), delivered speeches respectively on the opening ceremony.

The conference organized the "Integration of Three Substances and Linkage of Three Industries" Tongjiang Tremella Industry High Quality Development Summit Forum, which focused on the current situation of the Tremella industry, cultivation technology, brand building, innovation drive, and many other sustainable development issues of the Tongjiang Tremella industry, covered twelve academic speeches.



During the event, attendees visited Tongjiang Tremella Museum, Science and Technology Innovation Center, Chenhe Ecological Planting Core Area, Yude Tremella Plantation Base, Muzigang Original Ecological Wild Tremella Base, Tremella Primary Processing Factory and Tremella Factory Plantation Industrial Park, and so on. During the tour, participators gained a detailed understanding of Tongjiang Tremella culture, science and technology innovation, germplasm resource development and utilization, resource cultivation, and base construction, as well as the situation of deep processing and marketing.



As a supporting activity of the conference, Tongjiang Tremella Industry Upgrading and Supporting Exhibition including an exhibition area for edible mushroom manufacturing equipment, a comprehensive exhibition area for the "Tongjiang Tremella" image, and a high-quality exhibition area for Tongjiang edible mushroom brands. Among them, the edible mushroom manufacturing equipment exhibition area has 40 booths, showing the design of edible mushroom production and processing technology, raw materials, specialized equipment for environmental simulation, packaging, and modern food processing, etc. The suppliers of equipment and technology required for various production stages of mushroom were selected. It was the first large-scale introduction of equipment and technology enterprises to Tongjiang, to promote the technological and development of Tongjiang edible mushroom industry, and move towards the track of modern agricultural industry development, providing industry chain support for the development of Tongjiang mushroom industry.





The comprehensive exhibition area of the image of "Tongjiang Tremella" showcased the historical origins, modern development, production, and brand honors of Tongjiang County and Tongjiang Tremella. It focused on presenting Tongjiang's advantages of environmental, industrial and investment, with external and internal connections. With Tongjiang Tremella as the starting point, it would promote the Tongjiang rural revitalization strategy. The exhibition area of Tongjiang Edible Mushroom Brand has 22 booths, including Tongjiang edible mushroom quality brand and some special agricultural products. Except dried and fresh tremella products, the exhibits also include tremella soup product, tremella wine, tremella noodles and other processed foods. The exhibition attracted nearly 500 visitors. It was a concentrated appearance of Tongjiang brand enterprises. With the brand as the road, it would lead Tongjiang brand products to the world.

Through on-site visits, news releases, investment promotion, and enterprise signing, this conference had demonstrated the new results of Tongjiang tremella industry development in an all-round, deep and multi-angle manner, effectively promoted the propagandizing and popularizing, marketing and brand building of Tongjiang tremella industry, expanded the opening up and exchange and cooperation of Tongjiang tremella industry, and accelerated the building of Tongjiang Tremella industrial cluster of 10 billion. Comprehensively promote the development of Tongjiang tremella industry to a new level.

#### Can Fungi Help Save Us Again?

#### By Robert Beelman

One of the great advances in science and medicine was the result of the accidental discovery of a fungal contaminant in a Petri dish that eventually led to the development of the antibiotic penicillin. This fortunate observation by Sir Alexander Fleming occurred in 1928 and eventually resulted in him being awarded the Nobel Prize in 1945 and ushered in a revolution in medicine that saved countless lives from deadly bacterial infections.



In 1909 another fungal metabolite was discovered with little notice in Ergot fungus and it was appropriately named Ergothioneine (ERGO). For many years little attention was paid to ERGO until some curious investigators found that it occurred in relatively high concentration in some animal and human blood samples and traced it back to certain foods they consumed. Later it was determined that only fungi and a few other microbes can produce ERGO and that fungi were the primary source in the diet. In 2005 a major discovery was made that all mammals, including humans, produce a highly specific and efficient transporter for ERGO that rapidly moves it from food into red blood cells that distributes among body tissues where it has potent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory functions that appear to help mitigate chronic diseases of aging like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. This led some scientists to suggest that ERGO should be considered a longevity vitamin and spurred investigations on how ERGO in the diet might improve long-term health outcomes and increase life expectancy.

Mushrooms are by far the richest dietary source of ERGO but it has also been found in much lower amounts in numerous foods. Unfortunately, the relatively low mushroom consumption in America appears to contribute to low ERGO in our diet. A recent study estimated that we only consume about 1 mg per day while other countries consume over 4 mg per day. This led our researchers at the Center for Plant and Mushroom Foods for Health at Penn State to ponder factors that contribute to ERGO levels in our food supply. We hypothesized that ERGO must be coming from

fungi in soil that pass it on to plants through their roots and that farming practices that adversely affect healthy soil-borne fungal populations could negatively impact ERGO levels in our food. We subsequently determined some of our conventional agricultural practices such as excessive tillage of the soil (deep plowing) appears to disrupt fungal networks in the soil and reduces ERGO content of crops. Fortunately, we have shown that some regenerative farming practices such as minimal disturbance of soil at planting (No-Till) can mitigate this problem allowing fungi in the soil to supply more ERGO to our food crops.



Obviously, penicillin-producing fungi once had a profound impact on our health when infectious diseases were a major cause of mortality. Now, chronic inflammatory diseases are rampant with sixty percent of Americans suffering from at least one of them. Hence, ERGO-producing fungi in our farm soils will likely have a more subtle, but perhaps an even more long-lasting, improvement in our health outcomes. Also, regenerative farming practices help to reduce soil erosion and sequester more carbon in the soil that mitigates climate change helping us live longer, healthier lives.

Source: FUNGI Volume 15:5

### **Up-coming Events**

#### **India Mushroom Summit' 2023**

A.P. Sinde Symposium Hall, NASC Complex, New Delhi. INDIA

20 NOVEMBER, 21 NOVEMBER, 22 NOVEMBER, 2023

Organized By Growdiesel Climate Care Council, New Delhi



Looking To Stay Ahead Of The Curve In The Fast-Paced World Of Mushrooms? Then You Won't Want To Miss The International Mushroom Conference In New Delhi! This Event Brings Together Top Researchers, Cultivators, And Industry Leaders From Around The Globe To Share Their Knowledge And Expertise.

#### **About Us**

The India Mushroom Summit will bring together key players from the mushroom industry to discuss challenges, opportunities, and advancements in the sector.

Experts from various fields will share their insights and knowledge, making this a must-attend event for everyone involved in the mushroom industry.

#### **PARTICIPANT'S REGISTRATION IMS'23**

Participants are welcome to register for the upcoming India Mushroom Summit'2023. We are excited to bring together professionals and enthusiasts from the mushroom industry to exchange knowledge, discuss challenges, explore opportunities, and foster growth in this thriving sector. Here's everything you need to know about registering for the conference.

