



An additional update on the genus *Chaetomium* with descriptions of two coprophilous species, new to Italy

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Abstract

Two *Chaetomium* species new to Italy, *C. brasiliense* and *C. succineum*, are described and an updated key to coprophilous *Chaetomium* from Italy is provided. All author's collections of 23 species so far known from dung in Italy are listed. Following the recent publications describing new species, the worldwide key to *Chaetomium* species is updated.

Key words – dichotomous keys – dung – literature – records

Introduction

The present update follows Doveri (2008, 2011) and follows the monograph of Doveri (2004) on coprophilous ascomycetes and basidiomycetes from Italy. Doveri (2004) described and keyed out 13 *Chaetomium* species isolated from a variety of herbivore dung, and briefly redescribed 15 *Chaetomium* species published after von Arx et al. (1986) study of *Chaetomium*. Doveri (2008) provided an updated worldwide key to *Chaetomium* species, based on the monograph of von Arx et al. (1986), and described *C. carinthiacum*, *C. gangligerum*, *C. homopilatum*, *C. spinosum*, *C. subaffine* and *C. variostiolatum* as species new to Italy from dung. The species were illustrated with colour photographs. Doveri (2011) described *C. murorum* and *C. ancistrocladum* as new to Italy, and provided a brief update on the genus. Since Doveri (2011), seven new *Chaetomium* species have been introduced (Asgari & Zare 2011, Ponsuriya et al. 2011). In the present work, the new species are placed in an updated worldwide key. *C. succineum* and *C. brasiliense*, isolated from dung are new records for Italy and full descriptions and illustrations are given. A key to 23 coprophilous species so far known from Italy is also provided.

Materials & Methods

The two *Chaetomium* species new to Italy were obtained from different types of dung cultured in non-axenic damp chambers, and studied according to Richardson & Watling (1997) and Richardson (2001), slightly modified by Doveri (2004).

Abbreviations: CLSM = author's personal herbarium; d.c. = damp chamber culture; MCVE = Herbarium of Venetian Civic Museum.

Taxonomy

Chaetomium brasiliense Bat. & Pontual, Bol. Agr. Com. Pernambuco 15: 70 1948. Figs 1–10
≡ *Chaetomium hamatum* Bat. & Pontual, Bol. Agr. Com. Pernambuco 15: 70 1948.
≡ *Chaetomium repandum* Bat. & Pontual, Bol. Agr. Com. Pernambuco 15: 70 1948.
≡ *Chaetomium velutinum* L.M. Ames, Mycologia 41: 637 1949.
≡ *Chaetomium alboarenulum* Ames, U. S. Army Res. Develop., ser. 2: 16 1963.
≡ *Chaetomium congoense* Ames, U. S. Army Res. Develop., ser. 2: 18 1963.
≡ *Chaetomium leucophora* Ames, U. S. Army Res. Develop., ser. 2: 28 1963.
≡ *Chaetomium perpulchrum* Ames, U. S. Army Res. Develop., ser. 2: 33 1963.
(Synonyms = *fide* von Arx et al. 1986)

Material examined – Italy, Tuscany, Livorno, Quercianella, 0 m a.s.l., about fifty scattered or gregarious, superficial specimens on fallow deer (*Dama dama*) dung in d.c., 22 Dec 2012, F. Doveri, CLSM 001.13.

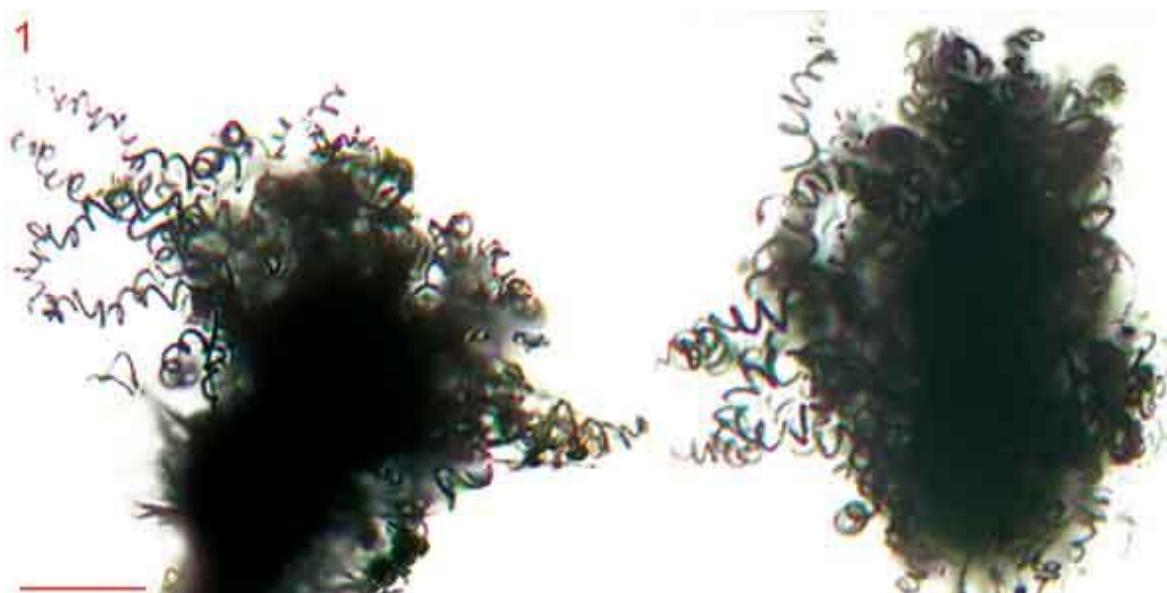


Fig. 1 – *Chaetomium brasiliense*. CLSM 001.13. Ascomata. – Bar = 100 µm.

Perithecia globose, subglobose or broadly ovoid, 100–220 µm diam., dark grey, membranous, entirely hairy with hairs denser around the ostiole. Peridium thin, pseudoparenchymatous, a *textura angularis* of dark brown, thick-walled, polygonal cells, 5–15 × 4–11 µm. Terminal hairs straight at their base, long spirally coiled at the apex, without secondary coiled branches, up to 6 µm diam. at the base, 4–6 µm diam. upwards, dark brown, strongly encrusted, thick-walled, densely septate, with roundish, slightly inflexed ends. Lateral and basal hairs somewhat narrower, up to 4 µm diam., pale brown, enlarged at the base, septate, verruculose, attenuate towards the apex, straight or flexuous. Paraphyses not observed. Ascii unitunicate, non-amyloid, cylindric, fasciculate, long-stalked, 60–70 × 7–8 µm. Ascospores uniseriate, hyaline at first, dark grey at maturity, broadly ovoid in frontal view, bilaterally flattened and ellipsoidal or narrowly ovoid in side view, 6.5–7.5 × 6–6.5 × 4–5 µm (Q = 1.15–1.25), smooth, comparatively thin-walled, with an inconspicuous apiculus and a small, central germ pore at the pointed end.

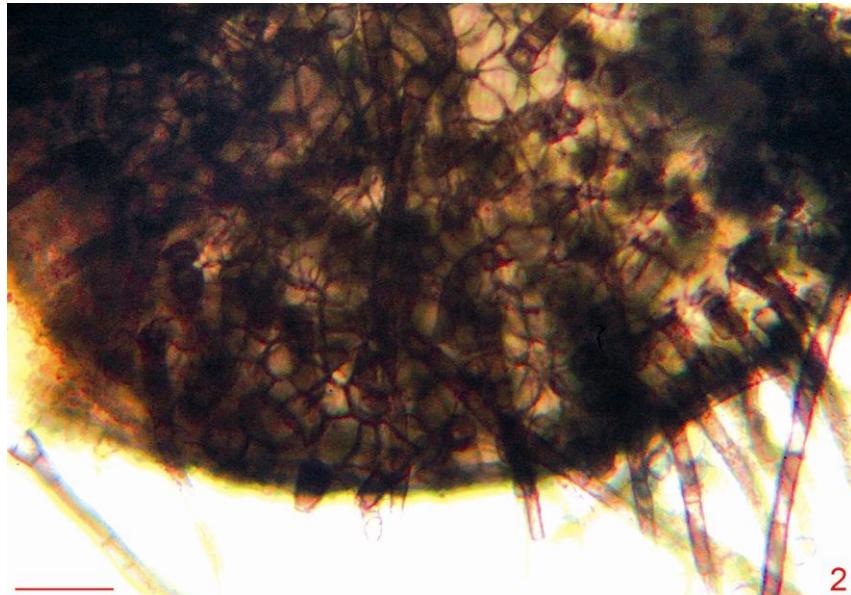


Fig. 2 – *Chaetomium brasiliense*. CLSM 001.13. Perithecial base. – Bar = 25 µm.

Notes – *C. brasiliense* is characterised by subglobose to ovate ascomata, undulate or spirally coiled terminal hairs, cylindrical asci, uniseriate, broadly ovoid, bilaterally flattened, comparatively small ascospores with an apical germ pore, and frequently grows on a variety of herbivore dung (Ames 1963, Lodha 1964, Singh & Chanda Jain 1969, Saxena & Mukerji 1973, Millner 1975, Liou & Chen 1979, Lorenzo 1993, Doveri 2004, Bell 2005). It has also been isolated from seeds (Skolko & Groves 1953), soil (Udagawa 1960) and textiles (Ames 1963). According to several records worldwide (Udagawa 1960, Seth 1970, von Arx et al. 1986) its spore size ranges between 6×4 µm and 8.5×7.5 µm (width in frontal view), whereas Lorenzo (1993) and Bell (2005) described it with larger ascospores ($8-10.5 \times 6-8$ µm), more similar to those of *C. mollicellum*. The latter is hardly distinguishable from *C. brasiliense*, as having only slightly larger ascospores ($8-10 \times 5-7$ µm in the protologue, Ames 1963; $7-9.5 \times 5-8$ µm, Seth 1970, von Arx et al. 1986, Doveri 2004) and narrower (2–3 µm diam.) terminal hairs with a higher number of coils (von Arx et al. 1986). Also *C. mollicellum* has often been isolated from a variety of dung (Ames 1963, Lodha 1964, Carter & Khan 1982, Doveri et al. 2000).

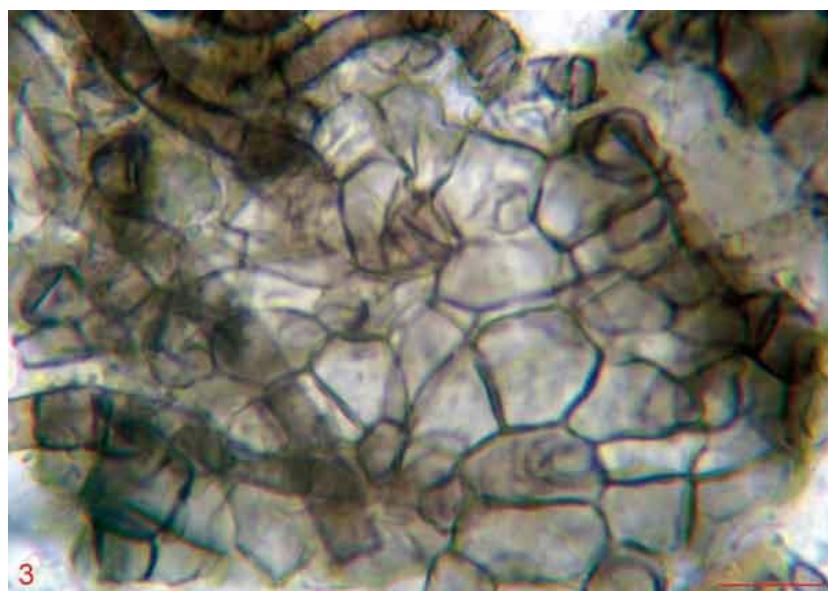
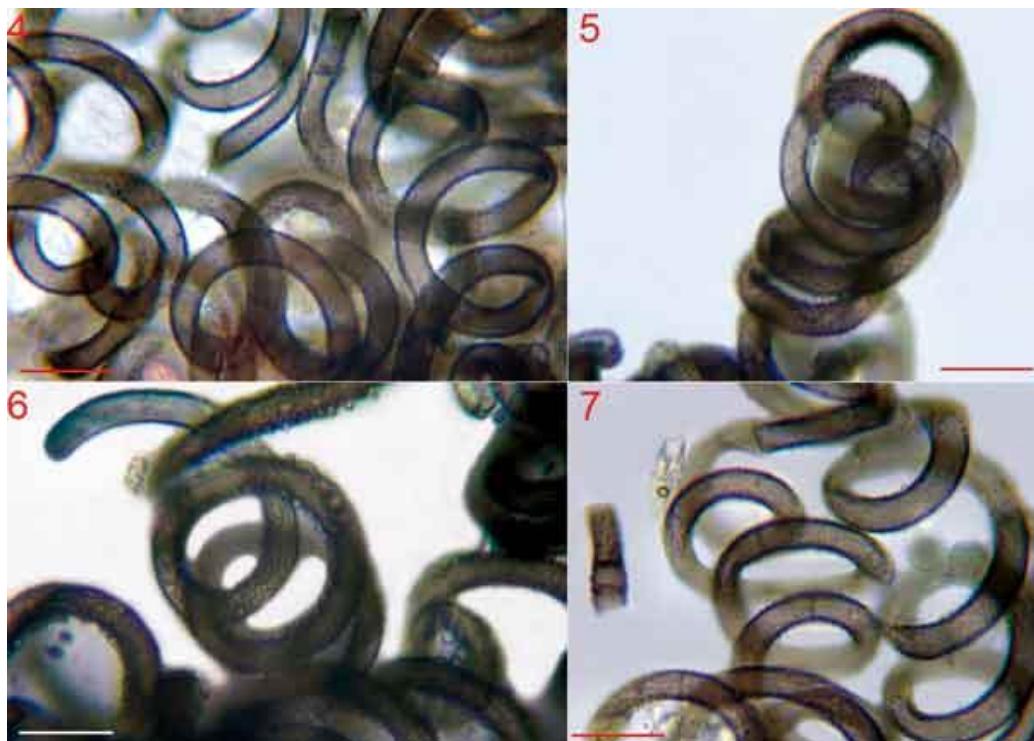


Fig. 3 – *Chaetomium brasiliense*. CLSM 001.13. Detail of peridial frame. – Bar = 10 µm.

