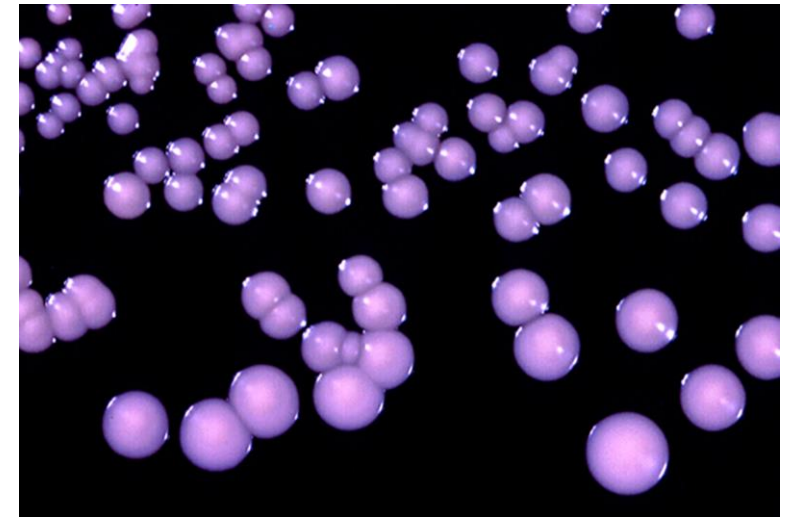
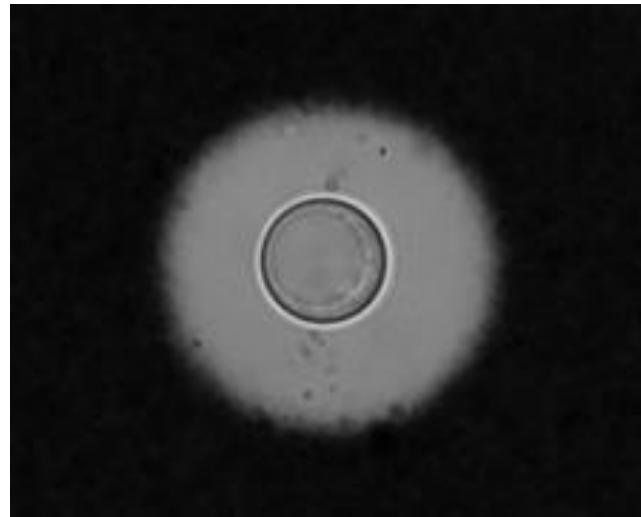
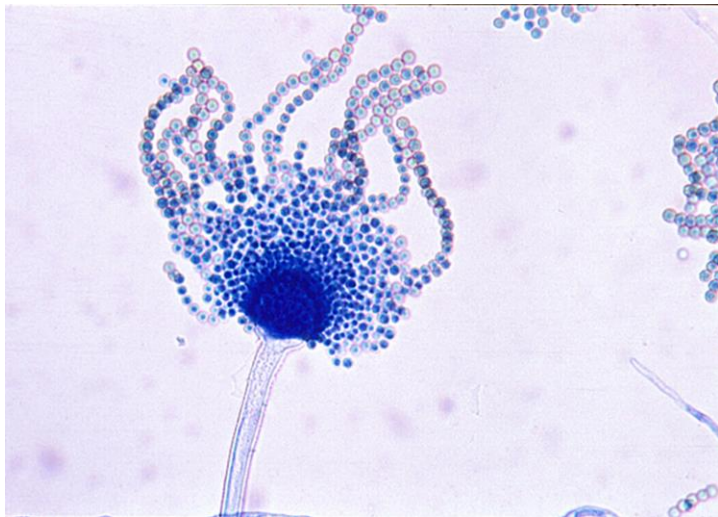


FIDSSA Mycoses Interest Group



Broader aim

To develop interest and expertise in the field of medical mycology

among clinical microbiologists, histopathologists, specialist and non-specialist clinicians (incl. ID, critical care, haematology, radiology, public health), nurses, researchers, medical scientists and laboratory technologists working in SA

so that a fully-fledged society may eventually be formed

Objectives

1. To coordinate and provide educational activities related to medical mycology
2. To develop research collaborations to understand the burden and epidemiology of medical mycoses in South Africa and the region
3. To create a pool of experts to contribute to international, national, regional guidelines, specific to resource-limited settings, in collaboration with multiple societies
4. To advocate for essential antifungal medicines and diagnostics
5. To disseminate relevant information about medical mycoses to professionals and members of the public
6. To seek funding to support abovementioned objectives

Proposed structure

- Nested within FIDSSA
- Not a formal Society (so not eligible to receive membership fees)
- “Transversal” group drawing members from various FIDSSA Societies
- Led by a chairperson who reports to the FIDSSA Council
- FIDSSA members subscribe to MIG but remain affiliated to their primary Society

Proposed short-term activities

- Contribute to mycology tracks at local and international conferences
- Run annual educational workshops
- Set up a WhatsApp discussion group for complex clinical cases
- Evaluate and implement new diagnostic tests
- Develop or evaluate clinical guidelines
- Report unusual or interesting cases
 - COTM once a year
 - FungiScope
- Publish “top ten mycology articles” relevant to SA

Next steps

1. Send mailer to all FIDSSA members
2. Interested members to register with FIDSSA admin office (Lea Lourens)
3. Need a critical mass of at least 20 members to be viable
4. Members to nominate and vote for a chairperson
5. Draft and sign off terms of reference
6. Plan activities for 2020 and 2021
7. Plan how to recruit members beyond FIDSSA (medium term)