#### REGISTER By 15 August' 2023 To Receive Discounted Prices.

#### **Registration Information**

Conference registration provides delegates access to all three days of the IMS'23 event. The registration fee includes the book of abstracts, refreshments (morning tea, evening tea, and lunch), entry to the Exhibition Hall and participation in the NETWORK DINNER on November 20th only. This registration and fee does not include cost of stay in Delhi during the conference days.

**Registration Fee: FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS** 

Early bird (Till August 15) \$490

General registration with payment from August 1st, 2023, to September 30th, 2023: \$590

Late booking from October 1st, 2023, to November 15th, 2023: \$790

**Registration Fee: INDIAN PARTICIPANTS** 

Early bird (Till August 15) Rs. 5995/-

General (from 01/08/23 - 30/09/23) Rs. 7995/- +GST

Late booking (from 01/10/23 - 15/11/23) Rs. 9995/- +GST

A special discount of 10% off the registration fee is applicable to students. To avail the discount, please send your

requests to info@indiamushroomsummit.com with acceptable proof of being a Student.

\* Registration is VOID if appropriate fee is not paid in prescribed deadlines.

\* This fee is refundable ONLY within Three Days of payment.

SPEAKER'S REGISTRATION IMS'23

The Summit, to be held on 20 NOV, 21 NOV, 22 NOV, 2023, will include 15-minute oral presentations followed by 5

minutes for questions, dedicated poster sessions and 20-minute invited keynote presentations with a 10-minute Q&A.

These events will take place over a three-day period.

**REGISTER By 10th August' 2023 To Receive Discounted Prices** 

**Registration Information** 

Conference registration provides delegates access to all three days of the IMS'23 event. The registration fee includes

the book of abstracts, refreshments (morning tea, evening tea, and lunch), entry to the Exhibition, and participation in

the NETWORK DINNER on November 20th. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted must pay the registration fee

by September 15th to ensure the publication of their abstracts in the Summit Book of Abstracts.

**Registration Fee: FOREIGN SPEAKERS** 

Early bird (Till August 10th) \$490

General registration from August 11th, 2023, to September 30th, 2023: \$590

Late booking from October 1st, 2023, to November 15th, 2023: \$790

**Registration Fee: INDIAN SPEAKERS** 

Early bird (Till August 15th) Rs. 5995/-

General (from 16/08/23 - 30/09/23) Rs. 7995/- + GST

Late booking (from 01/10/23 - 15/11/23) Rs. 9995/- GST

**EXHIBITOR'S REGISTRATION IMS'23** 

Exhibition booths are offered in multiples of 9 square meters at the India Mushroom Summit. The minimum size for a

booth is 9 square meters. Each booth will be equipped with prefabricated standard panels, lighting, a front table, a round table, four chairs, and a brochure display shelf.

#### REGISTER By 10TH August' 2023 To Receive Discounted Prices.

#### **Registration Information**

Exhibition booths are offered in multiples of 9 square meters at the India Mushroom Summit. The minimum size for a booth is 9 square meters. Each booth will be equipped with prefabricated standard panels, lighting, a front table, a round table, four chairs, and a brochure display shelf.

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For Any Assistance in Logistics or any other Special Handling for Exhibition Please Contact: Info@indiamushroomsummit.com

FOREIGN Companies (Reserve exhibition booths per 9sq.mtr.)

- Early bird (Till August 15th) \$2000
- General booking from August 16th, 2023, to September 30th, 2023: \$3000

INDIAN Companies (Reserve exhibition booths per 9sq.mtr.)

- Early bird (Till August 15th) Rs.30,000/- + GST
- General booking from August 16th, 2023, to September 30th, 2023: Rs. 50,000/- + GST

For further details and registration for IMS'23, please visit: https://indiamushroomsummit.com

#### 20th ISMS Congress & 26th NAMC

## 20th ISMS Congress and 26th NAMC 26-29 February 2024, Las Vegas, USA



The deadline for Abstract submission is fast approaching.

20th International Congress on the Science and Cultivation of Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms

26–29th February 2024, JW Marriot Las Vegas Resort & Spa in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

The 20th ISMS International Congress on the Science and Cultivation of Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms (ISMSC) will be a face-to-face live event held in conjunction with the 26th North American Mushroom Conference (NAMC) in Las Vegas, USA in February 2024.

The Congress will involve concurrent sessions of live oral presentations (12 min presentation with 3 mins for questions), dedicated poster sessions, as well as invited keynote presentations (25min presentation with 5 mins for questions) over a two-day period on the 26th and 27th of the joint event.

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference registration entitles delegates to attend all four days of the combined NAMC and ISMSC event. The registration fee covers the book of abstracts, all scheduled meals, access to the Expo floor, and official receptions. All authors that have had their abstract submissions accepted will need to have paid their registration fee for the event by 15 December to have their abstracts published in the Congress Book of Abstracts.

#### **PRICING**

#### ISMS Member pricing (select member price on the registration page):

- Early bird (17/03/23 to 31/07/23) \$895
- General (from 01/08/23 30/12/23) \$995
- Late booking (from 31/12/23 24/02/24) \$1095

#### Standard (non-member) Registration Fees

- Early bird (17/03/23 to 31/07/23) \$1395
- General (from 01/08/23 30/12/23) \$1495
- Late booking (from 31/12/23 24/02/24) \$1595

As an additional incentive for ISMS members, those who are students, research institutions scientists or university personnel can also use a special promotional code to receive a further \$100 discount. Contact ISMS Secretariat at secretariat@isms.biz to receive the code.

Note - ISMS membership is free. Visit the ISMS website membership page to become a member.

For more information and to register for the Congress, visit <a href="https://mushroomconference.org/">https://mushroomconference.org/</a>.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

JW Marriot Las Vegas Resort & Spa, Address: 221 North Rampart, Boulevard, Las Vegas

The cost per night is US189/night plus tax. The hotel has limited availability of double occupancy rooms so early bookings are encouraged. For more information and to book your room, click <u>here</u> (<a href="https://mushroomconference.org/plan-your-trip/">https://mushroomconference.org/plan-your-trip/</a>). There are many alternative accommodation options near the conference venue but delegates will need to research and organise these themselves.

#### SPONSORSHIP / EXHIBITION INQUIRIES

Expo spaces are filling up! There are a limited number of Expo spaces available, and slots are on a first-come, first-served basis. Each Expo space includes one (1) business registration worth \$3,000 (for members)/\$3500 (for non members), good for all four days of the Conference. Access more information at mushroomconference.org/expo/.

#### PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

Authors are reminded that the deadline for Abstract submissions is 30 September.

Abstracts can be submitted on any research related to mushrooms or the mushroom industry. The Scientific Committee will allocate submissions on similar areas of research into topic groups that will enable concurrent sessions and poster areas to function effectively at the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Please note the the abstract and presentation timeline has changed slightly. Information on the preparation of abstracts, how to submit, and the new timeline, is provided <a href="https://isms.biz/Web/ContentAreas/Events/2024-Congress%20author%20information.aspx">https://isms.biz/Web/ContentAreas/Events/2024-Congress%20author%20information.aspx</a>).

