



Working Group Interim Report

1	Title of Working Group	Black yeasts
2	Name(s) of Coordinator(s)	Sybren de Hoog
3	Objectives	Creating sufficient critical mass by cooperation between mostly very small research groups. The total network now has about 250 members.
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	<p>With the latest black yeast workshop in Curitiba (Brazil) as a starting point, a special issue of the journal Mycopathologia has been made which will appear as the only open access issue of this journal in 2013.</p> <p>We had a meeting in Berlin about cooperation on genome sequencing. Several initiatives have been taken in Brazil, China and Saudi Arabia. A joint black yeast sub-website with genome data is available at Broad. The black yeast website contains a list of progress of sequencing results of each strain.</p> <p>As larger studies, review articles black yeasts in cold-blooded animals were published in Persoonia and in Clin Microbiol Reviews.</p>
5	Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?	Yes. Workshops in Guangzhou China is scheduled, the next one will be in Viterbo (Italy).