Chaetomium medusarum is similar to *C. brasiliense* and *C. mollicellum*, but differs from both in having thicker, 5–8 µm diam. (von Arx et al. 1986, Doveri 2004), spirally coiled terminal hairs with secondary and tertiary coiled branches (Meyer & Lanneau 1967). It is a rare species but, like the other two, has often been isolated from dung (Carter & Khan 1982, von Arx et al. 1986, Doveri et al. 2000).



Figs 4–7 – *Chaetomium brasiliense*. CLSM 001.13. Terminal hairs. – Bars = 15 µm.

Chaetomium brasiliense has been subject of several biochemical studies and proved to produce secondary metabolites with important applications in agriculture and medicine. A chaetochalasin extracted from this fungus exhibits a cytotoxic activity, and some chaetoglobosins have an antifungal (Sibounnavong et al. 2012) and strong antiinsectan activity against *Helicoverpa zea*, the agent of a major agricultural pest (Oh et al. 1998).

Further studies proved *C. brasiliense* to produce some mollicellins with growth inhibitory activity against human breast and lung cancer and neuroma (Li et al. 2008), and other mollicellins with similar cytotoxicity and an antimalarial activity (Khumkomkhet et al. 2009).

C. brasiliense has recently been identified as a new opportunistic agent of human otitis externa (Hubka et al. 2011).

Chaetomium succineum L.M. Ames, Mycologia 41: 445 1949.

Figs 11–13

Material examined – Italy, Tuscany, Livorno, Elba island, ? m a.s.l., one superficial specimen on sheep (*Ovis aries*) dung in d.c., 8 Apr 2011, L. Levorato, CLSM 003.12.



Fig. 8 – *Chaetomium brasiliense*. CLSM 001.13. Cylindrical asci with uniseriate ascospores. – Bar = 7 µm.

Perithecium 150 µm diam., globose, ochraceous, membranous, entirely hairy with hairs particularly gathered around the almost imperceptible ostiole. Peridium very thin, with an outer layer of *texura angularis* formed of pale ochraceous, thin-walled, polygonal cells, 6–12 × 4–9 µm. Terminal hairs delicate, undulate to loosely spirally coiled, 2–2.5 µm diam., up to 4 µm at the base, verruculose or spinulose, pale brown, thin-walled, septate, somewhat rounded at the tips. Lateral hairs similar to the apical ones, but sparser. Paraphyses not observed. Asci unitunicate, non-amyloid, ephemeral, 60–75 × 13–15 µm, 8-spored, clavate, long-stalked. Ascospores biseriate, hyaline in the early stages and containing several oil drops, becoming grey, finally greyish brown, (12–) 13–13.5 (–14) × (–7) 7.5–8 (–8.5) µm, ellipsoidal ($Q = 1.50–1.92$; $Q = 1.67$), often slightly inequilateral or even somewhat deformed, with attenuated, subacute ends and an apical germ pore, smooth, thin-walled.

Notes – *C. succineum* belongs to a group of species characterised by comparatively large ascomata (> 150 µm diam.), clavate asci, medium-large (11–20 µm long), ellipsoid-fusiform ascospores with an usually apical germ pore, and absence of asexual state.

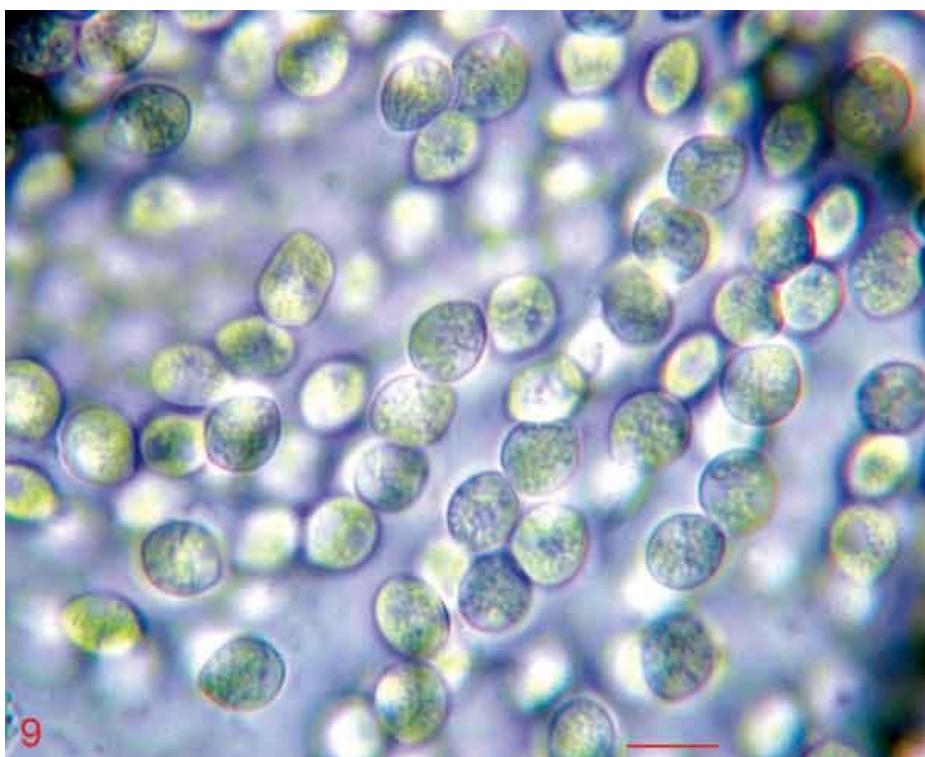


Fig. 9 – *Chaetomium brasiliense*. CLSM 001.13. Immature ascospores. – Bar = 8 μm .

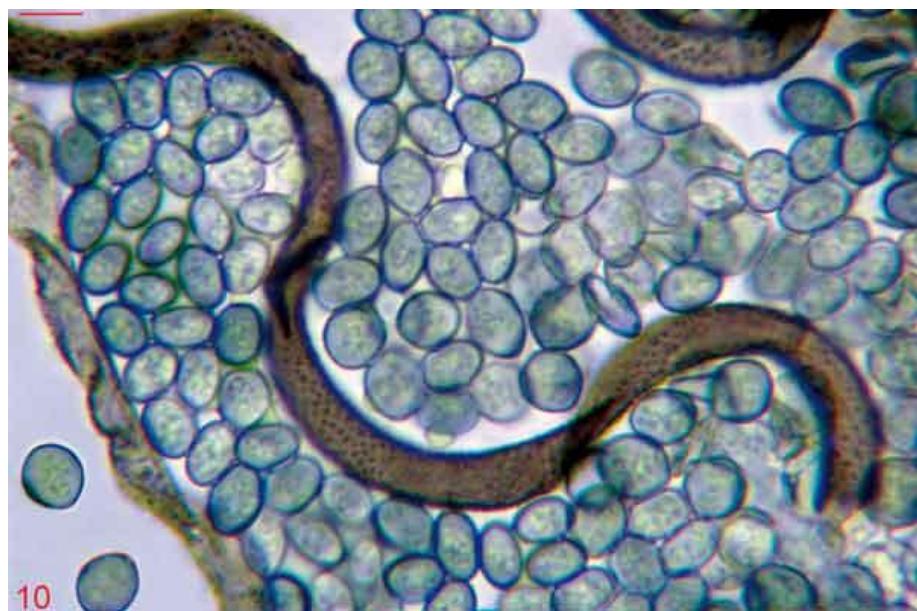


Fig. 10 – *Chaetomium brasiliense*. CLSM 001.13. Mature ascospores between undulate hairs. – Bar = 8 μm .



Fig. 11 – *Chaetomium succineum*. CLSM 003.12. Detail of peridium with undulate terminal hairs.
– Bar = 7 µm.



Fig. 12 – *Chaetomium succineum*. CLSM 003.12. Clavate asci. – Bar = 10 µm.

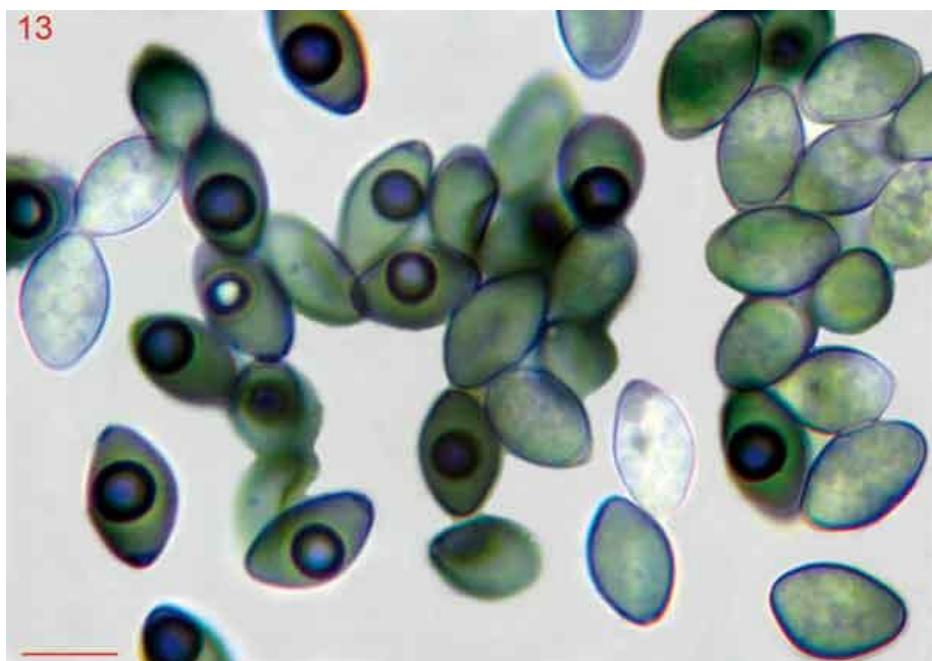


Fig. 13 – *Chaetomium succineum*. CLSM 003.12. Ascospores in different stages. – Bar = 8 µm.

Chaetomium succineum has been isolated from different substrata, e.g. soil (Pornsuriya et al. 2008), vegetable material (Ames 1949, 1963, Skolko & Groves 1953, Chandra 1964) and often from a variety of dung (Carter & Khan 1982, Lorenzo 1993, Bell 2005).

Chaetomium succineum was described by Pornsuriya et al. (2008) with ascospores $7.1\text{--}10 \times 4.2\text{--}5.9$ µm, a size not matching either the protologue (Ames 1949, $12\text{--}15 \times 7\text{--}8$ µm) or subsequent descriptions (Skolko & Groves 1953, Udagawa 1960, Seth 1970, von Arx et al. 1986). Chandra (1964) recorded a collection of *C. succineum* infecting leaves of *Cannabis sativa* L. with globose to ovate ascospores, even reniform in the linked drawing, not corresponding to the protologue. Ames (1949) really mentioned “globose-ovate” ascospores, “rounded to subacute at the ends”, but she drew, at that time and later (1963), ellipsoid-fusiform ascospores, like those defined and photographed by von Arx et al. (1986), who revised the type strain.

Although *C. succineum* is known not to produce exudates in culture, Bell (2005) described an Australian collection producing yellow exudates on cornmeal agar.

Chaetomium succineum is similar to *C. murorum* which differs, however, in having flexuous to circinate, rather than loosely spiralate, terminal hairs, a peridium with a variable texture also in the same ascoma (Doveri 2011), and ascospores usually with some darker longitudinal bands (von Arx et al. 1986). Also *C. murorum* has been recorded from a variety of dung (Karsten 1888, Massee & Salmon 1901, 1902, Bainier 1909, Palliser 1910, Stratton 1921, Skolko & Groves 1953, Ames 1963, Tóth 1963, 1965, 1967, Mirza & Nasir 1968, Seth 1968, 1970, Calviello 1971, Ahmad & Sultana 1973, Hubálek 1974, Matsushima 1975, Millner 1975, Carter & Khan 1982, Barrasa 1985, Bokhary & Parvez 1986, Valldosera 1991, Eriksson 1992, Caretta et al. 1994, 1998, Caretta & Piontelli 1996, Beyer 1999, Richardson 2004, Elshafie 2005, Piontelli et al. 2006, Chang & Wang 2009, Doveri 2011), although it has a preference for leporine droppings (Mirza & Nasir 1968, Seth 1968, Piontelli et al. 2006, Favre 2008).

According to von Arx et al. (1986) *C. subspirilliferum* Sergeeva is also similar to *C. succineum*, but is distinguishable in having much smaller ascomata. We have not found, in the original descriptions, other significant differences between the two species.

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(for synonyms, see von Arx et al. 1986 and Doveri 2008)

Chaetomium ancistrocladum Udagawa & Cain, Can. J. Bot. 47: 1943 1969.