#### First Circular of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Medicinal Mushrooms Conference (IMMC12)



We are pleased to announce the 12th International Medicinal Mushrooms Conference. We invite scientists, students, mycologists, medical doctors, immunologists, contagious disease specialists, naturopaths, biochemists, and all those who are interested in studying and discussing the most current research on medicinal mushrooms and their properties.

#### BARI, AN UNEXPECTED MEETING POINT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Bari is a very charming city, the third-largest city in Southern Italy, in order of the population.

It's incredible the contrast between the folkloristic old town and the cozy city center, full of branded shops and polished aristocratic buildings. Bari is highly multifaceted city, and you really need to discover every single aspect to understand its true core. Known as the "Gateway to the East" due to its long tradition of trade, this capital of Apulia is rich in history: see with your own eyes in the town of Bari Vecchia and surrounding area.

Exploring the historic centre allows us to discover its most authentic character, with signs of its past scattered through the local alleyways and endless examples of age-old traditions passed from generation to generation. Then there is the famous Bari promenade, one of the most beautiful in Italy, overlooking the clear sea and the unique charm of Bari.

Today, this dynamic city, nestled in the heart of the countryside punctuated by white dry-stone walls, is an important university hub.

But it still holds dear the memory of its seafaring exploits of the Middle Ages, as well as its precious monuments and striking churches.

The history of Bari is fascinating and turbulent. The ancient settlement dates back to the Bronze Age, passing from rule by the Peucetians to the Goths, before being fought over by the Byzantines and Lombards. Repeatedly ransacked and destroyed, medieval Bari was conquered by the Saracens and became a small independent Muslim state. It was then taken over by the Franks, before returning to the hands of the Romans, who made it the major Italian political, military and commercial centre of the Eastern Roman Empire. In 1087, with the arrival of the relics of

St Nicholas of Myra, commonly known as Santa Clause, Bari became a thriving religious centre uniting the East and

West.

Norman rule in Apulia ensured a long period of prosperity for Bari, though it was still subject to conflict. Rebuilt

by the Swabians, it experienced a new peak of splendour, until it declined again under the Angevins, torn apart by

struggles between local squires and foreignbankers.

After going to the Aragonese and then the Dukes of Milan in 1464, it was restored to its former glory by Isabella of

Aragon in 1500. In 1558, it fell into Spanish hands, experiencing numerous bloody rebellions, and in 1657 it was hit

hard by plague. It then passed from Austrian to Bourbon rule, being renewed under French rule in the early 1800s

with the construction of the newcity.

After being returned to the Bourbons in 1815, it joined the Kingdom of Italy in 1860. This tumultuous history of

dominations has left Bari with a unique artistic heritage for all to admire.

Bari is not only art, history, and ancient culture. In fact, a great social life awaitsyou.

WARNINGS

Bari is a relatively safe city for foreigners. Even though there are some areas to avoid (the main ones are the Libertà,

Japigia, San Paolo, and Madonnelle neighborhoods), tourists should not face safety problems other than petty crime,

the kind of crime you find in many cities. Use common sense and apply all usual safety precautions.

**AVERAGES FOR BARI IN SEPTEMBER** 

This month is known as a warm month. The average maximum daytime temperature in Bari in September lies at 26.2°C

(79.16°F). The average minimum temperature goes down to around 17.1°C (62.78°F) (often the minimum

temperature is noted at night). Rainfall during September is moderate with an average of 66mm (2.6 inches). There

are generally around 8 rainy days.

**DATE AND VENUE** 

The conference will take place in Bari, Italy, 24-27 September 2024 at the The Nicolaus Hotel Bari - HO Collection. The

conference will be organized in parallel sessions and poster exhibitions. The official language of the conference is

English.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE:

MEDICINAL MUSHROOMS: THE BET FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

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#### **SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OF CONFERENCE WILLINCLUDE:**

- Keynote speeches
- Plenary lectures of invited speakers

#### Different symposia dedicated to:

- Biodiversity, taxonomy and ecology of medicinal mushrooms;
- Medicinal mushrooms culture collections, cultivation technology and circular economy;
- Biochemistry, biotechnology and pharmacology of medicinal mushrooms;
- Use of medicinal mushrooms in animal husbandry and veterinary medicine;
- Medicinal mushrooms in human pre-clinical and clinical studies;
- Legislation, certification and safety of mushroom-based supplements;
- Medicinal mushrooms as a source of novel functional food and health benefits; Ethnomycology and the therapeutic potential of psychedelic mushrooms

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### Research progress

### Mushroom husbandry: A tool for pollution control and waste management with job opportunities and revenue for rural communities and farm settlements

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**Abstract:** Most rural communities in Africa openly dispose untreated wastes in water and on land, resulting in environmental pollution and the spread of deadly diseases in human (e.g., cholera, typhoid), plants (e.g., wilt, gall/wart, rot), and animals (e.g., skin/gut infections). Therefore, conversion of untreated wastes to substrate for mushroom cultivation was the focus of this research. Wild edible mushrooms (chemical-free) and wastes were collected, sorted, profiled and analyzed using standard laboratory techniques. Physicochemical profiling of the wastes showed the presence of lignin (<30%), cellulose (<60%), and hemicellulose (<58%) that are mildly impervious, non-biodegradable substances which can mostly be degraded by mushrooms. The results showed that mushroom spawn-production period was reduced by 11, 15, 16 and 16% on rice straw for Sample 1 (23¼ days), Sample 2 (21¼ days), Sample 3 (20¼ days) and Sample 6 (22¹/<sub>10</sub> days), respectively; 10 and 7% on sawdust for Sample 4 (23½ days) and Sample 5 (20³/<sub>5</sub> days), respectively. Developmental periods were also reduced by 9, 12, 14, 3, and 9% when grown on *G. sepium* (i.e., 26½, 25½, 24¾, 25¾ and 29¹/<sub>10</sub> days for Samples 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, respectively), and 9% on *M. indica* (i.e., 26½ days for Samples 4). The yield was increased by 7% on *Cedrus odorata* (Samples 1 and 2), 11% on *G. sepium* (Samples 3), and 7% on *M. indica* (Samples 4 and 5). The outcome of the research showed that more money and job opportunity can be created from waste re-use rather than waste disposal.

