Lecture: Fungi

Fungi

- no vascular tissues - eukaryotic - aerobic or facultative Phyla (based on form of sexual spore) terrestrial 1. Zygomycota - zygomycetes (ex.) 2. Ascomycota - ascomycetes (Aspergillus -3. Basidiomycota - basidiomycetes (4. Deuteromycota - deuteromycetes (fungi imperfecti, no sexual phase known) 5. Oomycota - oomycetes (water molds,ex. Saprolegnia) -Yeasts vs. Molds molds - filamentous = hyphae (lots of hyphae =) () yeasts - spherical, colonies () - some fungi only yeasts, -some only molds - some do both = - temp, nutrients, CO₂ affect formation molds at $RT \rightarrow$ yeasts at body temp Vegetative Structures (actively growing) - Molds and Fleshy Fungi (body=) Septate hyphae = cells separated by walls () aseptate hyphae = vegetative hyphae = reproductive (aerial) hyphae = - colored portion of culture - Yeasts nonfilamentous, unicellular, facultative, budding **Reproductive Structures** Spores (molds) - asexual formation () and sexual formation () **Characteristics** Function - produced in large #'s - light weight - disseminated easily - some are resistant to adverse environment

Most fungi (

) produce spores both asexually and sexually.

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- resulting spores are always haploid (n) regardless of whether they were produced by sexual or asexual means

Example: Yeast

Sexual reproduction produces haploid ascospores.

Asexual reproduction is an unequal cell division = buds (

(see handout on fungal reproduction)

Culturing Fungi

SAB - Sabouraud Dextrose Agar - low pH (5-6) retards bacteria

Ecology

- saprophytes eat dead stuff (e.g., wood), decomposers
- parasites -
- mutualistic associations -- lichen - combination of a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium

Benefits

- industry -

Detriments

- diseases of animals and crops - Fungal disease =

Study Objectives

- 1. Compare and contrast fungi with: a) true plants b) bacteria.
- 2. What are the 5 phyla of fungi? What is the basis for this classification?
- 3. Describe yeasts and molds. How are they related?
- 4. Compare and contrast sexual and asexual reproduction with spore formation in yeast.
- 5. Compare and contrast fungal spores with bacterial endospores.
- 6. What is a mycosis?