MATERIAL: 1) VICENZA, Longare, Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 6.6.11, 125.2-Longare CLSM 009.08. 2) VICENZA, Longare-Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 2.6.10, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 009.08-bis.

TOTAL 2: dormouse.

Chaetomium bostrychodes Zopf, Abh. Bot. Ver. Prov. Brandenb. 19: 173 1887.

MATERIAL: 1) VENEZIA, Caroman, 0 m, dozens of gregarious specimens on wild rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 5.97, 148.2-Chioggia, MCVE 667. 2) VENEZIA, Alberoni, 0 m, on wild rabbit dung, E. Bizio, 5.97, 148.1-Alberoni, CLSM 02197 bis. 3) FERRARA, Mesola, 0 m, on badger dung in d.c., F. Bersan & G. Visentin, 5.97, 187.1-Mesola, CLSM 02197 ter. 4) TREVISO, Scaloni, 200 m, on sheep dung in d.c., 6.6.97, 083.1-Valdobbiadene, CLSM 02197 quater. 5) LIVORNO, Quercianella, 0 m, on toad dung in d.c., C. Doveri, 10.97, 284.3-Rosignano Marittimo, CLSM 02197 penta. 6) COSENZA, Fossiata, 1400 m, on lizard dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 22.5.98, 560.1-Mount Volpintesta, CLSM 02197 esa. 7) GROSSETO, Principina terra, 0 m, on rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 331.3-Alberese, CLSM 02197 epta. 8) GROSSETO, Principina terra, 0 m, on wild pig dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 331.3-Alberese, CLSM 02197 octo. 9) GROSSETO, Punta Ala, 0 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., F. Doveri and F. Bersan, 2.4.98, 318.3-Punta Ala, CLSM 02197 ena. 10) UDINE, Sauris di Sopra, 1400 m, on horse dung in d.c., G. Medardi, 25.6.98, 030.2-Forni di Sopra, CLSM 02197 deca. 11) COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro (Contrada Tenimento), 300 m, on pigeon dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.5.98, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-XI. 12) COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro (Contrada Tenimento), 300 m, on goat dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.5.98, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-XII. 13) LIVORNO, 0 m, on snail dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 20.9.98, 283.1-Livorno, CLSM 02197-XIII. 14) COSENZA, S. Benedetto Acri, 700 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 7.8.98, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XIV. 15) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Poggio), 600 m, on sparrow dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 26.5.98, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XV. 16) BELLUNO, Canale d'Agordo (loc. Pisoliva), 1100 m, on hare dung in d.c., E. Bizio, 14.6.98, 046.3-Agordo, CLSM 02197-XVI. 17) VENEZIA, Carpenedo wood, 0 m, on dung of unidentified bird, G. Robich, 26.6.99, 127.2-Mestre, CLSM 02197-XVII. 18) BRESCIA, Tonale Pass, 2200 m, on roe deer dung, F. Bersan, 8.9.99, 041.2-Ponte di Legno, CLSM 02197-XVIII. 19) BELLUNO, Forcella Negher, 2360 m, on chamois dung in d.c., E. Bizio, 6.9.99, 045.1-Cencenighe Agordino, CLSM 02197-XIX. 20) MODENA, Zocca, 750 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., L. Piccioli, 12.99, 237.4-Savigno, CLSM 02197-XX. 21) NUORO, Tertenia (loc. Sucrabiulus), 150 m, on sheep dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 7.11.99, 541.2-Tertenia, CLSM 02197-XXI. 22) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Calamia), 800 m, on house mouse dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.8.99, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XXII. 23) CAGLIARI, Villasimius, 100 m, on sheep dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 9.11.99, 567.1-Villasimius, CLSM 02197-XXIII. 24) NUORO, Cardedu (loc. Perda Pera), 0 m, on sheep dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 7.11.99, 541.1-Jerzu, CLSM 02197-XXIV. 25) COSENZA, Serra del Prete, 1700 m, on wild pig dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 15.5.99, 534.4-Rotonda, CLSM 02197-XXV. 26) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone, 800 m, on rat dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 29.2.00, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XXVI. 27) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone, 800 m, on sparrow dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.1.00, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XXVII. 28) PISA, S. Rossore Park, 0 m, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 5.3.00, 272.2-Migliarino, CLSM 02197-XXVIII. 29) LIVORNO, Corbolone, 150 m, on horse dung in d.c., G. Cacialli & F. Doveri, 14.4.00, 284.4-Collesalvetti, CLSM 02197-XXIX. 30) MILANO, Triuggio, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 26.5.00, 096.2-Seregno, CLSM 02197-XXX. 31) MILANO, Monza Park, 150 m, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 26.5.00, 118.1-Monza, CLSM 02197-XXXI. 32) VENEZIA, Campalto, 0 m, on toad (?) dung in d.c., G. Robich, 21.6.00, 127.2-Mestre, CLSM 02197-XXXII. 33) VICENZA, Alte Ceccato, on rat dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 22.2.01, 125.3-Mountbello, CLSM 02197-

XXXIII. **34)** COSENZA, Rossano (Cozzo del Pesco), 900 m, on sheep dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 22.9.00, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-XXXIV. **35)** COSENZA, Rossano (Cozzo del Pesco), 900 m, on hooded crow dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 22.9.00, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-XXXV. **36)** COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Calamia), 800 m, on lizard dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 19.8.01, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XXXVI. **37)** COSENZA, loc. Pettinascura-S. Giovanni in Fiore, 1600 m, on beech-marten dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 26.2.01, 560.1-Monte Volpintesta, CLSM 02197-XXXVII. **38)** COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Calamia), 800 m, on squirrel dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 10.7.01, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XXXVIII. **39)** COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Calamia), 800 m, on weasel dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.8.01, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-XXXIX. **40)** COSENZA, loc. Pettinascura-Longobucco, 1580 m, on sheep dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 2.4.01, 560.1-Monte Volpintesta, CLSM 02197-XL. **41)** COSENZA, Manche di Greca-Acri, 1100 m, on goat dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 15.2.01, 552.3-Acri, CLSM 02197-XLI. **42)** LECCE, Pisignano-Vernole, 40 m, on sheep dung in d.c., V. Sciuriti & F. Doveri, 24.11.01, 512.1-Lecce, CLSM 02197-XLII. **43)** LECCE, Punta Prosciutto, 0 m, on sheep dung in d.c., P. Franchi & M. Marchetti, 24.11.01, 511.3-Torre Colimena, CLSM 02197-XLIII. **44)** LECCE, Vanze, 10 m, on goat dung in d.c., V. Sciuriti & F. Doveri, 24.11.01, 513.4-S. Foca, CLSM 02197-XLIV. **45)** LECCE, Le Cesine wood (S. Foca), 0 m, on fox (?) dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 22.11.01, 513.4-S. Foca, CLSM 02197-XLV. **46)** ROMA, Castel Porziano-loc. Tor Paterno, 0 m, on wild pig dung in d.c., G. Robich, 3.12.01, 386.1-Lido di Ostia, CLSM 02197-XLVI. **47)** LECCE, Prosciutto point, 0 m, on fox (?) dung in d.c., P. Franchi & M. Marchetti, 24.11.01, 511.3-Torre Colimena, CLSM 02197-XLVII. **48)** COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro-loc. Tenimento, 250 m, on lizard dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.11.01, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-XLVIII. **49)** COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro-loc. Tenimento, 250 m, on pigeon dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.11.01, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-XLIX. **50)** COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro-loc. Tenimento, 250 m, on hen dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.11.01, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-L. **51)** COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro-loc. Tenimento, 250 m, on hen dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 23.10.01, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 02197-LI. **52)** COSENZA, Acri-Contrada Mischinella, 1100 m, on wild pig dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 19.10.01, 552.3-Acri, CLSM 02197-LII. **53)** COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone, 800 m, on polecat dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 14.3.02, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-LIII. **54)** COSENZA, Acri, 1050 m, on beech-marten dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 30.4.02, 552.3-Acri, CLSM 02197-LIV. **55)** COSENZA, S. Sofia dell'Epiro, 600 m, on tortoise dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 28.8.02, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-LV. **56)** VICENZA, Nogarole-Mount Faldo, 700 m, on hare dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 20.4.04, CLSM 02197-LVI. **57)** CAMPOBASSO, S. Massimo, 630 m, on roe deer dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 14.10.04, 405.3-Boiano, CLSM 02197-LVII. **58)** ROMA, Grotta di Piastra-Tenuta di Castel Porziano, 0m, on bird dung, G. Robich, 24.11.04, 386.1-Lido di Ostia, CLSM 02197-LVIII. **59)** GROSSETO, Follonica, 0 m, on fallow-deer dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 15.5.05, 318.4-Follonica, CLSM 02197-LIX. **60)** COSENZA, S. Sofia d'Epiro, 250 m, on porcupine dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 12.7.05, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 02197-LX. **61)** LIVORNO, Palazzi di Cecina, 0 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 30.4.06, 294.1-Cecina, CLSM 02197-LXI. **62)** VENEZIA, Chioggia-Bosco Nordio, 0 m, on fallow deer dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 8.4.06, 148.2-Chioggia, CLSM 02197-LXII. **63)** FERRARA, Mesola-S. Giustina, 0 m, on roe deer dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 10.11.05, 187.1-Mesola, CLSM 02197- LXIII. **64)** VICENZA, Valdagno-Passo Zovo, 600 m, on horse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 18.5.06, 102.2-Valdagno, CLSM 02197-LXIV. **65)** VICENZA, Val Maron, 1400 m, on hare dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 22.4.07, 083.4-Arsié, CLSM 02197-LXV. **66)** VENEZIA, Caorle, Ca Corniani, 0 m, on horse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 27.10.07, 107.2-Ca Corniani, CLSM 02197-LXVI. **67)** VENEZIA, Caorle, Brussa, 0 m, on hare dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 27.10.07, 107.2-Ca Corniani, CLSM 02197-LXVII. **68)** VICENZA, Longare, Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 6.6.11, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 02197-LXVIII. **69)** VICENZA, Mossano, Mount Stria, 375 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 21.7.08, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 02197-LXIX. **70)** LIVORNO, Montioni, 0 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 18.3.09, 306.3-Suvereto, CLSM

02197-LXX. **71**) LIVORNO, Montioni, 0 m, on rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 18.3.09, 306.3-Suvereto, CLSM 02197-LXXI. **72**) LIVORNO, Elba island, Campo nell'Elba, Prataccio loc. Valle Buia, 200 m, on wild pig dung in d.c., C. Cotta, 10.2.11, 328.1-Marina di Campo, CLSM 02197-LXXII. **73**) PISA, Monteverdi Marittimo, podere Allumiere, 200 m, on rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.4-Monteverdi Marittimo, CLSM 02197-LXXIII. **74**) PISA, La Sassa, 350 m, on roe deer dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 26.10.12, 295.3-Sassa, CLSM 02197-LXXIV. **75**) LIVORNO, Quercianella, 50 m, on roe deer dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 23.12.12, 284.3-Rosignano Marittimo, CLSM 02197-LXXV. **76**) VENEZIA, Fusina, Cassa colmata A, 0 m, on hare dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 2.6.11, 127.2-Mestre, CLSM 02197-LXXVI.

TOTAL 76: sheep 9; hare 5; roe deer 5; wild pig 5; wild rabbit 5; hedgehog 4; horse 4; goat 3; lizard 3; rabbit 3; beech-marten 2; fallow deer 2; fox 2; hen 2; pigeon 2; rat 2; sparrow 2; toad 2; unidentified bird 2; badger 1; cattle 1; chamois 1; dormouse 1; hooded crow 1; mouse 1; polecat 1; porcupine 1; snail 1; squirrel 1; tortoise 1; weasel 1.

Chaetomium brasiliense

MATERIAL: LIVORNO, Quercianella, 0 m, about fifty scattered or gregarious, superficial specimens on fallow deer dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 22.12.2012, 284.3-Rosignano Marittimo, CLSM 001.13.

TOTAL 1: fallow deer

Chaetomium carinthiacum Sörgel, Arch. Mikrobiol. 40: 393 1961.

MATERIAL: ROMA, Castel Porziano estate-loc. Grotta di Piastra, 0 m, five gregarious, superficial specimens in d.c., growing out from the dung of an unidentified bird, on to the blotting paper spotted with a yellow-green exudate, G. Robich, 24.11.04, 386.1-Lido di Ostia, CLSM 009.05.

TOTAL 1: unidentified bird.

Chaetomium crispatum (Fuckel) Fuckel, Symb. Mycol.: 90 1870.

MATERIAL: VICENZA, Posina, m ?, four isolated specimens on roe deer dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 25.5.02, 081.2-Castana, CLSM 020.02.

TOTAL 1: roe deer.

Chaetomium cunicolorum Fuckel, Fungi rhenani exsic. n° 1961 1867.

MATERIAL: **1**) VENEZIA, Caroman, 0 m, dozens of gregarious, superficial specimens, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 5.97, 148.2-Chioggia, MCVE 668. **2**) CATANIA, Etna Park, 1200 m, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., G. Robich, 9.11.98, 612.2-Randazzo, CLSM 02297 bis. **3**) VENEZIA, Caorle-loc. Brussa, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 10.10.04, 129.1-Caorle, CLSM 02297 ter. **4**) FIRENZE, Nipozzano, 500 m, on hare dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 4.5.08, 276.4-Pontassieve, CLSM 02297-quater. **5**) FIRENZE, Nipozzano, 500 m, on roe deer (?) dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 4.5.08, 276.4-Pontassieve, CLSM 02297-penta. **6**) VENEZIA, Caorle, Brussa, 0 m, on hare dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 27.10.07, 107.2-Ca Corniani, CLSM 02297-esa. **7**) PISA, Orciatico, 50 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 13.4.09, 285.3-Lajatico, CLSM 02297-epta. **8**) BELLUNO, Sappada, 1200 m, on badger dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 16.8.10, 031.4-Prato Carnico, CLSM 02297-octo.