Keywords: Wastes re-use, Africa, Environmental pollution, Mushroom husbandry, Diseases

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### Effects of Button Mushroom *Agaricus bisporus* (Agaricomycetes) and Soybean Oil on Storage Characteristics of Chicken Sausage

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**Abstract:** To investigate the effect of *Agaricus bisporus* and soybean oil as complex fat substitutes on the storage characteristics of chicken sausages, a pre-mixture of *A. bisporus* and soybean oil (1:2) was used to replace 0% (CK), 30% (T30), 60% (T60), and 90% (T90) of pork back fat in chicken sausages. The changes in color (brightness value, L\*; redness value, a\*; and yellowness value, b\*), texture, pH, and total viable count of the sausages were examined at 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 d of storage at 4°C, respectively. The results showed that *A. bisporus* and soybean oil altered the color of the sausages. At the same storage time, compared with CK, L\* values of fat-reduced chicken sausages decreased

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significantly, while a\* values increased significantly (P < 0.05), b\* values increased significantly (P < 0.05) at the 10 d of storage. During storage, L\* and a\* values of CK gradually decreased and b\* values gradually increased, fat-reduced sausages exhibited opposite trends in a\* values and b\* values compared with CK. The hardness and chewiness of fat-reduced sausages increased significantly (P < 0.05) compared with CK at the same storage time. During storage, the overall hardness of fat-reduced sausages increased, and the springiness and chewiness fluctuated. T60 did not change significantly in cohesiveness throughout the storage period (P < 0.05). The pH of fat-reduced sausage was relatively stable during storage. The higher the amount of P < 0.05 is added, the greater the pH. The pH of T60 did not change throughout the storage period. P < 0.05 is an absorbed some antibacterial effect on sausage and the minimum shelf life of chicken sausage with P < 0.05 in conclusion, P < 0.05 in conclusion, P < 0.05 in conclusion, P < 0.05 in conclusion and soybean oil increased the redness and hardness of the sausages during storage, but the pH and total viable bacteria count remained relatively stable. T60 displayed the most stable storage properties among them, making it the optimum method for the manufacturing of fat-reduced chicken sausages.

**Keywords:** *Agaricus bisporus*, soybean oil, fat substitutes, storage characteristics, chicken, sausage, antibacterial effect, medicinal mushrooms

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### Hericium erinaceus, in combination with natural flavonoid/alkaloid and B3/B8 vitamins, can improve inflammatory burden in Inflammatory bowel diseases tissue: an ex vivo study

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Abstract: Hericium erinaceus, berberine, and quercetin are effective in experimental colitis. It is unknown whether they can ameliorate inflammatory bowel diseases in humans. This ex vivo study aimed to evaluate the anti-inflammatory potential of a nutraceutical compound of HBQ-Complex® (H. erinaceus, berberine, and quercetin), biotin, and niacin in inflammatory bowel disease patients. Tissue specimens were obtained either from Normal-Appearing Mucosa (NAM) or from Inflamed Mucosa (IM) in 20 patients with inflammatory bowel disease. mRNA and protein expression of COX-2, IL-10, and TNF-a were determined in NAM and IM biopsy samples (T0). IM samples were then incubated in HBQ-Complex® (with the addition of niacin and biotin), and COX-2, IL-10, and TNF-a tissue levels were evaluated at 120 minutes (T1) and 180 minutes (T2). Incubation with this compound resulted in a progressive decrease in gene and protein COX-2 and TNF-a expression at T1/T2 in the IM. IL-10 showed an opposite trend, with a progressive increase of mRNA and protein expression over the same time window. HBQ-Complex® (with the addition of niacin and biotin) decreased the expression of proinflammatory cytokines at the mRNA and protein levels in IBD tissue. On the contrary, mRNA and protein expression of the anti-inflammatory cytokine IL-10 showed a progressive increase.

Keywords: inflammatory bowel disease, Hericium erinaceus, quercetin, berberin, biotin, niacin,

Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis

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### TBG-136, a Schizophyllum commune-derived β-glucan benefits gut microbiota and intestinal health: A randomized, double-blind, and placebo-controlled clinical trial

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**Abstract:** β-glucan exerts beneficial biological activities such as immunoregulatory, anticancer, antioxidative, antiaging, and wound healing. However, the effects of β-glucan on constipation have not been thoroughly studied. Thus, the present study aimed to investigate the effects of β-glucan-derived from *Schizophyllum commune* supplementation (TBG-136) on gut microbiota and intestinal health in constipated subjects. As a result, *Lactobacillus* was significantly increased in the TBG-136 group compared to the placebo group (P < 0.05) after 8 weeks of TBG-136 supplementation. Additionally, TBG-136 group significantly improved the rectosigmoid CTT and the number of defecations compared to the placebo group (P < 0.05). Thus, β-glucan derived from *Schizophyllum commune* helps individuals' health and quality of life by increasing the beneficial bacteria and improving symptoms of constipation.

**Keywords:** *Schizophyllum commune,* β-glucan, Gut bacteria, Intestinal health, Constipation

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### <u>Performance of Various Agroforestry Wastes for the Cultivation of Elm Oyster Mushroom Hypsizygus ulmarius (Agaricomycetes) in India and Its Biochemical Constituents</u>

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Abstract: Hypsizygus ulmarius, a species with high biological efficiency, is multi-nutrient and is a medically good source of myco-chemicals. A study was carried out to evaluate different types of spawn to produce H. ulmarius utilizing various agroforestry wastes. Among seven different grain substrates evaluated, pearl millet grains were found to be the best substrate for spawn production as it supports much faster (11 d) and enhanced growth of H. ulmarius. A minimum period (13.67 d) was recorded for the complete spawn run, time taken for the first flush (20.33 d) along with the maximum number (38.33) of sporocarps produced in the wheat straw substrate. The longest stipe length (6.40 cm) was however, recorded in pine needles while the maximum (9.10 cm) cap diameter was found in maize straw substrate spawned with pearl millet grains spawn. Out of seven locally available substrates evaluated for production and yield parameters of H. ulmarius, maximum yield (640.00 g/0.5 kg dry substrate) having 128 percent biological efficiency was obtained when the wheat straw substrate was used significantly followed by wheat and maize grains spawn on the same substrate. Minimum time for spawn run, maximum number of sporocarps, maximum yield and biological efficiency was recorded in wheat straw substrate showing the best production substrate for H. ulmarius using pearl millet grains spawn. The results showed that agroforestry wastes can be alternatively used as potential substrates for cultivating H. ulmarius. H. ulmarius contain high amounts of proteins, carbohydrates, dietary fibers, unsaturated fatty

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acids, enzymes, and plenty of minerals among the commercially cultivated species. This mushroom has a good profile of vitamins, including  $B_1$  (thiamine),  $B_2$  (riboflavin),  $B_3$  (niacin), A (retinol) and C (ascorbic acid), all of which are suitable for diet formulation and act as sources of energy.

