Polypore diversity of Fenglin Nature Reserve, northeastern China

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Field investigations on wood-rotting fungi in Fenglin Nature Reserve, northeastern China, were made in 1999–2002, and nearly 700 specimens were collected by the authors. Based mostly on the collected material, 161 poroid wood-inhabiting species were identified, and this paper gives a checklist of our results. Substrates and collecting data of each species are supplied in the checklist. Five species, *Junghuhnia semisupiniformis* (Murrill) Ryvarden, *Postia ceriflua* (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) Jülich, *Postia rancida* (Bres.) M.J. Larsen & Lombard, *Skeletocutis papyracea* A. David, and *Tyromyces canadensis* Overh. *ex* J. Lowe, are new to China. *Antrodia hingganensis* Y.C. Dai & Penttilä and *Postia amurensis* Y.C. Dai & Penttilä are new to science. The species diversity of polypores in Fenglin Nature Reserve is very high in regional, stand and tree species level when compared with North European data. The number of endemic species is much higher than that known from Europe. A high number of host tree species, lack of Pleistocene glaciations and favourable geography are the likely explanations to the observed high species diversity and level of endemism.

Key words: Basidiomycota, checklist, polypores, species diversity, taxonomy, woodinhabiting fungi

Introduction

Vascular plants, in particular trees, are richer in species in north-east Asia than in the other parts of Eurasia or in North American boreal and temperate forests (Adams & Woodward 1989, Latham & Ricklefs 1993, Qian & Ricklefs 2000). The higher species diversity in NE Asia has been explained by limited spread of glaciers and consequently lower rates of extinctions during the repeated glacial and interglacial phases in the Pleistocene (Adams & Woodward 1989), and by extreme physiographical heterogeneity in conjunction with climate and sea-level changes, which has created opportunities for evolutionary radiation through allopatric speciation (Qian & Ricklefs 2000, Harrison *et al.* 2001).

The species richness of wood-rotting fungi in north-east Asia is very high (Ryvarden *et al.* 1986, Dai 1996b, 2000, Núñez & Ryvarden 2000, 2001) if compared with that in other boreal or temperate regions in the world (Núñez & Stokland 2000). Lack of Pleistocene glaciations, high diversity of host species and favourable geography (junction of dispersal routes from west, south and east) have been postulated as the main reasons for this high diversity (Dai 1996a, Núñez & Stokland 2000).

Numerous polypore species have been described from northeastern China and Russian Far East (Bondartsev 1961, 1962, 1963, Lyubarsky 1962, Bondartsev & Lyubarsky 1963, 1965, Parmasto 1980, 1982, Dai 1996a, 1998, Núñez et al. 2001, Dai & Niemelä 2002), and recently Núñez and Ryvarden (2000, 2001) systematically documented the species of the Ganodermataceae, Hymenochaetaceae and Polyporaceae in East Asia. However, because of the huge areas of little investigated forests in Far East Asia, the knowledge of the polypores is still scanty. In Europe, and especially in Fennoscandia, wood-inhabiting fungi are rather well known; for example in Finland, where the polypore flora is well-studied, 226 species are known (Niemelä 2004). From a single study area in northeastern China, Dai (1996b) reported (Changbai Mountains) almost the same number of polypore species as in the whole of Finland, which is a clear indication of much higher species richness in northeastern China than in Finland. This difference is evidently due to a much higher number of host trees in northeastern China (Dai 1996a). and most probably also because of the slightly lower latitude of the Chinese study area, since increasing species richness with decreasing latitudes is well-established in many taxa (Gaston & Blackburn 2000). However, the past geographic and climatic changes, especially the latest ice ages, cannot be excluded as an explanation for the observed differences. Finland was totally ice-covered for long periods during the glacial maxima whereas northeastern China was predominantly ice-free and consequently formed a refugium for boreal Eurasian species (Elias 1986, Komonen et al. 2003).