TOTAL 8: wild rabbit 3; hare 2; badger 1; roe deer 1; sheep 1.

Chaetomium elatum Kunze: Fr, Syst. Mycol. 3: 254 1829.

MATERIAL: 1) LECCE, Vanze, 10 m, about ten scattered, superficial specimens, on horse dung, V. Sciurti & F. Doveri, 24.11.01, 513.4-S. Foca, CLSM 002.02. 2) PISA, Orciatico, 50 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 13.4.09, 285.3-Lajatico, CLSM 002.02-bis. 3) PISA, Monteverdi Marittimo, Allumiere farm, 200 m, on rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.4-Mounteverdi Marittimo, CLSM 002.02-ter. 4) VICENZA, Sarego, Mount Roccolo, 270 m, on cricket dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 5.5.12, 146.4-Lonigo, CLSM 002.02-quater.

TOTAL 4: cricket 1; horse 1; rabbit 1; sheep 1.

Chaetomium funicola Cooke, Grevillea 1: 176 1873.

MATERIAL: 1) VICENZA, Posina, ?, about fifty gregarious specimens on roe deer dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 25.5.02, 081.2-Castana, CLSM 021.02. 2) FERRARA, Mesola-Lido di Volano, 0 m, on horse dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 9.11.06, 187.1-Mesola, CLSM 021.02 bis. 3) LIVORNO, Suvereto, 50 m, on horse dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 18.3.09, 305.2-San Vincenzo Sud, CLSM 021.02 ter. 4) VICENZA, Tonezza del Cimone, Fiorentini upland, 1450 m, on hare dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 13.7.08, 082.3-Arsiero, CLSM 021.02-quater.

TOTAL 4: horse 2; hare 1; roe deer 1.

Chaetomium fusisporum G. Sm., Trans. Brit. Mycol. Soc. 44: 46 1961.

MATERIAL: 1) NUORO, Lanusei, on sheep dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 10.11.99, 531.2-Lanusei, CLSM 06598 ter. 2) FOGGIA, San Marco in Lámis, 700 m, on hare dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 28.5.12, 396.1-San Marco in Lámis, CLSM 06598-octo.

TOTAL 2: hare 1; sheep 1.

Chaetomium gangligerum L.M. Ames, Mycologia 41: 640 1949.

MATERIAL: 1) MESSINA, Novara di Sicilia (Loc. Serra Mandrazze), about thirty gregarious, superficial specimens on cervine dung, G. Robich, 11.11.98, 613.4-Francavilla di Sicilia, CLSM 06598. 2) CATANIA, Etna Park, 1800 m, on sheep dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 9.11.98, 612.2-Randazzo, CLSM 06598 bis. 3) COSENZA, Rossano (Cozzo del Pesco), 900 m, on goat dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 22.9.00, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 06598 quater. 4) COSENZA, loc. Pettinascura-S. Giovanni in Fiore, 1600 m, on roe deer dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 26.2.01, 560.1-Monte Volpintesta, CLSM 06598 penta. 5) REGGIO CALABRIA, Tazza, 800 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 17.10.03, 602.3-Motta San Giovanni, CLSM 06598 esa.

TOTAL 5: cattle 1; deer 1; goat 1; roe deer 1; sheep 1.

Chaetomium globosum Kunze: Fr, Syst. Mycol. 3: 255 1829.

MATERIAL: 1) REGGIO CALABRIA, Tazza (Aspromonte), 800 m, about fifty gregarious, superficial specimens, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 17.10.03, 602.3-Motta San Giovanni, CLSM 001.03 ter. 2) BELLUNO, Campon-Farra d'Alpago, 1000 m, on horse dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 5.7.03, 064.4-Farra d'Alpago, CLSM 001.03 quater. 3) VICENZA, Enego, 850 m, on cattle dung, F. Doveri, 5.6.04, 083.4-Arsié, CLSM 001.03 penta. 4) VICENZA, Enego-Marcesina, 1300 m, on hare dung, F. Doveri, 5.6.04, 083.4-Arsié, CLSM 001.03 esa. 5) COSENZA, S. Sofia d'Epiro-Serra di Zoto, 600 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 6.8.04, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 001.03 epta. 6) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone, 800 m, on sparrow dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 23.11.03, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 001.03 octo. 7) VICENZA, Longare-Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Buzzi, 6.6.06, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 001.3

ena. **8)** FERRARA, Mesola-Lido di Volano, 0 m, on horse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 9.11.06, 187.1-Mesola, CLSM 001.03 deca. **9)** REGGIO EMILIA, Pratizzano Pass, 1200 m, on hare dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 23.5.08, 217.2-Ramiseto, CLSM 001.03-XI. **10)** REGGIO EMILIA, Pratizzano Pass, 1200 m, on badger dung in d.c., G. Robich, 23.5.08, 217.2-Ramiseto, CLSM 001.03-XII. **11)** VICENZA, Longare, Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 6.6.11, 125.2-Longare CLSM 001.03-XIII. **12)** PISA, Orciatico, 50 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 13.4.09, 285.3-Lajatico, CLSM 001.03-XIV. **13)** GROSSETO, Gavorrano station, 75 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 318.1-Gavorrano, CLSM 001.03-XV. **14)** GROSSETO, Massa Marittima, 300 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.2-Massa Marittima, CLSM 001.03-XVI. **15)** LIVORNO, Elba island, m ?, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 9.4.11, ?, CLSM 001.03-XVII. **16)** LIVORNO, Capraia island, 0 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 11.4.11, 317.4-Populonia, CLSM 001.03-XVIII.

TOTAL 16: sheep 3; cattle 2; dormouse 2; hare 2; hedgehog 2; horse 2; badger 1; sparrow 1; wild rabbit 1.

Chaetomium homopilatum Omvik, Mycologia 47: 749 1955.

MATERIAL: VICENZA, Ponna, 600 m, more than fifty gregarious, superficial specimens, on roe deer dung in d.c. or on blotting paper around its base, A. Bizzi, 18.07.04, 102.1-Recoaro Terme, CLSM 002.05.

TOTAL 1: roe deer.

Chaetomium medusarum J.A. Mey. & Lanneau, Bull. Soc. Mycol. Fr. 83: 318 1967.

MATERIAL: COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Poggio), 600 m, dozens of gregarious, superficial specimens, on sparrow dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 26.5.98, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 05898.

TOTAL 1: sparrow.

Chaetomium mollicellum L.M. Ames, Monogr. Chaetom.: 30 1963.

MATERIAL: **1)** COSENZA, Rossano, 700 m, dozens of gregarious, superficial specimens on wild pig dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 22.12.98, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 00799. **2)** COSENZA, S. Benedetto Acri, 700 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 7.8.98, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 00799 bis. **3)** COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone, 800 m, on rat dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 29.2.00, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 00799 ter. **4)** COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone, 800 m, on lizard dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 19.8.01, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 00799 quater. **5)** COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro-loc. Tenimento, 250 m, on lizard dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 16.11.01, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 00799 penta. **6)** COSENZA, Acri, 1050 m, on beech-marten dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 30.4.02, 552.3-Acri, CLSM 00799 esa. **7)** COSENZA, Acri, 1000 m, on wild pig dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 10.5.02, 552.3-Acri, CLSM 00799 epta. **8)** VICENZA, Cesuna, Roana, m ?, on fox dung in d.c., G. Robich, 6.7.08, 082.2-Asiago, CLSM 00799-octo.

TOTAL 8: lizard 2; wild pig 2; beech-marten 1; fox 1; hedgehog 1; rat 1.

Chaetomium murorum Corda, Icon. Fung. 1: 24 1837.

MATERIAL: **1)** VICENZA, Villaga-Mount Tondo, 250 m, about ten gregarious, superficial specimens, on hedgehog dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 19.8.07, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 010.08. **2)** ASTI, Agliano Terme, 250 m, on bat dung in d.c., M. Filippa, 20.6.05, 193.1-Canelli, CLSM 010.08 bis. **3)** VICENZA, Lumignano, Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 24.11.08, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 010.08 ter **4)** LIVORNO, Montioni, 0 m, on rabbit dung in

d.c., F. Doveri, 18.3.09, 306.3-Suvereto, CLSM 010.08 quater. **5)** LIVORNO, Bibbona, Fattoria di Faltona, 50 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 18.3.09, 295.3-Sassa, CLSM 010.08 penta. **6)** PISA, Orciatico, 50 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 13.4.09, 285.3-Lajatico, CLSM 010.08 esa. **7)** PISA, Volterra, Villamagna, Vallicella farm, 200 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 13.4.09, 285.3-Lajatico, CLSM 010.08 epta. **8)** PISA, Volterra, Villamagna, Vallicella farm, 200 m, on sheep dung in d.c., CLSM 010.08 octa. **9)** VICENZA, Tonezza del Cimone, Fiorentini upland, 1450 m, on hare dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 13.7.08, 082.3-Arsiero, CLSM 010.08 ena. **10)** VICENZA, Solagna, Campeggia, 980 m, on mouflon dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 2.6.09, 083.3-Mount Grappa, CLSM 010.08 deca. **11)** VICENZA, Longare, Lumignano, Mount Brosimo, 350 m, on snail dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 11.6.09, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 010.08-XI. **12)** VICENZA, Longare, Lumignano, Mount Brosimo, 350 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., 22.6.09, CLSM 010.08-XII. **13)** NOVARA, Druogno, Santa Maria, 850 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 15.5.10, 116.1-Bellinzago, CLSM 010.08-XIII. **14)** BELLUNO, Sappada, 1200 m, on badger dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 16.8.10, 031.4-Prato Carnico, CLSM 010.08-XIV. **15)** GROSSETO, Ribolla, Collecchia, 50 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 319.4-Ribolla, CLSM 010.08-XV. **16)** PISA, Mountrotondo Marittimo, Capanni, 100 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 26.4.11, 306.4-Monteverdi Marittimo, CLSM 010.08-XVI. **17)** PISA, Monteverdi Marittimo, Boraciferous lake, 250 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.4-Monteverdi Marittimo, CLSM 010.08-XVII. **18)** PISA, Monteverdi Marittimo, Boraciferous lake, 250 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.4-Monteverdi Marittimo, CLSM 010.08-XVIII. **19)** GROSSETO, Stazione di Gavorrano, 75 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 318.1-Gavorrano, CLSM 010.08-XIX. **20)** PISA, Monteverdi Marittimo, Boraciferous lake, 250 m, on cattle dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.4-Monteverdi Marittimo, CLSM 010.08-XX. **21)** GROSSETO, Massa Marittima, 300 m, on sheep dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.2-Massa Marittima, CLSM 010.08-XXI. **22)** PISA, Monteverdi Marittimo, Allumiere farm, 200 m, on rabbit dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.3.11, 306.4-Monteverdi Marittimo, CLSM 010.08-XXII. **23)** TRENTO, Vervò, Predaia refuge, 1300 m, on hare dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 3.10.10, 043.4-Cles, CLSM 010.08-XXIII. **24)** LIVORNO, Elba island, m ?, on sheep dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 9.4.11, ?, CLSM 010.08-XXIV. **25)** LIVORNO, Capraia island, 0 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 11.4.11, 317.4-Populonia, CLSM 010.08-XXV. **26)** VICENZA, Sarego, Mount Roccolo, 270 m, on cricket dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 5.5.12, 146.4-Lonigo, CLSM 010.08-XXVI.

TOTAL 26: sheep 8; cattle 5; dormouse 2; hare 2; hedgehog 2; rabbit 2; badger 1; bat 1; cricket 1; moufloun 1; snail 1.

Chaetomium oblatum Dreyfuss & Arx in von Arx et al., Nova Hedwigia, beih. 84: 6 1986.

MATERIAL: COSENZA, Orsomarso, 1300 m, about ten gregarious, superficial specimens, on blotting paper around the base of donkey dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 17.5.98, 533.2-Mormanno, CLSM 05698.

TOTAL 1: donkey.

Chaetomium robustum L.M. Ames, Monogr. Chaetom.: 35 1963.

