



## 2004 MMSA BANQUET A SUCCESS

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I think we can say that the banquet was a huge success!

Approximately 120 people attended, including a number of new members - largest increase in membership in years! The banquet at Mulate's Cajun Restaurant provided a great setting for the festivities. The business meeting was well attended as well. Mrs. Ajello received a Memory book honoring Dr. Li Ajello. Barbara Robinson Dunn did a beautiful job gathering mementos in a leather bond book. Mike McGinnis also presented her with a lovely china bird.

Judy Domer, who is retiring in August as the Dean of Graduate Studies from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC gave the Rhoda Benham lecture. It was a great history lesson on mycology at Tulane and surrounding Louisiana. The MMSA presented Judy with the "Medical Mycology and Training in the United States: A Historical Analysis (1894-1996)" written by Ana Victoria Espinell-Ingroff. John Taylor was the newest recipient of the Rhoda Benham award. Tom Mitchell was honored with the Billy H. Cooper



award. The Milton Huppert student travel award was presented to Tricia A. Missall, St. Louis University A Cajun buffet meal was enjoyed by all followed by a Dixieland jazz band.

Paul Fidel, the chairman of the local Committee for the Annual MMSA banquet



Paul Fidel and Tom Walsh MMSA Banquet Mulate's New Orleans 2004



Judy Domer  
and Tom  
Walsh,

Judy gave the  
Rhoda Benham  
award Lecture

## *Tells us about your favorite fungus*

Do you have a favorite fungus you would like to feature in the next newsletter?

If so, let us know what it is, and why you like it...

Send a photo and or a paragraph about it to Leslie at [Hall.leslie@mayo.edu](mailto:Hall.leslie@mayo.edu)



**This is a new feature to  
the newsletter...**



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Please send any member news to Leslie Hall at [hall.leslie@mayo.edu](mailto:hall.leslie@mayo.edu) for the next newsletter!

*Member News-New faces in New Places....*

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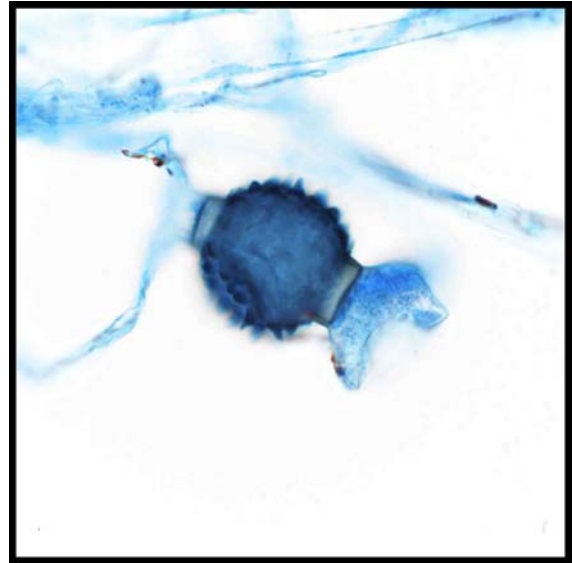


## *The Case of the Quarter*

We would like to highlight Medical Mycology with a case each quarter.

Glenn Roberts has given us the first case, and will be happy to hear from you what you think it is!

Please send your case to Leslie Hall at [hall.leslie@mayo.edu](mailto:hall.leslie@mayo.edu) to be included in the next newsletter!



## *A nine year old boy.....*

A nine-year-old boy was the victim of a car crash that resulted in the near-amputation of his right arm and a closed head injury. The arm was severely contaminated with ground-in soil and gravel debris. The patient underwent numerous debridements to rid the large forearm wound (10x 29 cm.) of necrotic muscle and debris. The arm was also vascularly compromised and required a saphenous vein graft construction of the ulnar artery. For final coverage, a latissimus free muscle flap graft was performed. Specimens for fungal culture were taken

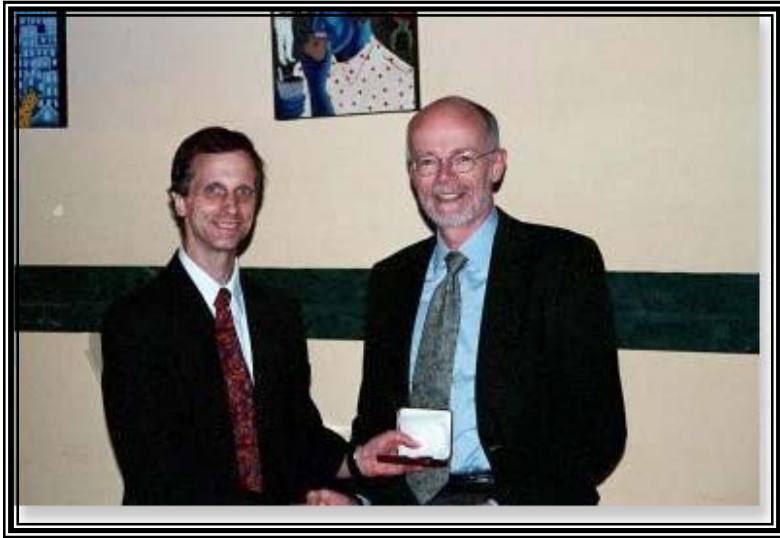
from the graft and demonstrated an overwhelming infection. A photograph of structures seen in the fungal culture is shown. The patient was treated with amphotericin B. A portion of the distal muscle graft became necrotic and was treated with serial debridements and the wound granulated nicely. No other evidence of infection was seen after long-term follow-up.