**Keywords:** *Hypsizygus ulmarius*, agroforestry, biological efficiency, grain spawn, phytochemicals, substrates, yield, medicinal mushrooms

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#### Review of postharvest processing of edible wild-grown mushrooms

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Abstract: Edible wild-grown mushrooms, plentiful in resources, have excellent organoleptic properties, flavor, nutrition, and bioactive substances. However, fresh mushrooms, which have high water and enzymatic activity, are not protected by cuticles and are easily attacked by microorganisms. And wild-grown mushroom harvesting is seasonal the harvest of edible wild-grown mushrooms is subject to seasonality, so their market availability is challenging. Many processing methods have been used for postharvest mushroom processing, including sun drying, freezing, packaging, electron beam radiation, edible coating, ozone, and cooking, whose effects on the parameters and composition of the mushrooms are not entirely positive. This paper reviews the effect of processing methods on the quality of wild and some cultivated edible mushrooms. Drying and cooking, as thermal processes, reduce hardness, texture, and color browning, with the parallel that drying reduces the content of proteins, polysaccharides, and phenolics while cooking increases the chemical composition. Freezing, which allows mushrooms to retain better hardness, color, and higher chemical content, is a better processing method. Water washing and ozone help maintain color by inhibiting enzymatic browning. Edible coating facilitates the maintenance of hardness and total sugar content. Electrolytic water (EW) maintains total phenol levels and soluble protein content. Pulsed electric field and ultrasound (US) inhibit microbial growth. Frying maintains carbohydrates, lipids, phenolics, and proteins. And the mushrooms processed by these methods are safe. They are the focus of future research that combines different methods or develops new processing methods, molecular mechanisms of chemical composition changes, and exploring the application areas of wild mushrooms.

Keywords: Edible wild-grown mushrooms, Drying, Packaging, Preservation, Processing, Postharvest

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### <u>Understanding the effects of carbon and nitrogen starvation on the comparative secretomes of</u> <u>Ganoderma boninense and Ganoderma tornatum</u>

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Abstract: Ganoderma boninense is the most pathogenic fungal species of oil palm trees. However, there is limited understanding of the host - pathogen interaction. Secreted proteins play a critical role during the early infection process which involves competition between the fungal and host populations for nutrient resources necessary for continual growth. To identify the secreted proteins that may play a role in pathogenicity during infection stage, we compared the secretome profiles of *G. boninense* versus *G. tornatum* under carbon and nitrogen starvation by using shotgun proteomics approach. In total, 250 non-redundant proteins were identified, and statistical data analysis indicated that 68 proteins were increased while 104 proteins decreased in abundance in T3 for *G. boninense* whereas in *G. tornatum*, 42 proteins were increased, and 27 proteins were decreased in abundance in T3. Further investigation via bioinformatic tools helped us to classify the carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) proteins into four classes: oxidoreductases, transferases, hydrolases, and glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH). Interestingly, oxidoreductase enzymes were identified only in *G. boninense*. These putative proteins might contribute to the different levels of pathogenicity of *G. boninense* and *G. tornatum* toward oil palm. The newly discovered protein information may help researchers better understand the secretory mechanisms of *G. boninense* and the process by which it invades oil palm root tissues. The discovered seretome proteins, along with their subclassification and functional annotation also serve as a database for *Ganoderma* species that is easy to access and retrieve.

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### Effect of oxyresveratrol on the quality and membrane lipid metabolism of shiitake mushroom (*Lentinus edodes*) during storage

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Abstract: The effect of oxyresveratrol on postharvest quality and membrane lipid metabolism of shiitake mushroom was investigated. The result exhibited that oxyresveratrol retarded browning, maintained firmness and alleviated occurrence of decay of shiitake mushroom. The oxidation and hydrolysis of membrane phospholipids were suppressed by oxyresveratrol treatment, which was associated with reduced LOX and PLD activities and increased SOD and CAT activities. The membrane lipidomics of shiitake mushroom was determined by LC-MS. 385 lipid species and 13 fatty acids in membrane lipids were identified by multiple reaction monitoring method. Compared with control group, the phospholipic acid and lysophospholipid reduced by 29.24% and 21.29% in oxyresveratrol-treated group, respectively, which alleviated hydrolysis of phospholipid. Meanwhile, oxyresveratrol maintained the unsaturation of fatty acids and alleviated oxidation of phospholipid. These results demonstrated that oxyresveratrol could play a dual role of inhibiting the oxidation and hydrolysis of phospholipids to mitigate cellular damage of shiitake mushroom.

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#### Cordyceps sinensis (yarsagumba): Pharmacological properties of a mushroom

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#### **Abstract**

#### Introduction

Yarsagumba (*Cordyceps sinensis* or *Ophiocordyceps sinensis*) is a fungus that parasitizes ghost moth larvae and produces a fruiting body prized as herbal medicine, belonging to the Ophiocordycipitaceae family. Cordyceps species are also known as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) as it has wide applications in the pharmaceutical and health sectors. For thousands of years, Yarsagumba has been recognized in Nepal. It is one of the world's most promising medicinal mushrooms. Its unusual life cycle and wide range of medical applications piqued scientists' curiosity throughout the previous three decades. The purpose of this review is to compile information on Yarsagumba, including its history, cultivation, taxonomic characteristics, and many therapeutic uses, as well as phytochemical and pharmacological studies completed to date.

#### Methods

Different sources and distribution of the fungus have been presented along with its life cycle, morphology, collection procedure, and history as traditional Chinese medicine. Various chemical constituents of the fungus have been presented in tabular form with their significance as nutrients and traditional medicine. Various pharmacological activities have also been presented in tabular form with their mechanism of action, which include antiasthmatic, antineoplastic, antibacterial, aphrodisiac, cardioprotective, anti-cancer, immunomodulator, etc. Different adulteration methods and standardization approaches have also been summarized.

#### Results

This review summarizes various aspects of yarsagumba relevant to its uses as traditional Chinese medicine.

#### Conclusion

Despite its scientific advancement, further research is needed, particularly in the design of dosage forms and analysis that will lead to the most effective use of this most expensive medicinal fungus.

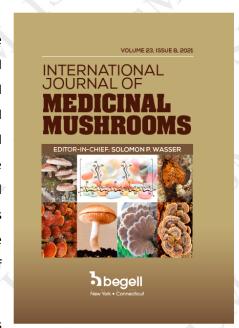
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Abstract: The mushrooms have contributed to the development of active ingredients of fundamental importance in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry as well as of important tools in human and animal health, nutrition, and functional food. This review considers studies on the beneficial effects of medicinal mushrooms on the nutrition and health of humans and farm animals. An overview of the chemical structure and composition of mycochemicals is presented in this review with particular reference to phenolic compounds, triterpenoids and sterols, fatty acids and lipids, polysaccharides, proteins, peptides, and lectins. The nutritional value and chemical composition of wild and cultivated mushrooms in Italy is also the subject of this review which also deals with mushrooms as nutraceuticals and the use of mushrooms in functional foods. The nutraceutical benefits of UV irradiation of cultivated species of basidiomycetes to generate high amounts of vitamin D2 is also high- lighted and the ability of the muhsrooms to inhibit glycation is analyzed. Finally, attention is paid to studies on bioactivities of some Italian wild and cultivated mushrooms with particular reference to species belonging to the genus *Pleurotus*. The review highlights the potential of medicinal mushrooms in the production of mycochemicals that represent a source of drugs, nutraceutical, and functional food.

