



Course in Clinical Fungi

Organized by FDLC (Fungal Diagnostic Laboratory Consortium), Foundation Atlas of Clinical Fungi, and Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen

Nov 7 to Nov 12, 2022, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Morning sessions: 8:30a-12:45p; afternoon sessions: 1:30-5:00p. Lectures are maximally 45-60 min with 15 min break.

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Venue:

Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Costs and requirements:

The course fee for 6 full days course is US\$ 1,000, including breakfast, luncheons, coffee/tea with snacks/cookies during breaks. The course materials are based on the Atlas of Clinical Fungi (by Sybren de Hoog, Josep Guarro, ..., and Roxana Vitale, which can be purchased at <https://webshop.atlasclinicalfungi.org> and includes an electronic searchable version), and Larone's Medically Important Fungi (by Davise Larone, Randall Hayden, and Thomas Walsh). Please bring your laptop and a lab-coat. A maximum of 50 participants is allowed.

Provisional program:

Monday 7 Nov.: The fungal Kingdom; lower fungi

Lectures: 8:30-10:30a and 10:45a-12:45p (4 hours)

- Sean Zhang: Introduction.
- Sybren de Hoog: General taxonomy; life cycles, pleomorphism, nomenclature.
- Sybren de Hoog: Introduction to Atlas of Clinical Fungi; diagnostic keys.

Lunch: 12:45-1:30p

Lectures: 1:30-3:30p and 3:45-6:15p (4.5 hours)

- Tom Walsh: The host, who are at risk for fungal diseases?
- Roxana Vitale: Biosafety classifications.
- Roxana Vitale: Clinical sampling and processing.
- Sybren de Hoog: Introduction to microscopic methods.
- Sean Zhang: Direct microscopic examination on clinical specimens
- Sybren de Hoog: Taxonomy of the Mucorales and Entomophthorales.
- Tom Walsh: Infections by Mucorales and Entomophthorales.

Tuesday 8 Nov.: Eurotiales

Lectures: 8:00-10:00a and 10:15a-12:45p (4.5 hours)

- Sybren de Hoog: Short introduction to ascomycetes.
- Sybren de Hoog: Conidiogenesis in asexual fungi: hyphomycetes and coelomycetes.
- Sybren de Hoog: Taxonomy of Eurotiales: *Aspergillus*, *Paecilomyces*, *Talaromyces*.
- Kimberly Hanson: Aspergillosis, Talaromycosis.
- Nathan Wiederhold: Practice of antifungal testing, PK/PD of antifungals, antifungal Therapeutic Drug Monitoring
- Shawn Lockhart: Antifungal drug acquired and intrinsic resistance.

Lunch: 12:45-1:30p

Practice: 1:30-3:15pm and 3:30-5:00pm (3.25 hours)

- Microscopy mucormycetes (*Lichtheimia corymbifera*, *Basidiobolus ranarum*, *Cunninghamella bertholletiae*, *Conidiobolus coronatus*, *Mucor hiemalis*, *Rhizopus arrhizus*).
- Microscopy of Eurotiales (*Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus terreus*, *Aspergillus versicolor*, *Aspergillus nidulans*, *Paecilomyces variotii*, *Talaromyces marneffeii*).

Wednesday 9 Nov.: Onygenales

Lectures: 8:30-10:30a and 10:45a-12:45p (4 hours)

- Sybren de Hoog: Overview of the order Onygenales.
- Sybren de Hoog: Arthrodermataceae: dermatophytes.
- Paschalis Vergidis: dermatophyte infections.
- Sybren de Hoog: Ajellomycetaceae: systemic mycoses.
- Paschalis Vergidis: Coccidiomycosis, Paracoccidiomycosis, Blastomycosis, Histoplasmosis, Emergomycosis.

Lunch: 12:45-1:30p

- 1:30-3:15pm and 3:30-5:00pm (3.25 hours)
- Microscopy Dermatophytes (*Epidermophyton floccosum*, *Microsporum canis*, *Trichophyton interdigitale*, *Trichophyton rubrum*, *Trichophyton schoenleinii*, *Trichophyton verrucosum*).
- Culture and histopathology and microscopy systemic infections (*Histoplasma capsulatum*, *Emergomyces pasteurianus*, *Coccidioides immitis*, *Paracoccidioides brasiliensis*).

Thursday 10 Nov.: Yeasts and Yeast-like fungi

Lectures: 8:30-10:30a and 10:45a-12:45p (4 hours)

- Sybren de Hoog: Overview of yeasts and yeast-like fungi.
- Stefan Riedel: Candidiasis and Cryptococcosis.
- Sean Zhang: Current diagnostic techniques – MALDI TOF MS.
- Connie Gibas: Current diagnostic techniques – sequencing based identification and phylogenetic analysis.

Lunch: 12:45-1:30p

Practice: 1:30-3:15pm and 3:30-5:00pm (3.25 hours)

- Microscopy of ascomycetous and basidiomycetous yeasts and yeast-like fungi (*Candida albicans*, *C. dubliniensis*, *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Saprochaete capitata*, *Malassezia furfur*, *Trichosporon inkin*, *Yarrowia lipolytica*, *Rhodotorula rubra*, *Geotrichum candidum*).
- Roxana Vitale: Interactive cases: discussion of real-life cases including microscopy, histology, antigen detection, radiology, MIC-testing and antifungal treatment.

Friday 11 Nov.: Black yeasts and other dematiaceous opportunists

Lectures: 8:30-10:30a and 10:45a-12:45p (4 hours)

- Sybren de Hoog: Taxonomy of black yeasts and relatives; diagnostic overview.
- Sybren de Hoog: Clinical pictures of black yeasts and relatives.
- Sybren de Hoog: Mycetoma.
- Sybren de Hoog: Melanized opportunists.

Lunch: 12:45-1:30p

Practice: 1:30-3:15pm and 3:30-5:00pm (3.25 hours)

- Microscopy of traumatic / systemic Microascales (*Lomentospora [Scedosporium] prolificans*).
- Microscopy of Chaetothyriales (*Exophiala dermatitidis*, *Cladophialophora bantiana*, *Cladophialophora carrionii*, *Phialophora verrucosa*, *Rhinocladiella aquaspersa*).
- Microscopy of Pleosporales and other melanised fungi (*Alternaria alternata*, *Curvularia geniculata*, *Bipolaris spicifera*, *Phaeoacremonium parasiticum*, *Pleurostoma [Phialophora] richardsiae*, *Phoma glomerata*, *Microascus paisii [Scopulariopsis brumptii]*).

Saturday 12 Nov.: Hyaline opportunists and conclusion

Lectures: 8:30-10:30a and 10:45a-12:45p (4 hours)

- Sybren de Hoog: Ophiostomatales: *Sporothrix* and sporotrichosis.
- Sybren de Hoog: Hypocreales: *Fusarium* and relatives.

- Sybren de Hoog: Microascales: *Scedosporium* and brain infection.
- Sybren de Hoog: Basidiomycetous filamentous fungi.
- Gary Procop: Fungal histopathology.

Lunch: 12:45-1:30p

Practice: 1:30-2:45pm (1.25 hours)

- Microscopy of filamentous Basidiomycetes (*Schizophyllum commune*, *Coprinopsis cinereus*).
- Microcopy of Hypocreales (*Fusarium oxysporum*, *Sarocladium kiliense*).
- Microscopy of Ophiostomatales (*Sporothrix schenckii*).

Final examination. 3:00–4:15p (1.25 hours)

Certificates and Farewell 4:30-5:00pm