MATERIAL: **1)** COSENZA, Corigliano Calabro-loc. Tenimento, 250 m, dozens of gregarious, superficial specimens, on rabbit dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 12.1.02, 552.1-Corigliano Calabro, CLSM 008.02. **2)** COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone-Contrada Calamia, 800 m, on lizard dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 19.10.01, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 008.02 bis. **3)** VICENZA, Mount Brosimo-Lumignano, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 12.6.03, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 008.02 ter. **4)** VICENZA, Recoaro, 1000 m, on rabbit dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 22.5.04, 102.2-Valdagno, CLSM 008.02 quater. **5)** VICENZA, Malga Melegnon-Lestebasse, 1300 m, on roe deer dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 3.9.04, 081.1-Caldonazzo, CLSM 008.02-penta. **6)** VICENZA, Longare-Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 6.6.06, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 008.02-

esa. **7**) VICENZA, Villaga, Mount Tondo, 250 m, on badger dung, A. Bizzi, 11.8.07, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 008.02-epta. **8**) REGGIO EMILIA, Pratizzano Pass, 1200 m, on badger dung in d.c., G. Robich, 23.5.08, 217.2-Ramiseto, CLSM 008.02-octa. **9**) VICENZA, Longare, Lumignano, Mount Brosimo, 350 m, on snail dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 11.6.09, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 008.02-ena. **10**) VICENZA, Longare-Mount Brosimo, 100 m, on dormouse dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 2.6.10, 125.2-Longare, CLSM 008.02-deca. **11**) VENEZIA, Ca Savio, 0 m, on hare dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 23.3.10, 128.3-Venezia, CLSM 008.02-XI. **12**) PISA, Montopoli Val d'Arno, 150 m, on hare dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 25.6.11, 274.3-Montopoli in Val d'Arno, CLSM 008.02-XIII. **13**) LIVORNO, Pianosa island, 0 m, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 8.4.11, 341.4-Isola di Pianosa, CLSM 008.02-XIV. **14**) GROSSETO, Giglio island, loc. Castello, 400 m, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., S. Rum, 352.4-Giglio, CLSM 008.02-XV. **15**) LIVORNO, Elba island, ?, on sheep dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 9.4.11, ?, CLSM 008.02-XVI. **16**) LIVORNO, Elba island, ?, on wild rabbit dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 9.4.11, ?, CLSM 008.02-XVII. **17**) LIVORNO, Capraia island, 0 m, on sheep dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 11.4.11, 317.4-Populonia, CLSM 008.02-XVIII. **18**) PISA, La Sassa, 350 m, on roe deer dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 26.10.12, 295.3-Sassa, CLSM 008.02-XIX. **19**) LIVORNO, Quercianella, 0 m, on fallow deer dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 22.12.12, 284.3-Rosignano marittimo, CLSM 008.02-XX. **20**) LIVORNO, Capraia island, 0 m, on hedgehog dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 11.4.11, 317.4-Populonia, CLSM 008.02-XXI. **21**) VENEZIA, Eraclea Mare, 0 m, on hare dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 6.11.10, 129.4-Eraclea, CLSM 008.02-XXII.

TOTAL 21: dormouse 3; hare 3; wild rabbit 3; badger 2; rabbit 2; roe deer 2; sheep 2; fallow deer 1; hedgehog 1; lizard 1; snail 1.

Chaetomium semen-citrulli Sergeeva, Not. Syst. Sect. Crypt. Inst. Bot. Acad. Sci. U.R.S.S. 11: 113 1956.

MATERIAL: **1**) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Poggio), 600 m, dozens of gregarious, superficial specimens on sparrow dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 26.5.98, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 05798. **2**) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Calamia), 800 m, on weasel dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 6.9..01, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 05798 bis. **3**) Cosenza, S. Sofia d'Epiro-loc. Quercia Rotonda, 250 m, on porcupine dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 12.7.05, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 05798 ter.

TOTAL 3: porcupine 1; sparrow 1; weasel 1.

Chaetomium spinosum Chivers, Proc. Am. Acad. Arts Sciences 48: 86 1912.

MATERIAL: VERONA, Bosco Chiesanuova-loc. Podesteria (Malga), 1600 m, about ten isolated, superficial specimens on cattle dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 1.6.06, 102.3-Bosco Chiesanuova, CLSM 005.07.

TOTAL 1: cattle.

Chaetomium subaffine Sergeeva, Not. Syst. Sect. Crypt. Inst. Bot. Acad. Sci. U.S.S.R. 14: 148 1961.

MATERIAL: **1**) VERONA, Bosco Chiesanuova-loc. Podesteria (Malga), 1600 m, three isolated, superficial specimens on cattle dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 1.6.06, 102.3-Bosco Chiesanuova, CLSM 006.07. **2**) VERONA, Bosco Chiesanuova-loc. Mount Tomba, 1750 m, about ten specimens on cattle dung in d.c., A. Bizzi, 1.6.06, 102.3-Bosco Chiesanuova, CLSM 006.07 bis. **3**) PISA, Volterra, Villamagna-Podere Vallicella, 200 m, on pig dung in d.c., F. Doveri, 13.4.09, 285.3-Lajatico, CLSM 006.07-ter. **4**) BELLUNO, Sappada, 1200 m, on badger dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 16.8.10, 031.4-Prato Carnico, CLSM 006.07-quater.

TOTAL 4: cattle 2; badger 1; pig 1.

Chaetomium succineum

MATERIAL: LIVORNO, Elba island, m ?, one superficial specimen on sheep dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 8.4.11, ?, CLSM 003.12.

TOTAL 1: sheep.

Chaetomium trigonosporum (Marchal) Chivers, Mem. Torrey Bot. Club 14: 166 1915.

MATERIAL: 1) COSENZA, S. Demetrio Corone (Contrada Calamia), 800 m, about ten gregarious, superficial specimens, on polecat dung in d.c., C. Lavorato, 10.8.01, 552.4-S. Demetrio Corone, CLSM 016.01.

TOTAL 1: polecat.

Chaetomium variostiolatum A. Carter, Can. J. Bot. 61: 2603 1983.

MATERIAL: 1) VERONA, Bosco Chiesanuova-loc. Mount Tomba, 1750 m, dozens of isolated or gregarious, superficial specimens on cattle dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 1.6.06, 102.3-Bosco Chiesanuova, CLSM 008.07. 2) VICENZA, Schio, S. Caterina di Tretto, 800 m, on cattle dung in d.c., A. Bazzi, 1.9.07, 103.4-Malo, CLSM 008.07 bis. 3) REGGIO EMILIA, Pratizzano Pass, 1200 m, on hare dung in d.c., L. Levorato, 23.5.08, 217.2-Ramiseto, CLSM 008.07 ter.

TOTAL 3: cattle 2; hare 1.

Updated key to coprophilous *Chaetomium* from Italy

[partly based on von Arx et al. 1986 and Doveri 2004, 2008; between square brackets, year of publication and linked colour photos(c.p.) or freehand drawings (f.d.)]

- 1) Ascospores triangular in frontal view, $8.5\text{--}9.5 \times 4.5\text{--}5.5 \times 4\text{--}4.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($9\text{--}12 \times 5\text{--}7 \times 4\text{--}5$, von Arx et al.). Peridium cephalothecoid..... *C. trigonosporum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 1*) Ascospores different in shape 2
- 2) Ascospores oblate, subglobose in frontal view, ellipsoidal with rounded ends in side view, $7.5\text{--}8 \times 7.5 \times 4.5\text{--}5 \mu\text{m}$ ($6\text{--}7.5 \times 4\text{--}5$, von Arx et al.), with one, indistinct germ pore. Peridium of a textura angularis. Terminal hairs 2–2.5 μm diam., spirally coiled and circinate at the apex *C. oblatum* [2004 f.d., 2008 f.d.]
- 2*) Ascospores different in shape, with one, usually distinct germ pore 3
- 3) Ascii narrowly cylindric. Ascospores uniseriate, broadly ovoidal, bilaterally flattened. Peridium of a textura angularis. Terminal hairs spirally coiled 21
- 3*) Ascii clavate. Ascospores biseriate to conglobate, variously shaped. Peridium variously textured. Terminal hairs of several types 4
- 4) Ascospores with an apical germ pore 5
- 4*) Ascospores with an eccentric (subapical to clearly lateral) germ pore 18
- 5) Ascomata with a dark collar around the ostiole. Peridium of a textura angularis. Ascospores dextrinoid in the early stages, pale grey at maturity, limoniform (sometimes subglobose), biapiculate, bilaterally flattened 6
- 5*) Ascomata lacking a dark collar. Immature ascospores non-dextrinoid, brown or grey at maturity 7
- 6) Ascomata usually ovoidal or ellipsoidal. Peridium all of a textura angularis. Terminal hairs with spirally coiled, often branched ends (branches in turn spirally coiled). Ascospores $7\text{--}7.5 \times 5.5\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($5.5\text{--}7.5 \times 5\text{--}6.5$, von Arx et al.) *C. bostrychodes* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 6*) Ascomata usually ampulliform. Upper peridial portion a textura prismatica of elongated cells in vertical rows. Terminal hairs spirally coiled, but rarely branched. Ascospores $6\text{--}6.5 \times 5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$ ($5.5\text{--}7.5 \times 5\text{--}6.5$, von Arx et al.) *C. robustum* [2004 f.d., c.p.; 2008 c.p.]
- 7) Ascomata ampulliform with an elongated, cylindric-conical neck. Peridium of a textura angularis. Terminal hairs seta-like, unbranched. Ascospores limoniform, brown, $7\text{--}9 \times 5.5\text{--}7 \times 4.8\text{--}5.2 \mu\text{m}$ ($6.5\text{--}8.5 \times 6\text{--}7.5 \times 5\text{--}6$, von Arx et al.) *C. homopilatum* [2008 c.p.]
- 7*) Ascomata globose to broadly ellipsoidal or ovoidal, lacking an elongated neck. Peridium variously textured 8
- 8) Ascospores $13\text{--}14.5 \times 11\text{--}12.5 \times 8\text{--}10 \mu\text{m}$ ($12\text{--}16 \times 9\text{--}11 \times 7\text{--}10$, von Arx et al.), brown, watermelon seed-shaped, broadly ovoidal in frontal view, broadly ellipsoidal in side view. Peridium of a textura angularis. Terminal hairs spirally coiled *C. semen-citrulli* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 8*) Ascospores smaller and/or different in shape 9
- 9) Ascospores brown, limoniform, biapiculate, bilaterally flattened. Terminal hairs not seta-like 10
- 9*) Ascospores brown or grey, ellipsoid-fusiform or ovoidal, rarely limoniform, then mixed with ovoidal ascospores

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- 10)** Colonies lacking greenish-yellow exudates, at most with hairs shading from brown into these colours. Terminal hairs unbranched, wavy to flexuous. Peridium of a *textura intricata* or *epidermoidea* at intervals. Ascospores $10\text{--}12 \times 7.5\text{--}9 \times 7\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$ ($11\text{--}15 \times 8\text{--}11 \times 7\text{--}8.5$, von Arx et al.) *C. subaffine* [2008 c.p.]
- 10*)** Colonies often with greenish-yellow exudates. Terminal hairs differently shaped **11**
- 11)** Peridium usually of a *textura epidermoidea*. Terminal hairs flexuous and dichotomously branched. Ascospores $11\text{--}11.5 \times 7.5\text{--}8.5 \times 6.5\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$ ($11\text{--}14 \times 8\text{--}11 \times 7\text{--}9$, von Arx et al.) *C. elatum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 11*)** Peridium of a *textura intricata*. Terminal hairs flexuous or more often spirally coiled, unbranched. Ascospores $8\text{--}10 \times 6.5\text{--}9.5 \times 5.5\text{--}7.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($9\text{--}12 \times 8\text{--}10 \times 6\text{--}8$, von Arx et al.) *C. globosum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 12)** Ascospores ellipsoid-fusiform, with attenuated, sometimes apiculate ends **13**
- 12*)** Ascospores different in shape **16**
- 13)** Ascospores greyish blue, $8.5\text{--}10.5 \times 4.8\text{--}5.2 \mu\text{m}$ ($7\text{--}10 \times 4.5\text{--}6$, von Arx et al.). Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Terminal hairs of two kinds: shorter and arcuate, or longer and wavy *C. carinthiacum* [2008 c.p.]
- 13*)** Ascospores larger, greyish brown. Terminal hairs different in shape **14**
- 14)** Peridium of a *textura cephalothecoidea*. Terminal hairs straight, open circinate at the apex. Ascospores sometimes slightly inequilateral, $15.5\text{--}17.5 \times 9\text{--}10.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. ancistrocladum* [2011 c.p.]
- 14*)** Peridium and terminal hairs different **15**
- 15)** Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Terminal hairs undulate to loosely spirally coiled. Ascospores slightly inequilateral, $13\text{--}13.5 \times 7.5\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$ ($12\text{--}17 \times 6\text{--}8.5$, von Arx et al.) *C. succineum*
- 15*)** Peridium of a *textura angularis* to *epidermoidea*, sometimes *cephalothecoidea* around the hair bases. Terminal hairs flexuous at the apex and often open circinate. Ascospores usually equilateral, $13\text{--}16 \times 7.5\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$ ($13\text{--}17 \times 7\text{--}9$, von Arx et al.) *C. murorum* [2011 c.p.]
- 16)** Ascomata ostiolate. Peridium with an outer layer of *textura intricata*. Terminal hairs of two kinds: seta-like and unbranched, or dichotomously branched. Ascospores limoniform or ovoidal, dark grey, $5.5\text{--}6 \times 3.8\text{--}4.2 \times 3\text{--}3.5 \mu\text{m}$ (brown, $6\text{--}7.5 \times 4\text{--}5.5$, von Arx et al.) *C. funicola* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 16*)** Ascomata non-ostiolate or ostiolate at late maturity. Terminal hairs seta-like, usually unbranched. Ascospores ovoidal. **17**
- 17)** Ascomata ostiolate at late maturity. Peridium of a *textura angularis*, *cephalothecoidea* at intervals. Ascospores $6\text{--}7 \times 3\text{--}4 \mu\text{m}$ ($5.5\text{--}7.5 \times 4\text{--}5$, von Arx et al.), ovoidal to narrowly ovoidal, rarely flattened at one side, non-apiculate, pale greyish. *C. spinosum* [2008 c.p.]
- 17*)** Ascomata non-ostiolate or ostiolate at late maturity only. Peridium of a *textura intricata* to *epidermoidea*. Ascospores $5.5\text{--}6.5 \times 4\text{--}4.5 \times 3\text{--}3.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($5.5\text{--}6.5 \times 3.5\text{--}4.5 \times 3\text{--}3.5$, von Arx et al.), broadly ovoidal, uni- or bilaterally flattened, apiculate, pale brown to greyish. *C. variostiolatum* [2008 c.p.]
- 18)** Ascospores with an oblique to slightly eccentric germ pore (central in our Italian collection), ellipsoid-fusiform, greyish-blue, $8.5\text{--}10.5 \times 4.8\text{--}5.2 \mu\text{m}$ ($7\text{--}10 \times 4.5\text{--}6$, von Arx et al.). Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Terminal hairs of two kinds: shorter and arcuate, or longer and wavy *C. carinthiacum* [2008 c.p.]
- 18*)** Ascospores with an eccentric to lateral germ pore. Terminal hairs different **19**
- 19)** Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Terminal hairs of two kinds: pale, strongly ramified, thin-walled; or darker, less ramified, thicker. Ascospores ellipsoid-narrowly limoniform ($Q = 1.70$), $9.5\text{--}11.5 \times 5.5\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($8\text{--}12 \times 5\text{--}7$, von Arx et al.) *C. cunicolorum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 19*)** Peridium with a superficial layer of *textura intricata*. Terminal hairs with long spirally coiled ends. Average Q larger **20**
- 20)** Ascospores ellipsoid-subfusiform, usually symmetrical, with rounded, often subumbonate ends, $14\text{--}17 \times 8\text{--}9.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($12\text{--}15 \times 7.5\text{--}9$, von Arx et al.) *C. gangligerum* [2008 c.p.]
- 20*)** Ascospores fusiform, often inequilateral, with fairly pointed ends, $16\text{--}18.5 \times 6\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$ ($14\text{--}17 \times 7\text{--}8$, von Arx et al.) *C. fusicporum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 21)** Ascospores $11\text{--}12 \times 8\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$ ($8\text{--}11 \times 7\text{--}8$, von Arx et al.) Spirally coiled hairs unbranched *C. crispatum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 21*)** Ascospores smaller **22**
- 22)** Terminal hairs $5\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$ diam., with spirally coiled branches. Ascospores $7\text{--}7.5 \times 5.5\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($7\text{--}8.5 \times 6\text{--}7$, von Arx et al.) *C. medusarum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 22*)** Terminal hairs $4\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$ diam., unbranched **23**
- 23)** Ascospores $9\text{--}9.5 \times 7.5\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$ ($8\text{--}9.5 \times 7\text{--}8$, von Arx et al.) *C. mollicellum* [2004 f.d., 2008 c.p.]
- 23*)** Ascospores $6.5\text{--}7.5 \times 6\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$ ($7\text{--}8.5 \times 6\text{--}7$, von Arx et al.) *C. brasiliense*