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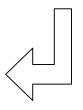








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<sup>a</sup>Individual components were identified by comparison with standard sugar

Keywords: Fungal diversity, Cultivation, Mycochemicals, Chemical structures, Nutrition

#### **Abbreviations**

AGLs Acidic glycosphingolipids

BEPF Boletus edulis Polysaccharides

BRMs Biological response modifiers

CBAEP Cibacron blue affinity-purified protein

COSY Correlation spectroscopy
FAB-MS Fast atom bombardment

FAME Fatty acid methyl esters

FIP Immunomodulatory proteins

FT-IR Fourier-transformed infrared spectroscopy

GC Gas chromatography

GLC-MS Gas-liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry

GLS Glycosphingolipids

GSH Glutathione peroxidase

HBA Hydroxybenzoic acid

HCA Hydroxycinnamic acid

HIV Human immunodeficiency viruses

HMBC Heteronuclear multiple bond coherence

HMG-CoA β-Hydroxy β-methylglutaryl-CoA

HMQC Heteronuclear multiple quantum coherence
HPLC-MS Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry

HS-ITEX Head Space "In Tube Extraction"

GC-MS Technique and gas chromatography

IEC Ion-exchange chromatography

iNKT Invariant natural killer cell

LCB Long-chain base

LDG-M Lactarius deliciosus Polysaccharides

MHS-SPME Multiple headspace-solid phase microextraction

MIC Minimum inhibitory concentration

MM Medicinal mushrooms

MUFA Monounsatured fatty acid

NMR Nuclear magnetic resonance

NOESY Nuclear overhauser effect spectroscopy

OMW Olive mill wastewaters

PELPS Pleurotus eryngii var. elaeoselini polysaccharides

PEPE Pleurotus eryngii Purified polysaccharides

PSK Polysaccharide K

PSP Polysaccharide peptide

PUFA Polyunsaturated fatty acid

ROESY Rotating-frame nuclear overhauser effect correlation spectroscopy

RVP Russula virescens Polysaccharide

SEC Size-exclusion chromatograpy

SFA Saturated fatty acid

SPG Schizophyllan

TLC Thin layer chromatography

TOCSY Total correlation spectroscopy

TPC Total phenolic content

VOC Volatile organic compounds

#### Continued from previous issue:

#### Mycochemicals in functional foods

As mentioned, today's concept of food is changing, becoming more complex. "Functional food" namely conventional food is consumed as part of the daily diet.

This type of food positively affects one or more physiological functions of the human body is proven; therefore, in addition to the nutritional intake, they contribute to maintaining the state of wellness, improving health, and reducing the risk of disease.

This concept is flanked by that of "food supplements" which, compared to the previous ones, constitute a concentrated source of nutrients or substances with nutritional and/or physiological effect; they are marketed in various dose forms, including tablets, capsules, gummies, and powders, as well as drinks and energy bars and aim to provide nutrients to fulfil the nutritional requirement of an individual.

Mushrooms are functional food, because of their nutritional features: they are hypocaloric and a good source of highquality dietary fiber. Their carbohydrate content as glycogen (and not of starch) is low.

They also have significative digestible proteins and all the essential amino acids required by an adult and often deficient

in plants, as well as various vitamins and mineral elements in content often at higher levels than vegetables.

Therefore, in addition to taking a leading role in diseases such as hypertension, cholesterol, obesity, etc.) and they provide an efficient alternative in areas with widespread malnutrition.

Mushrooms show potential for obtaining fortified foods, improving nutrition, and adding health benefits.

Table 7 Bioactivities of some Italian wild and cultivated mushrooms

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| Mushrooms<br>species | Bioactive<br>compound or<br>extract | Activity and mechan                         | nisms                                                                                                                                     | References                              |
| Agaricus<br>bisporus | Polysaccharides                     | Scavenging activity,<br>hypoxic activity    | metal chelating activity, reducing power; anti-                                                                                           | Li et al. (2015)                        |
|                      | Lectin (ABL)                        | Anticancer                                  | Inhibition of proliferation of cancerous human<br>epithelial colon cells (HT29) in vitro<br>Inhibition of MCF-7 (breast cancer cells) and | Ismaya et al.<br>(2020)                 |
|                      |                                     |                                             | Caco-2 cancer cell proliferation in vitro                                                                                                 |                                         |
|                      |                                     | Antineoplastic                              | Suppressed proliferation of retinal pigment<br>epithelium (RPE) cells, and subsequent<br>lowering of proliferative vitreoretinopathy;     | Ismaya et al.<br>(2020)                 |
|                      |                                     |                                             | Slows down proliferation of human ocular<br>fibroblast and reduces collagen lattice<br>contraction in vitro                               |                                         |
|                      |                                     | Antiviral                                   | Strong inhibition against human<br>immunodeficiency virus type-1 (HIV-1)<br>reverse transcriptase (IC50 of 8 μM) in vitro;                | Ismaya et al.<br>(2020)                 |
|                      | Mannose-binding<br>protein (Abmb)   | Anticancer                                  | Inhibits proliferation of MCF-7 breast cancer<br>cells at 12.5 μM and arrests growth at lower<br>concentrations in vitro                  | Ismaya et al.<br>(2020)                 |
|                      | Methanolic and<br>aqueous extracts  | Anti-inflammatory, a<br>antimicrobial (in n | Bose et al. (2019)                                                                                                                        |                                         |
|                      | Polysaccharide                      | Immunostimulatory                           | Atila et al. (2017)                                                                                                                       |                                         |
|                      | Fruiting body<br>extracts           | Immunostimulating                           | On activated human peripheral blood<br>mononuclear cells (PBMCs) and induced<br>synthesis of interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ )            | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      |                                     | Antitumor                                   | Inhibition on cell proliferation of HL-60<br>leukemia cells and other leukemia human cell<br>lines via the induction of apoptosis;        | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      |                                     |                                             | Suppression of aromatase activity, inhibition on                                                                                          | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      |                                     |                                             | breast cancer cell proliferation, and decrease<br>in mammary tumor formation in vivo                                                      |                                         |
|                      | UFA                                 | Antitumor                                   | Inhibition on aromatase activity                                                                                                          | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      | Arginine                            | Antitumor                                   | Delay of tumor growth and metastasis                                                                                                      | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      | Lovastatin                          | Antitumor                                   | Anti-cancer effects in the triple-negative breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-231                                                             | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      |                                     | Antihyperlipidemic                          | Reduction of cholesterol level in serum and/or liver                                                                                      | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      | Sterols                             | Antihyperlipidemic                          | Reduction in cholesterol absorption and thereby<br>lowered plasma cholesterol and LDL<br>cholesterol                                      | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      | Fruiting body extracts              | Antidiabetic                                | Decreased severity of streptozotocin-induced diabetes in rat                                                                              | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      | α-glucans                           | Antidiabetic                                | Lowered producing lipopolysaccharide-induced TNFa                                                                                         | Atila et al. (2017)                     |
|                      | Polysaccharides and<br>phenolics    |                                             | oxide, hydroxyl and DPPH radicals and hydrogen<br>ment of the activities of antioxidant enzymes in<br>art of mice                         | Zhang et al.<br>(2016)                  |