1. Would you expect that this etiological agent to grow rapidly or slowly?
2. To which Order would this fungus belong?
3. Name three genera that have been associated with traumatic wound infection
4. Could there be a seasonal component to the occurrence of skin and subcutaneous infections caused by this group of fungi
5. What is the structure shown in the photograph and is it common to see it in primary culture?

Please e-mail or call Glenn. Roberts with our comments or questions:

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John Taylor receives the Rhoda Benham award from Tom Walsh

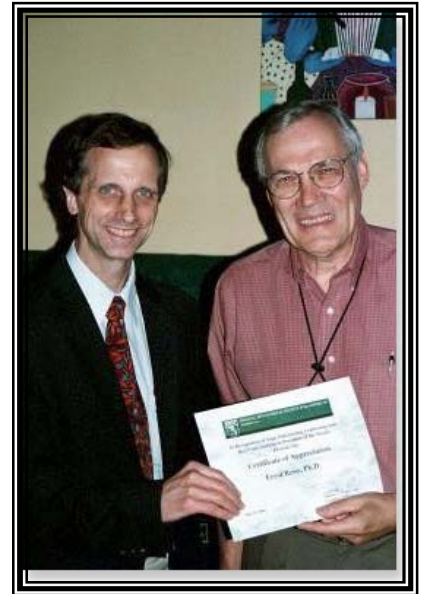


Tom Mitchell receives the Billy H Cooper award from Barb Zimmer and Tom Walsh



Dr. Caron Lyman presented Tricia A. Missall from St. Louis University the Milton Huppert award

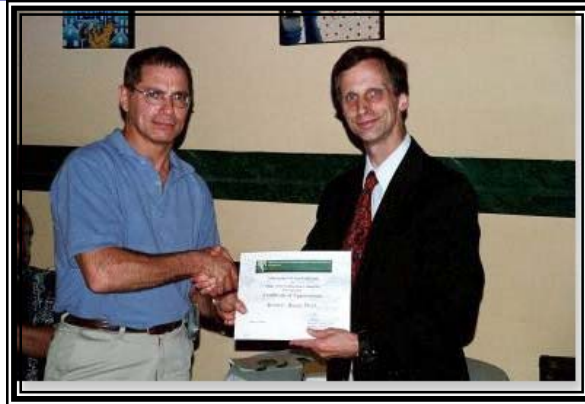
Leo Mendoza receives recognition as Councilor



Barb Zimmer and Charles Jeffries answer questions about our



Errol Reiss is congratulated for the Web Page launch



Kevin Hazen is recognized as Councilor



Mike McGinnis presents Mrs. Ajello with the Memorial book and gift

A special thanks to Art DiSalvo and Errol Reiss for their digital photographs

Mayo Medical Laboratories presents: [Introductory Clinical Mycology:](#)  
**Help for the Beginner**

November 18-20, 2004

Phillips Hall, Harold W. Siebens Education Building  
Rochester, Minnesota

This conference is designed to introduce basic clinical mycology to those not acquainted with the field. Technologists/microbiologists will be able to recognize fungi in clinical specimens; identify common filamentous fungi and yeasts; interpret fungal serologic test results and understand the use of antifungal susceptibility testing. Case presentations will illustrate the selection of appropriate clinical specimens; use of appropriate laboratory testing and importance of communication between the laboratorian and physician. Participants will gain an appreciation for this discipline that has a direct impact on patient care. Mayo Foundation is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

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## COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this conference, participants should be able to:

- Demonstrate specimen collection methods that ensure recovery of fungi from patient's specimens
- Interpret the microscopic morphologic features of fungi commonly found in clinical specimens
- Identify and differentiate the most commonly encountered yeasts and molds seen in the clinical laboratory
- Translate how fungal serologic and antifungal susceptibility testing plays a role in patient care
- Evaluate the importance of quality laboratory diagnostic skills to patient care

Attendance at this Mayo course does not indicate nor guarantee competence or proficiency in the performance of any procedures which may be discussed or taught in this course.



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“news”.*

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*I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Leslie*

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## *“Smart Quote”*

"It is a great thing to make scientific discoveries of rare value, but it is even greater to be willing to share these discoveries and to encourage other workers in the same field of scientific research."

William J. Mayo, 1861-1939