Updated world-key to *Chaetomium* spp. after von Arx et al. (1986) and Doveri (2008)

(in bold type new species, new combinations, or taxa accepted in *Chaetomium* after von Arx et al.)

- 1)** Ascospores triangular in frontal view, brown at maturity **117**
- 1*)** Ascospores not triangular in frontal view, brown, or grey, or bluish grey **2**
- 2)** Ascospores cylindrical, with attenuated ends, $9\text{--}11 \times 2.5\text{--}3 \mu\text{m}$. Colonies often with red or orange exudates.

Peridium of a <i>textura intricata</i> . Ascomatal hairs seta-like, dichotomously branched	<i>C. fusum</i>
2*) Ascospores not cylindrical, broader	3
3) Ascii 2- to 6-spored. Ascospores ellipsoidal, biumbonate, bilaterally flattened, $11-15 \times 7-9 \times 5-6 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium of a <i>textura angularis</i> . Hairs flexuous or undulate, branched at the apex. Colonies with yellow exudates	<i>C. tetrasporum</i>
3*) Ascii 8-spored	4
4) Ascospores oblate or hemispherical, $6-7.5 \times 4-5 \mu\text{m}$, lacking a distinct germ pore. Peridium of a <i>textura angularis</i> . Ascomatal hairs spirally coiled	<i>C. oblatum</i>
4*) Ascospores not oblate or larger	5
5) Ascii clavate, obovate or fusiform. Ascospores biseriate or conglobate	6
5*) Ascii narrowly cylindrical, ascospores uniseriate	107
6) Ascospores spherical or subspherical, sometimes with two germ pores	7
6*) Ascospores different in shape	13
7) Ascospores with one (occasionally two) germ pore and usually a regular outline	8
7*) Ascospores with two (or more) germ pores and often an irregular outline	12
8) Ascospores $5.2-6.3 \times 5.5-7.8 \mu\text{m}$. Terminal hairs irregularly or dichotomously branched	<i>C. mesopotamicum</i> Abdullah & Zora 1993
8*) Ascospores larger	9
9) Ascospores globose, $10-13 \mu\text{m}$ diam. Peridium of a <i>textura angularis</i> . Terminal hairs flexuous to undulate	<i>C. globosporum</i>
9*) Ascospores nearly spherical to broadly ellipsoidal or ovoidal	10
10) Ascomata subglobose. Peridium of a <i>textura epidermoidea</i> . Terminal hairs flexuous to undulate, $4-6 \mu\text{m}$ diam. at the base. Ascospores $9-14 \times 7-11 \times 9-9.5 \mu\text{m}$, with a paler longitudinal band and a subapical to lateral germ pore	<i>C. tarraconense</i> Stchigel et al. in Rodríguez et al. 2002
10*) Ascomata obovoidal. Peridium with a different <i>textura</i> . Ascospores without a longitudinal band	11
11) Peridium of a <i>textura angularis</i> or <i>intricata</i> . Terminal hairs flexuous, undulate or hypha-like, $4-7.5 \mu\text{m}$ diam. near the base. Ascospores $10-12.3 \times 9-11.3 \times 7-9 \mu\text{m}$, with an apical or slightly subapical germ pore	<i>C. interruptum</i> Asgari & Zare 2011
11*) Peridium of a <i>textura intricata</i> . Terminal hairs of two types: short, rigid and straight; or long, sinuous, branched, both types $3-5 \mu\text{m}$ diam. near the base. Ascospores $8-11 \times 8-9.5 \mu\text{m}$, with a subapical or sometimes lateral germ pore	<i>C. umbratile</i> Udagawa et al. 1997
12) Ascospores $12-16 \times 10-14 \times 8-12 \mu\text{m}$, subspherical to ovoidal, often bilaterally flattened, with two germ pores. Ascomatal hairs flexuous, or undulate, or hyphoid. Peridium of a <i>textura angularis</i> . Colonies occasionally with pale green exudates. Homothallic	<i>C. megalocarpum</i>
12*) Ascospores $15-22 \times 11-16 \mu\text{m}$, broadly ellipsoidal with rounded ends to ovoidal, pyriform or subglobose, with two or more germ pores. Hairs hyphoid. Peridium of a <i>textura epidermoidea</i> . Colonies often with yellow exudates. Heterothallic	<i>C. nozdrenkoae</i>
N.B.: <i>C. grande</i> Asgari & Zare (2011) appears, in my opinion, very similar to, or even the same species as <i>C. nozdrenkoae</i> Sergeeva (see also Sergejeva 1961, von Arx et al. 1986). Only the ascii are described as larger in <i>C. grande</i> , whereas the peridium of this species, described as a <i>textura angularis</i> or <i>irregularis</i> in the protologue, actually is a <i>textura epidermoidea</i> (see Asgari & Zare, figs. 6i-j) like that of <i>C. nozdrenkoae</i> (von Arx et al. 1986).	
13) (from 6) Ascospores with one germ pore (occasionally with a paler spot at the end opposite to the germ pore)	14
13*) Ascospores at least partly with two germ pores or lacking distinct germ pores	93
14) Germ pore apical	15
14*) Germ pore subapical or lateral	75
15) Ascospores rhomboid with umbonate ends, bilaterally flattened, $9-11 \times 6.5-8 \times 4.5-6 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium pale, of a <i>textura epidermoidea</i> . Ascomatal hairs flexuous	<i>C. umbonatum</i>
15*) Not with the above characters	16
16) Ascospores limoniform or irregular, usually biapiculate, bilaterally flattened, $9-14 \times 7-12 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium with an outer layer of <i>textura intricata</i>	17
16*) Not with the above characters	24
17) Ascomata with a very pale, yellowish peridium. Terminal hairs sparse, delicate, wavy, pale cream. Ascospores pink, red in mass, $7-10 \times 7-7.5 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. cruentum</i>
17*) Peridium pigmented. Terminal hairs dense. Ascospores brown at maturity	18
18) Ascospores rather irregular, often with a lateral bulge	19
18*) Ascospores regular, limoniform, without a lateral bulge	20
19) Colonies with yellow green exudates. Ascomata olivaceous in reflected light. Ascomatal hairs flexuous, undulate, or coiled. Ascospores with a lateral bulge, $9-11 \times 7-9 \times 6-7 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. madrasense</i>
19*) Colonies without exudates. Ascomata yellow in reflected light. Hairs hyphoid. Ascospores irregular, $8-12 \times 5-7 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. citrinum</i>
20) Homothallic. Terminal hairs flexuous, undulate or coiled. Phialoconidia absent	21
20*) Homothallic or heterothallic. Hairs branched or flexuous when unbranched. Phialoconidia present or absent	22
21) Colonies usually with yellow-green or red exudates. Ascospores $9-12 \times 8-10 \times 6-8 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. globosum</i> (and its relatives)

- 21*) Colonies without exudates. Ascospores $12\text{--}13.5 \times 8\text{--}10 \times 6\text{--}7.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. undulatum* Asgari & Zare 2011
 22) Heterothallic. Colonies lacking pigmented exudates. Terminal hairs unbranched, flexuous. Ascospores $11\text{--}15 \times 8\text{--}11 \times 7\text{--}8.5 \mu\text{m}$. Phialoconidia present *C. subaffine* (and *C. angustispirale*)
 22*) Terminal hairs dichotomously branched 23
 23) Homothallic. Phialoconidia present. Colonies without exudates. Hairs usually branched at right angles. Ascospores $9\text{--}11.5 \times 6.5\text{--}8.5 \times 5.5\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. rectangulare* Asgari & Zare 2011
 23*) Homothallic or eterothallic. Phialoconidia present, or absent in homothallic isolates. Colonies often with green or yellow exudates. Hairs irregularly branched. Ascospores $11\text{--}14 \times 8\text{--}11 \times 7\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$ *C. elatum*
 24) (from 16) Ascospores $6\text{--}13 \times 5\text{--}10 \mu\text{m}$, limoniform, bilaterally flattened, umbonate or apiculate at the ends, brown (exceptionally pale grey) at maturity. Ascomata often ampulliform or pyriform and with a conical or cylindrical neck; peridium of a *textura angularis* (rarely and partly covered with a *textura intricata*) or occasionally *epidermoidea* 25
 24*) Not with the above characters 35
 25) Ascomata with a long neck formed of joined setae 26
 25*) Ascomata without such a neck 28
 26) Neck less than $250 \mu\text{m}$ long. Ascospores $8\text{--}11 \times 7.5\text{--}9 \times 5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$ with an apical germ pore *C. malayense*
 26*) Neck $300\text{--}2300 \mu\text{m}$ long 27
 27) Ascospores limoniform, $9\text{--}12 \times 8\text{--}10 \times 7\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$, with an apical or slightly subapical germ pore *C. longicolleum*
 27*) Ascospores limoniform to quadrangular in frontal view, $6\text{--}6.5 \times 5\text{--}6 \times 3.5\text{--}4 \mu\text{m}$, with an apical germ pore *C. cuyabenoense* Decock & Hennebert 1997
 28) Ascomata with apical setae few in number. Ascospores $8\text{--}10 \times 7\text{--}8.5 \times 5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$, biapiculate *C. seminudum*
 28*) Ascomata with dense apical setae or hairs 29
 29) Ascomata subglobose to ovoid, with a very large (up to $50 \mu\text{m}$ diam.) ostiole. Terminal hairs arcuate or recurved at the apex, yellow to pale brown, unbranched. Peridium of a *textura angularis* to *epidermoidea*. Ascospores $10\text{--}13 \times 7\text{--}10 \times 6.5\text{--}7.5 \mu\text{m}$, biapiculate *C. macrostiolatum* Stchigel et al. in Rodríguez et al. 2002
 29*) Ascospores smaller. Terminal hairs darker 30
 30) Ascomata spherical or obovate 31
 30*) Ascomata ovate to ampulliform 32
 31) Ascomata spherical. Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Ascomatal hairs flexuous or undulate, often branched. Ascospores $7.5\text{--}9 \times 6\text{--}7 \times 4\text{--}5 \mu\text{m}$, brown, with an apical germ pore *C. sphaerale*
 31*) Ascomata obovate. Peridium of a *textura angularis*, partly covered with an outer layer of *textura intricata*. Terminal hairs unbranched, constricted at the septa and articulated, loosely coiled at their tips. Ascospores $7\text{--}8.5 \times 6\text{--}7.2 \times 5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$, pale grey, with an apical or slightly subapical germ pore *C. floriforme* Gené & Guarro 1996
 32) Ascomata ovate or ampulliform. Hairs spirally coiled. Ascospores $6\text{--}7 \times 4.5\text{--}6 \times 3.5\text{--}4.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. subspirale*
 32*) Ascomata ampulliform. Hairs not spirally coiled. Ascospores larger on average 33
 33) Terminal hairs seta-like, straight, not branched. Ascospores $6.5\text{--}9.5 \times 5.5\text{--}6.5 \times 3.5\text{--}4.5 \mu\text{m}$, strongly umbonate. Ascii both clavate and cylindrical in the same ascoma *C. ampulliellum* X.W. Wang in Wang & Zheng 2005
 33*) Terminal hairs often branched or circinate. Ascospores slightly umbonate. Ascii always clavate 34
 34) Hairs seta-like or flexuous, often branched or circinate at their apex. Ascospores $6.5\text{--}8.5 \times 6\text{--}7.5 \times 5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$ *C. homopilatum*
 34*) Hairs seta-like, apically branched. Ascospores $8\text{--}9.5 \times 4.5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$ *C. ampullare*
 35) (from 24) Ascospores $5.5\text{--}10 \times 5\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$, biapiculate or angular, bilaterally flattened, dextrinoid when young, pale grey-olivaceous at maturity. Ascomata often with a darkened disc around the ostiole 36
 35*) Ascospores not dextrinoid when young, usually brown at maturity. Ascomata lacking a darkened disc 42
 36) Ascomata small, spherical or oblate, pale. Ascomatal hairs partly short and verrucose, partly long, flexuous or undulate and smooth. Peridium of a *textura angularis* 37
 36*) Ascomata ovate, ampulliform or cylindrical, rarely spherical. Hairs usually spirally coiled at their apex and verrucose, often with some branches. Peridium of a *textura angularis* or *cephalothecoidae* 38
 37) Ascospores $5.5\text{--}6.5 \times 5\text{--}6 \times 3.5\text{--}5 \mu\text{m}$, evenly pigmented *C. caesiiforme*
 37*) Ascospores $7\text{--}9 \times 6\text{--}7 \times 5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$, darker near the ends *C. anguipilum*
 38) Ascospores quadrangular in frontal view, $6.5\text{--}7.5 \times 6\text{--}7 \times 4\text{--}5 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium of a *textura cephalothecoidae* *C. quadrangulatum*
 38*) Ascospores not quadrangular in frontal view 39
 39) Ascomata ampulliform. Upper peridial portion a *textura prismatica* of dark, elongated cells in vertical rows. Ascospores $5.5\text{--}7.5 \times 5\text{--}6.5 \times 4\text{--}5.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. robustum*
 39*) Upper peridial portion not formed of vertically elongated, dark cells 40
 40) Ascospores $5.5\text{--}7.5 \times 5\text{--}6.5 \times 4\text{--}5.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. bostrychodes*
 40*) Ascospores longer 41
 41) Ascomata ovate or ampulliform. *Textura cephalothecoidae*. Ascospores $7\text{--}9.5 \times 6\text{--}7 \times 5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$ *C. convolutum*
 41*) Ascomata spherical. *Textura angularis*. Ascospores $9\text{--}10.5 \times 7\text{--}8 \times 6\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$ *C. hexagonosporum*
 42) (from 35) Ascospores ovate, $5\text{--}8 \times 4\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$, brown when mature, thick-walled. Peridium of a *textura angularis* often with an outer layer of *textura intricata*. Ascomatal hairs seta-like or/and dichotomously branched 43
 42*) Not with the above characters 46