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| Apoptosis induction in ovarian cancer cells (ES- 2) via both extrinsic and intrinsic pathways  Increase of antioxidative status of liver homogenate and prevention of histological changes in liver cross sections in oxidative stressed rats  Fruiting body extract  Ethanolic and water extract  Laccase  Antioxidant and scavenging property  Li et al. (2010)  Antioxidant and scavenging property  Li et al. (2010)  Li et al. (2010)  Li et al. (2010)  Antioxidant and scavenging property  Li et al. (2010)  Antioxidant and scavenging property  Li et al. (2018)  Antitumor  Suppression of proliferation of tumor cell lines HepG2 and MCF7  Tsai et al. (2007)  Cyclocybe aegerita  Antidiabetic  Antidiabetic  Inhibition of iNOS expression, reduction of  Liu et al. (2020c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                | Antitumor            | SKOV-3 and SW-626 and reduced viability of                                                                                                  |                    |
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|     | Mushrooms<br>species    | Bioactive<br>compound or<br>extract   | Activity and mechan                   | isms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | References                                               |  |
|     |                         | Water extract                         | Anti-angiogenic                       | In vitro inhibition of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-induced proliferation inHUVECs; down-regulation of intracellular reactive oxygen species (ROS) level and VEGF secretion in Caco-2 cells; decrease in the migration of endothelial cells (ECs)              | Lin et al. (2017)                                        |  |
|     |                         | Proteins                              | Antitumor                             | Against different tumor cell lines; stimulation of<br>immune response; enhanced splenocyte<br>cytotoxic activity and mRNA level of<br>cytokines in mice                                                                                                                     | Liang et al. (2011)                                      |  |
|     |                         | Ageritin (ribotoxin-<br>like protein) | Antitumor                             | Cytotoxicity and cell death promoting effects<br>towards CNS model cell lines (SK-N-BE(2)-C,<br>U-251 and C6); extrinsic apoptotic pathway by<br>initially activating caspase-8                                                                                             | Landi et al.<br>(2017b) and<br>Ruggiero et al.<br>(2018) |  |
|     |                         | Galectin (AAL)                        | Antitumor                             | Anti-metastasis activity in breast cancer, anti-<br>proliferation activity against 4T1 cells                                                                                                                                                                                | Yang et al.<br>(2018)                                    |  |
|     |                         | Ceramide                              | Antitumor  Anti-inflammatory          | Inhibition of the proliferation of stomach, breast<br>and CNS cancer cell lines in vitro<br>Inhibition on cyclooxygenase enzymes COX-1                                                                                                                                      | Diyabalanage<br>et al. (2008)                            |  |
|     |                         | Hot-water and                         | Antioxidative                         | and -2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Tsai et al.                                              |  |
|     |                         | ethanolic extracts                    |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | (2006, 2007)                                             |  |
|     |                         | Methanolic extract<br>(FAF)           | Antioxidative and cy                  | clooxygenase (COX) enzyme inhibitory activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Zhang et al.<br>(2003)                                   |  |
| × . | Lactarius<br>deliciosus | Methanolic extract                    | Antioxidant and free<br>Antimicrobial | radical scavenging activity Inhibition of bacteria (Bacillus cereus, B. subtilis, Proteus mirabilis, E. coli, Staphylococcus aureus) and fungi (Aspergillus niger, Penicillium expansum, P. chrysogenum,                                                                    | Kosanić et al.<br>(2016)                                 |  |
|     |                         |                                       |                                       | Alternaria alternata, Trichoderma                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                          |  |
|     |                         |                                       |                                       | viride, Cladosporium cladosporioides, Muco<br>mucedo, Fusarium oxysporum, Candida<br>albicans)                                                                                                                                                                              | or                                                       |  |
|     |                         |                                       | Anticancer                            | Growth inhibition in HeLa, A549 and LS174 cell lines                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                          |  |
|     |                         | Aqueous and/or ethanol extract        | Antioxidative<br>Antihyperglycemic    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Xu et al. (2019)                                         |  |
|     | Macrolepiota<br>procera | Methanolic extract                    | Antioxidant and fr<br>Antimicrobial   | ee radical scavenging activity;  Inhibition of bacteria (Bacillus cereus, B. subtilis, Proteus mirabilis) and fungi (Aspergillus niger, Penicillium expansum, Alternaria alternata, Trichoderma viride, Cladosporium cladosporioides, Fusarium oxysporum, Candida albicans) | Kosanić et al.<br>(2016)                                 |  |
|     |                         |                                       | Anticancer                            | Growth inhibition in HeLa, A549 and LS174 cell lines                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                          |  |
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| Mushrooms<br>species   | Bioactive<br>compound or<br>extract                       | Activity and mechan                                              | References                                                                                 |                                                 |
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|                        | Mushroom extract                                          | Antioxidant activity                                             |                                                                                            | Islam et al.<br>(2019)                          |
|                        | Powder of freeze,<br>dried and<br>irradiated<br>mushrooms | Antioxidant activity                                             |                                                                                            | Fernandes et al. (2013)                         |
| Russula<br>virescens   | Polysaccharide<br>(RVP)                                   | Antioxidant activity                                             |                                                                                            | Sun et al.<br>(2010a, b)                        |
|                        | Phenolics                                                 |                                                                  |                                                                                            |                                                 |
| Russula<br>cyanoxantha | Phenolics                                                 | Antioxidant activity                                             |                                                                                            |                                                 |
| Tuber<br>magnatum      | Water and/or<br>methanol extract                          | Anti-inflammatory                                                | Inhibition of COX-1 and 12-LOX pathway<br>products synthesis                               | Beara et al.<br>(2014)                          |
|                        |                                                           | Antitumor                                                        | Cytotoxicity against some tumour cell lines<br>(HeLa, MCF7, HT-29)                         |                                                 |
|                        |                                                           | Antioxidative                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                 |
| Tuber<br>melanosporum  | Polysaccharides                                           | Antitumor                                                        | Activities against A549, HCT-116, HepG2, HL-60, and SK-BR-3 cells lines                    | Lee et al. (2020)<br>and Patel et al.<br>(2017) |
|                        | Anandamide<br>(endocannabinoid)                           | Antitumor                                                        | Inhibited on angiogenesis of highly invasive and metastatic breast cancer cells;           | Lee et al. (2020)<br>and Patel et al.           |
|                        |                                                           |                                                                  | Stimulation of non-apoptotic cell death in COX-<br>2 overexpressed colorectal cancer cells | (2017)                                          |
|                        | Methanolic extract                                        | Antioxidative                                                    | Inhibition of lipid oxidation                                                              | Villares et al.<br>(2012)                       |
| Tuber spp.             | Flavonoids                                                | Antioxidative, anti-inflammatory, anti-mutagenic, and anticancer |                                                                                            | Lee et al. (2020)                               |
|                        | Ergosterol                                                | Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antihyperlipidemic           |                                                                                            | Lee et al. (2020)                               |
|                        | Oleic acid                                                | Antitumor                                                        | Suppression of overexpression of HER2;<br>induction of cancer cell apoptosis               | Lee et al. (2020)                               |
|                        |                                                           | Hypocholesterolemic                                              | :                                                                                          |                                                 |
|                        | L-tyrosine                                                | Anti-depressant                                                  |                                                                                            | Patel et al. (2017)                             |