- 43**) Ascomatal hairs mainly seta-like, thick and stiff, with some lateral branches when old. Ascospores $6-8 \times 4-5 \mu\text{m}$, bilaterally not flattened *C. spinosum* 44
43*) Ascospores bilaterally flattened 44
44) Ascomatal hairs seta-like, unbranched. Ascomata occasionally not ostiolate. Ascospores $5.5-6.5 \times 3.5-4.5 \times 3-3.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. variostiolatum*
44*) Ascomatal hairs at least partly dichotomously branched. Ascomata ostiolate 45
45) Ascomatal hairs partly seta-like, partly branched. Ascospores $6-7.5 \times 4-5.5 \times 3-4 \mu\text{m}$ *C. funicola*
45*) Nearly all hairs branched. Ascospores $5.5-7 \times 4-5 \times 3.5-4.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. indicum* (and its relatives)
46) Peridium orange or pink. Ascomatal hairs much coiled. Ascospores ovate or pyriform, bilaterally flattened, brown, $12-16 \times 9-11 \times 7-10 \mu\text{m}$ *C. semen-citrulli*
46*) Not with the above characters 47
47) Ascomata nearly smooth, with a short cylindrical or conical neck. Peridium pale, reddish-brown. Ascospores irregular in shape, $12-13 \times 7-8 \mu\text{m}$, greenish-brown, darkened around the germ pore *C. hamadae*
47*) Not with the above characters 48
48) Ascospores $11-23 \times (5) 6-18 \mu\text{m}$, ellipsoidal or fusiform 49
48*) Ascospores smaller on average 63
49) Ascospores usually more than $20 \mu\text{m}$ long 50
49*) Ascospores less than $20 \mu\text{m}$ long 51
50) Ascomata brown. Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Ascomatal hairs brown, undulate, rarely branched, strongly constricted at their septa and articulate. Ascospores broadly fusiform, $20-22 \times 16-18 \mu\text{m}$, with a protuberant, subapical (sometimes apical) germ pore, $2-2.5 \mu\text{m}$ wide *C. sinaiense* Mustafa & Ezz-Eldin 1989
50*) Ascomata pale ochraceous. Peridium of a *textura epidermoidea* or indistinctly *angularis*. Hairs pale and short or absent. Ascospores fusiform, $18-23 \times 9-12 \mu\text{m}$, with an apical and smaller germ pore *C. deceptivum*
51) Ascospores $17-20 \times 11-13 \mu\text{m}$, often ovoidal and occasionally with umboinate ends, laterally not flattened. Ascomata yellow or ochraceous. Peridium pale, with an outer layer of *textura intricata*. Ascomatal hairs hyphoid, sparse, flexuous *C. vitellinum*
51*) Ascospores smaller 52
52) Colonies with yellow exudates. Ascomata non-ostiolate when young. Peridium translucent, a *textura angularis* of pale yellow or brown cells. Ascomata hairs hyphoid, often absent. Ascospores ellipsoidal, often irregular, $12-17 \times 7-10 \mu\text{m}$ *C. irregulare*
52*) Not with the above characters 53
53) Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Ascomatal hairs seta-like, dark brown, unbranched. Ascospores fusiform, often inequilateral, $14-16 \times 5-6 \mu\text{m}$, dark brown when mature, paler at the ends *C. dreyfussii*
53*) Not with the above characters 54
54) Ascomata up to $140 \mu\text{m}$ diam 55
54*) Ascomata larger 57
55) Terminal hairs tight spirally coiled all over the length. Ascospores fusiform, usually equilateral, with a truncated end around the germ pore, $11.5-13.5 \times 5.7-7 \mu\text{m}$ *C. truncatum* Asgari & Zare 2011
55*) Terminal hairs not with such features. Ascospores larger on average, often inequilateral, without a truncate end 56
56) Ascomatal hairs flexuous, undulate or spirally coiled, yellow green or olivaceous in reflected light. Ascospores ellipsoidal-fusiform, $13-16 \times 7-8 \mu\text{m}$ *C. subspirilliferum*
56*) Ascomatal hairs hyphoid, straight or flexuous, dark olivaceous grey in reflected light. Ascospores fusiform, $13-15 \times 6.5-8 \mu\text{m}$ *C. hispanicum*
57) Anamorph *Histoplasma*-like. Ascomatal hairs straight to coiled. Ascospores ellipsoidal to narrowly ellipsoidal, $11.2-16 \times 7.2-9.6 \mu\text{m}$ *C. histoplasmoides* Carris & Glawe 1987
57*) Anamorph different or lacking 58
58) Anamorph *Botryotrichum*. Ascomatal hairs flexuous or apically circinate. Ascospores ellipsoidal with attenuated ends, $13-17 \times 8-10 \mu\text{m}$ *C. piluliferum*
58*) Botryose aleurioconidia absent or rare 59
59) Ascomatal hairs spirally coiled, partly at least 60
59*) Ascomatal hairs not spirally coiled 61
60) Terminal hairs tight spirally coiled all over the length. Ascospores fusiform, usually equilateral, with a truncated end around the germ pore, $11.5-13.5 \times 5.7-7 \mu\text{m}$ *C. truncatum* Asgari & Zare 2011
60*) Terminal hairs rather delicate, flexuous to spirally coiled. Ascospores ellipsoidal-fusiform, often inequilateral, without a truncated end, $12-17 \times 6-8 \mu\text{m}$ *C. succineum*
61) Peridium pale brown, a *textura intricata*. Hairs hyphoid, irregularly branched, pale brown. Ascospores fusiform, $14-16.5 \times 5-7 \mu\text{m}$ *C. nepalense* (Udagawa & Y. Sugiy. 1982) Arx
61*) Peridial wall darker, with a different *textura*. Ascospores ellipsoidal with attenuated ends. Hairs brown 62
62) *Textura intricata* to *epidermoidea*. Ascomatal hairs flexuous, undulate or apically circinate. Ascospores $13-17 \times 7-9 \mu\text{m}$ *C. murorum* (and its relatives)
62*) *Textura cephalothecoidae*. Hairs straight or slightly curved, apically open circinate. Ascospores $15-17.5 \times 8.5-10.5 \mu\text{m}$ *C. ancistrocladum*

- 63**) (from 48) Ascomatal hairs undulate or coiled; ascospores ellipsoidal or ovate, occasionally irregular or bilaterally flattened 64
63*) Not with the above characters 67
64) Ascomata dark in reflected light. Peridium of a *textura intricata* or *epidermoidea*. Ascomatal hairs undulate or spirally coiled. Ascospores ovoidal, $5-8 \times 4-5 \mu\text{m}$, bilaterally not flattened *C. nigricolor*
64*) Not with the above characters 65
65) Ascospores ovoidal, bilaterally flattened, $8-11 \times 6-9 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Hairs undulate or much spirally coiled *C. uniporum*
65*) Ascospores not bilaterally flattened 66
66) Ascospores irregular in size and shape, $8-12 \times 5-6.5 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium often of a *textura cephalothecoidea*. Ascomatal hairs horizontally expanding, $4-6 \mu\text{m}$ diam *C. repens*
66*) Ascospores regular, ellipsoidal or ovate, $8.5-11 \times 5-6.5 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Ascomatal hairs $2.5-4 \mu\text{m}$ broad, with long coils *C. spiralotrichum*
67) Terminal hairs straight. Ascospores fusiform, ellipsoidal or reniform 68
67*) Terminal hairs flexuous, arcuate or hyphoid, occasionally with a circinate tip; ascospores often fusiform 70
68) Ascospores fusiform to broadly fusiform, $9.5-12 \times 5-7 \mu\text{m}$, with an apical or subapical germ pore. Colonies with abundant olive-green exudates *C. olivicolor* K. Rodr. et al. in Rodriguez et al. 2002
68*) Ascospores different in shape. Colonies not described in the protalogues or lacking exudates 69
69) Lateral hairs arcuate. Ascospores ellipsoidal in frontal view, reniform or lunate in side view, $5-6.5 \times 2.5-3 \times 2.5-3 \mu\text{m}$, with an apical germ pore. Colonies without exudates *C. novae-caledonicum* Udagawa et al. 1994
69*) Lateral hairs not arcuate. Ascospores reniform to slightly curved or sometimes with one flattened side, $8-13 \times 4.5-6 \mu\text{m}$, with one apical germ pore (rarely two). Exudates not described *C. subcurvisporum* Abdullah & Al-Bader 1989
70) Ascospores reniform or lunate in frontal view. Hairs with copper or red encrustations 71
70*) Not with the above characters 72
71) Colonies with a pink exudate. Terminal hairs circinate, with 1–3 convolutions at the apex. Ascospores lunate, $8.5-10 \times 5-7 \mu\text{m}$ *C. lunasporum* Udaiyan & V.S. Hosag. 1991
N.B.: after reading the protologue, we think this taxon could be a later synonym of *C. cupreum*.
71*) Colonies with a red exudate. Terminal hairs circinate or coiled. Ascospores reniform or lunate, $7-10 \times 4.5-6 \mu\text{m}$ *C. cupreum*
72) Ascomatal hairs more than $5 \mu\text{m}$ diam., closely septate 73
72*) Hairs $2-5 \mu\text{m}$ diam., not closely septate 74
73) Ascomatal hairs $5-7 \mu\text{m}$ diam., arcuate, circinate or coiled at the apex. Ascospores ellipsoidal, $8.5-10.5 \times 5-6 \mu\text{m}$ *C. lenthum*
73*) Ascomatal hairs $6-9 \mu\text{m}$ diam., arcuate, apically incurved or circinate. Ascospores ellipsoidal, often asymmetrical, $9-11 \times 7-9 \mu\text{m}$, occasionally with a single germ pore, usually with two *C. turgidopilosum*
74) Ascomatal hairs flexuous, thick-walled, smooth; ascospores $8-9.5 \times 5.5-6.5 \mu\text{m}$, with a distinct germ pore *C. cymbiforme*
74*) Not with the above characters 75
75) Ascomatal hairs flexuous, apically undulate or curved, thin, verrucose. Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Ascospores $9-11 \times 5-5.7 \mu\text{m}$, with a small germ pore *C. barilocchense*
75*) Not with the above characters 76
76) (from 14 and 75) Peridium of a *textura angularis*. Ascospores with a nearly apical or slightly subapical germ pore 77
76*) Peridium with an outer layer of *textura intricata*. Ascospores with a lateral or distinctly subapical germ pore 85
77) Hairs seta-like, straight, dark in reflected light. Ascospores fusiform to elongated pyriform, $9-11 \times 4-6 \mu\text{m}$ *C. atrobrunneum*
77*) Hairs not seta-like, not black in reflected light 78
78) Colonies with an olive-green exudate. Terminal hairs straight, unbranched. Ascospores fusiform to broadly fusiform, $9.5-12 \times 5-7 \mu\text{m}$ *C. olivicolor* K. Rodr. et al. in Rodriguez et al. 2002
78*) Colonies lacking exudates or with differently coloured exudates. Terminal hairs different 79
79) Colonies black. Ascomatal hairs undulate, rarely branched, constricted at septa and articulate. Ascospores broadly fusiform, $20-22 \times 16-18 \mu\text{m}$, with a protuberant, subapical (sometimes apical) germ pore, $2-2.5 \mu\text{m}$ wide *C. sinaiense* Mustafa & Ezz-Eldin 1989
79*) Hairs not articulate, different in shape. Ascospores and germ pore smaller 80
80) Colonies dark. Ascomatal hairs pale, orange or ochraceous, arcuate or flexuous. Ascospores ellipsoidal or ovate, $7-9 \times 5-7 \mu\text{m}$ *C. lucknowense*
80*) Colonies pale. Hairs darker, brown to black. Ascospores longer on average 81
81) Colonies with exudates 82
81*) Colonies lacking pigmented exudates 83
82) Exudates yellow-green. Ascomatal hairs arcuate, partly undulate. Ascospores ellipsoidal or broadly fusiform, $11-15 \times 6-8.5 \mu\text{m}$, occasionally with two germ pores *C. gracile*
82*) Exudates orange. Hairs arcuate or undulate, circinate. Ascospores ellipsoidal, often asymmetrical, $11-13 \times 6-7$

μm	<i>C. chiversii</i>
83) Terminal hairs spirally coiled. Ascospores $10\text{--}11 \times 5.5\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$, inequilaterally fusiform to navicular	<i>C. iranianum</i> Asgari & Zare 2011
.....84*) Terminal hairs arcuate or flexuous. Ascospores ellipsoidal-fusiform with (sub)acute ends, equilateral or slightly inequilateral at most	84
84) Ascospores $10\text{--}12.5 \times 6\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$. Hairs $4\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$ diam. near the base	<i>C. muelleri</i>
84*) Ascospores $7\text{--}10 \times 4.5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$. Hairs $2.5\text{--}4 (-5) \mu\text{m}$ near the base	<i>C. carinthiacum</i>
85) (from 76) Ascomatal hairs of two types: seta-like and dark or pale, thinner, branched. Ascospores ellipsoidal-fusiform, $8\text{--}12 \times 5\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. cuniculorum</i>
85*) Hairs unbranched, undulate or coiled	86
86) Ascospores up to $11 \times 6.5 \mu\text{m}$	87
86*) Ascospores larger on average	88
87) Ascospores $10\text{--}11 \times 5.5\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$, inequilaterally fusiform to navicular. Terminal hairs spirally coiled	<i>C. iranianum</i> Asgari & Zare 2011
87*) Ascospores ovoidal or broadly fusiform, $8\text{--}11 \times 5\text{--}6.5 \mu\text{m}$. Ascomatal hairs of two types: long, flexuous, apically circinate or coiled; short, tapering, often arranged in brushes	<i>C. gelasinosporum</i>
88) Ascospores $12\text{--}15 \times 7.5\text{--}9.5 \mu\text{m}$, ellipsoidal. Terminal hairs coiled. Aleuroconidia often present	<i>C. gangligerum</i>
88*) Ascospores narrower on average. Aleuroconidia absent	89
89) Colonies with orange exudates. Ascomata black in reflected light, with much coiled hairs. Ascospores fusiform or narrowly ovate, $10\text{--}12.5 \times 6.5\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. jabalpurens</i>
89*) Orange exudates absent. Ascomata not black in reflected light	90
90) Colonies lacking exudates. Hairs undulate or spirally coiled. Ascospores fusiform or ovate, $12.5\text{--}14 \times 6.5\text{--}7.5 \mu\text{m}$..	<i>C. perlucidum</i>
90*) Colonies with yellow or yellow-green exudates	91
91) Ascospores fusiform or narrowly ovate, $10\text{--}13 \times 6\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$. Ascomatal hairs flexuous, undulate or coiled	<i>C. raii</i>
91*) Ascospores larger	92
92) Ascomatal hairs spirally coiled, brown. Ascospores fusiform, $14\text{--}17 \times 7\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. fusisporum</i>
92*) Hairs flexuous or undulate, pale, thin. Ascospores elongate ellipsoidal or fusiform, $14\text{--}19 \times 6\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$..	<i>C. jodhpurens</i>
93) (from 13) Ascospores fusiform, $22\text{--}27 \times 8\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$, without distinct germ pores. Ascomatal hairs straight or flexuous. Aleuroconidia present	<i>C. pilulifero</i>
93*) Ascospores at least partly with two germ pores	94
94) Ascospores with two subapical germ pores, ellipsoidal-fusiform, $17\text{--}21 \times 10\text{--}12 \mu\text{m}$. Peridium of a <i>textura intricata</i> or <i>epidermoidea</i> . Hairs straight or arcuate	<i>C. retardatum</i>
94*) Ascospores with apical germ pores	95
95) Ascomata and ascomatal hairs pinkish-purple, the latter hyphoid, pale brown, unbranched. Ascospores broadly fusiform to musiform, $15.5\text{--}21 \times 9\text{--}11.5 \mu\text{m}$, with a wall sometimes darkened around the pores	<i>C. purpurascens</i> (Udagawa & Y. Sugiy. 1982) Arx
95*) Ascomata and ascomatal hairs not pinkish-purple	96
96) Ascospores fusiform or navicular, $18\text{--}23 \times 8\text{--}13 \mu\text{m}$. Hairs flexuous and tapering. Colonies often with red exudates	<i>C. megasporum</i>
.....96*) Ascospores smaller	97
97) Ascospores reniform or irregular in shape	98
97*) Ascospores different and regular in shape	99
98) Ascospores reniform to slightly curved or sometimes with one flattened side, $8\text{--}13 \times 4.5\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$, with one apical germ pore (rarely two). Terminal hairs straight, unbranched	<i>C. subcurvisporum</i> Abdullah & Al-Bader 1989
98*) Ascospores ellipsoidal or reniform, often irregular in shape, $10\text{--}13 \times 7\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$, with two germ pores. Hairs flexuous	<i>C. variosporum</i>
99) Ascospores fusiform, $15\text{--}18 \times 5\text{--}8.5 \mu\text{m}$	100
99*) Ascospores shorter	102
100) Hairs spirally coiled. Ascospores symmetrical, $15\text{--}18 \times 6.5\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$, darkened around the germ pores ..	<i>C. mareoticum</i>
100*) Hairs not spirally coiled	101
101) Terminal hairs flexuous or undulate. Ascospores often asymmetrical, $15\text{--}18 \times 7.5\text{--}8.5 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. biporatum</i> Cano & Guarro 1987
101*) Terminal hairs straight, flexuous or undulate. Ascospores usually symmetrical, $13\text{--}19 \times 5\text{--}7.5 \mu\text{m}$	<i>C. fusiforme</i>
102) Ascomatal hairs $6\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$ diam., arcuate, apically incurved or circinate. Ascospores ellipsoidal, often asymmetrical, $9\text{--}11 \times 7\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$, occasionally with a single germ pore	<i>C. turgidopilosum</i>
102*) Ascomatal hairs $2\text{--}5 \mu\text{m}$ diam	103
103) Colonies usually with red exudates. Terminal hairs arcuate, apically circinate or coiled	104
103*) Colonies with orange or yellow-green exudates. Hairs also of other types	105
104) Hairs olivaceous green in reflected light. Ascospores inequilaterally fusiform or navicular, $8\text{--}12 \times 4\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$	

- *C. aureum*
- 104*)** Hairs red or orange-red in reflected light. Ascospores fusiform or slightly inequilaterally fusiform, 11.1–13.5 × 4.3–5 µm *C. siamense* Pornsuriya & Soytong in Ponsuriya et al. 2011
- 105)** Colonies with orange exudates. Hairs arcuate, apically circinate. Ascospores broadly fusiform or navicular, often asymmetrical, 11–14 × 7–9 µm *C. flavigenum*
- 105*)** Colonies with yellow-green exudates **106**
- 106)** Ascomata spherical. Hairs arcuate, partly undulate, with a swollen basal cell. Ascospores ellipsoidal or broadly fusiform, 11–15 × 6–8.5 µm, usually with a single germ pore, occasionally with two *C. gracile*
- 106*)** Ascomata ampulliform. Hairs straight, seta-like. Ascospores ellipsoidal-fusiform, often asymmetrical, 9–14 × 5.5–8 µm, occasionally with a single germ pore *C. virescens*
- N.B.: *C. thielavioidaeum* K.T. Chen has been regarded as a synonym of *C. virescens* by Udagawa (1980), as a variety of the latter by Cannon (1986). According to von Arx et al. (1986) it differs from *C. virescens* in having larger ascomata with distinct hairs and ascospores with a single germ pore.**
- 107)** (from 5) Thermophilic. Ascomatal hairs flexuous, dichotomously or irregularly branched. Ascospores globose in frontal view, broadly ovoidal in side view, 7–9.5 × 6–8.5 × 4–6 µm, with an apical germ pore *C. thermophilum*
- 107*)** Mesophilic, occasionally thermotolerant or psychrotolerant **108**
- 108)** Ascospores broadly ovoidal or irregular, often inequilateral, 13–18 × 10–14 × 9–12 µm, with an apical germ pore. Ascomatal hairs undulate *C. uniaciculatum*
- 108*)** Ascospores smaller **109**
- 109)** Ascospores lacrymiform, bilaterally flattened, 9–11 × 7–8 × 6–7 µm, with a subapical or nearly apical germ pore. Terminal hairs flexuous or undulate, often branched *C. senegalense*
- 109*)** Ascospores different in shape **110**
- 110)** Ascospores (sub)globose to broadly ovoidal, sometimes with a subapical or lateral germ pore. Hairs spirally coiled **111**
- 110*)** Ascospores different in shape, with an apical germ pore. Ascomatal hairs hyphoid, often branched **116**
- 111)** Ascospores often globose or ovoidal, bilaterally flattened, irregular in shape, 10–13 × 9–10 µm, with a subapical or lateral germ pore. Terminal hairs unbranched or very rarely branched, with up to 20 turns *C. myricicola* Y. Horie & Udagawa 1990
- 111*)** Ascospores smaller, usually regular in shape, with an apical germ pore **112**
- 112)** Colonies restricted, with yellow exudates. Ascospores broadly ovoidal, often biapiculate, bilaterally flattened, 7–11 × 6–9 × 4–6.5 µm *C. crispatum*
- 112*)** Colonies expanding, lacking yellow exudates. Ascospores slightly smaller **113**
- 113)** Hairs 5–8 µm diam., coiled and with coiled branches. Ascospores broadly ovoidal, 7–8.5 × 6–7 × 5–6 µm *C. medusarum*
- 113*)** Ascomatal hairs 2.5–5 µm broad, unbranched **114**
- 114)** Ascomata with a dark apical area. Ascospores subglobose-ellipsoidal, rarely ovoidal, bilaterally flattened, 5.5–9 × 5–7.5 × 4.5–5.5 µm *C. acropullum* X.W. Wang in Wang & Zheng 2005
- 114*)** Ascomata without a darker apical area. Ascospores broadly ovoidal **115**
- 115)** Ascospores 8–9.5 × 7–8 × 6–7 µm. Ascomatal hairs with numerous coils *C. mollicellum*
- 115*)** Ascospores 7–8.5 × 6–7 × 5–6 µm. Hairs flexuous, undulate or with 3–5 coils *C. brasiliense*
- 116)** Colonies sometimes with yellow-brown or orange-brown exudates. Peridium dark brown, a *textura angularis* covered with an outer layer of *textura intricata*. Hairs about 1 µm diam. Ascii cylindrical to clavate. Ascospores limoniform, bilaterally flattened, biapiculate, 8.5–10 × 6.5–7.5 × 5–6 µm. *Scybalidium*-like resting ascospores sometimes produced *C. luteum* (J.N. Rai & J.P. Tewari 1964) P.F. Cannon
- 116*)** Colonies often with orange exudates. Peridium sulphur-yellow in reflected light, of a *textura intricata* tending to *epidermoidea*. Hairs up to 3 µm diam. Ascii cylindrical. Ascospores broadly fusiform to rhomboid, sometimes slightly inequilateral, 11–13 × 6–7.5 µm. Anamorph *Sporothrix*-like *C. strumarium* (J.N. Rai et al. 1964) P.F. Cannon
- 117)** (from 1) Peridium of a *textura angularis*, almost glabrous or with some tapering hairs. Ascospores 10–12 × 7–8.5 × 5–6 µm, not dextrinoid. Conidia absent *C. microascoidea*
- 117*)** Peridium cephalothecoid with dark seta-like hairs. Ascospores 9–12 × 5–7 × 4–5 µm, dextrinoid when young. Conidia present *C. trigonosporum*

N.B.: 1) *C. cari-carvi* A. Pande & V.G. Rao (1990) has been omitted from the key, since the illustration of the ascospores in the protologue do not agree with the meagre description.

2) Where colony/cultural characteristics are mentioned they are from descriptions of growth on cornmeal agar usually at 28° in the dark (von Arx et al. 1986).

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