Although knowledge about the therapeutic properties of mushrooms is now quite extensive, their incorporation into foods to produce fortified foods is not so widespread today. However, various research has been undertaken in recent years in this direction, demonstrating how the addition of extracts or compounds of medicinal mushrooms, such as *Pleurotus* spp., into processed food, increases their sensory, nutritional, functional, or nutraceutical features (Carrasco-Gonza´lez et al. 2017; Reis et al. 2017; Lavelli et al. 2018; Salehi 2019).

The potential of mushroom powder to enrich baked (bread, biscuits, and cakes) and extruded (breakfast cereals, snacks) cereal products with fiber for the production of fitness-promoting foods (low in calories, cholesterol, and fat) is remarkable. Gaglio et al. (2019) evaluated the effect of partially replacing wheat flour with *P. eryngii* powder (5 and 10% w/w) in baked bread; the fermentation process has not undergone any alterations, the final product had positive physical and organoleptic characteristics with the advantage of having higher concentrations of thiamin, riboflavin and pantothenic acid and, more importantly, supplied biotin, cobalamin, and cholecalciferol generally absent in wheat bread.

Another study on *P. eryngii* (Kim et al. 2010) demonstrated how biscuits supplemented with mushroom powder showed significantly increased total phenol compound content, ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP), and DPPH radical scavenging activity, maintaining appreciable organoleptic and rheological properties. Also, *A. bisporus* powder was

evaluated by Kumar and Barmanray (2007) as a supplement for fortified biscuits, that showed a significantly higher protein content with good overall acceptability. *P. eryngii*  $\beta$ -glucan-rich fractions (BGRFs) have been tested as an ingredient of wheat semolina pasta (Kim et al. 2016), obtaining the best results in terms of qualitative, textural, and sensory characteristics with a concentration of 4%, in addition to higher beneficial properties.

Studies carried out by Lu et al. (2016, 2018) have shown that the inclusion of powdered *A. bisporus* and *B. edulis* mushrooms in wheat semolina allows to obtain a pasta with more fibre and less starch, therefore with a lower glycemic power and higher antioxidant properties. Equally positive results have been achieved in snack products supplemented with *A. bisporus* and *B. edulis* powder (Singla et al. 2009; Lu et al. 2020).

Mushrooms have also been tested to enrich other types of foods. Exploiting the high fiber and protein content, *A. bisporus* powder has been used for the production of functional meat products with better emulsion characteristics and textural properties (Kurt and Genc, celep 2018).

Barros et al. (2011) demonstrated that *B. edulis* extracts protect beef burgers from lipid peroxidation and also give them greater antioxidant potential, while a study by Stojkovic´ et al. (2015) revealed that the methanolic extract of *B. aureus* Schaeff. helps to increase the shelf-life of meat, protecting it from food contaminating bacteria. An interesting application of *Pleurotus* spp. concerns fortified dairy foods. A study carried out by Pelaes Vital et al. (2015) showed how adding *P. ostreatus* aqueous extract to milk leads to the production of yogurt with an increased *Streptococcus thermophiles* and *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* CFU, polyphenols content, and enhanced antioxidant activity, and improved rheological properties.

Soy milk added with polysaccharide extract of *P. eryngii* shows an increased vitality of *Bifidobacterium longum* and reduced pH during yogurt fermentation (Li and Shah 2016). The incorporation of *P. ostreatus* in the cheese mixture as a fresh and dried mushroom has resulted in cream cheese with higher ash, protein, and mineral contents, as well as an increase in lipolytic and proteolytic bacteria and excellent storage performances (Khider et al. 2017). The incorporation of *C. aegerita* powder has also proven to increase the antioxidant properties of cream cheese, as well as giving it more appreciated sensory characteristics (Petrovic´ et al. 2015). The extract of *A. bisporus* has proved effective in preserving yogurt from the pathogen *Listeria monocytogenes* (Stojkovic´ et al. 2014). Moreover, a study conducted by Proserpio et al. (2019) involved the addition of *P. ostreatus* powder in vegetable soups, resulting in a product with a higher content of bioactive ß-glucans and good palatability at a concentration of 2%.

Although the results obtained so far are remarkably promising, much remains to be done; in addition to enlarging the fans of mushroom species potentially valuable as food fortifiers, further study is needed on various parameters such as the bioaccessibility of bioactive compounds, especially considering the different production steps that a processed product undergoes, their bioavailability, possible interactions with the food matrix and possible interferences with the bioavailability or absorption of the various nutrients. This path is even necessary so that their relevance and effectiveness can be recognized and thus ruled also from a legislative point of view, in order to achieve the important objective of large-scale marketing of healthy food products that promote physical well-being.

#### Conclusions

The review reveals the great potential of mushrooms in the production of mycochemicals that represent a rich source

of drugs, nutraceutical, and functional food. The mycochemicals isolated and identified from mushrooms are bioactive compounds belonging to different chemical classes.

The present study describes the chemical composition of Italian wild and cultivated mushrooms as a source of bioactive metabolites for further development of drugs.

The application of mushrooms for health purposes is recent in the Western areas but still slowly growing. In European markets, nutraceuticals are not yet a widespread and established product and, in most cases, imported from Asia. Due to the vacant and imprecise regulations, we often have to deal with nutraceuticals of dubious composition and without guaranteed quality standards. Most Western countries, moreover, follow the rules of the WHO, DSHEA (Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act), and EFSA (European Food Safety Agency) in which plant or MM extracts are dietary supplements. So clinical studies are not required before their introduction in the market. These markets, therefore, have enormous potential for development, which can only be achieved through intensive research and the spreading of knowledge to educate and raise awareness in this respect among consumers and society because very few people are still aware of the benefits and importance of MMs.

The research on medicinal mushrooms in Italy needs to undertake more extensive studies to ascertain the medicinal properties of the mushroom species.

The final objective of the newborn Italian Medicinal Mushrooms Society is to improve the quality of life and the state of health of people, also in the vision of an increasingly integrated medicine. The animal farming sector could also benefit from the inclusion of mushrooms, MMs supplements, or fortified feed in the animal diet, as well as, for example, from the possibility of using alternative and natural antibiotics and antivirals.

Besides, mushrooms represent an economic crop that fits with the circular economy and the recycling of agro-industrial wastes. Finally, mushrooms are also able to provide nutritional support in areas with malnutrition and economically depressed areas.

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