In this paper, we report polypore species found from the Fenglin Nature Reserve, northeastern China, during field excursions in 1999, 2000 and 2002. Besides the checklist of species and taxonomic studies, we present results from quantitative inventories. They were made in similar habitats (spruce-dominated old-growth forests intermixed with other tree species) and with similar methods as previously in Finnish study areas. This kind of detailed information gives a good background for the comparison of polypore assemblages and their diversity between northern Europe (Finland) and northeastern Asia (Fenglin Nature Reserve). We also identified the host tree species for each polypore collection or observation in order to find out if the number of polypore species on certain host-tree species is higher in northeastern China than in Finland. We hypothesize that if the species number on a certain host is much higher in China than in Finland and if it contains several endemic or non-European species, also factors other than the high number of host-tree species alone are involved in explaining the high species diversity of polypores in northeastern China.

Material and methods

Study area

Fenglin Nature Reserve is situated in Heilongjiang Province, north-east China (48°01'-48°09'N, 128°59'-129°15'E). The reserve is the last virgin forest in the area, having the size of 18 400 hectares. The forest belongs to the hemiboreal vegetation zone. The reserve was mainly established because of its dense virgin stands of Korean pine (Pinus koraiensis). It belongs to the Lesser Hinggan Mountains and the altitude varies from 300 m to over 700 m above sea level. The main gymnosperm tree is Pinus koraiensis, mixed with Abies nephrolepis, Larix gmelinii, Picea jezoensis, and Picea koraiensis; the common angiosperms are Alnus hirsuta, Betula platyphylla, Corylus mandshurica, Fraxinus mandshurica, Lonicera maximowiczii, Maackia amurensis, Phellodendron amurense, Populus davidiana, Quercus mongolica, Syringa mandshurica, Tilia amurensis, Ulmus propingua, and several species of Acer and Salix.

Taxonomy

The specimens collected by Yu-Cheng Dai (YCD) are mostly deposited at the herbarium of Institute of Applied Ecology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IFP), and the material collected by Reijo Penttilä (RP) and some duplicates of YCD are preserved at the Botanical Museum of the University of Helsinki (H). For comparison, reference material from H was also studied.

The microscopic routine used in the study is as presented by Dai (1996b). In the text the following abbreviations are used: $L(L^*) = variation$ of mean spore length among the specimens studied (L^* = the mean of all spores from the studied specimens), $W(W^*) =$ variation of mean spore width among the specimens studied $(W^* = \text{the mean of all spores from the studied})$ specimens), Q = variation in the L/W ratios among the specimens studied (quotient of the mean spore length and the mean spore width), n = (x/y) the number of spores (pores, hyphae and cystidioles) measured from a given number of specimens. In presenting the variation in the size of spores (pores and hyphae), 5% of the measurements were excluded from each end of the range, and are given in parentheses; IKI stands for Melzer's reagent and KOH for 5% potassium hydroxide, and CB is the abbreviation of Cotton Blue. CB+ means cyanophilous and CB- acyanophilous; IKI- means both inamyloid and indextrinoid.

Inventories

The first, one-week inventory was made in July 1999, the second during three weeks in late July to August 2000 and the third one-week inventory in September of 2002. In general, species diversity and ecology of polypores were followed during each trip by counting both the numbers and abundances of the species in the field. Also the host tree species of each collection was identified, whenever possible. Most of the inventories were made in *Picea* and *Abies* dominated forests, but also pine (*Pinus koraiensis*) and deciduous forests were visited.

In addition to the "normal" inventories, a specific quantitative inventory of polypore flora was done in two sample plots in Fenglin to compare the species richness between boreal old-growth forests of southern Fennoscandia (Finland) and north-east Asia. Similar inventory methods, in which the time spent in the study area was connected to the amount of dead wood in that area, were used both in Fenglin Nature Reserve and in Fennoscandian study areas. In Fenglin the sizes of the sample plots were 3 and 4 ha, and the active searching time spent in the sample plot was 14 and 11 hours, respectively. Both sample plots were dominated by Picea (P. jezoensis and P. koraiensis) and Abies (A. nephrolepis), intermixed with Pinus koraiensis and Betula platyphylla and several other deciduous tree species. The amount of dead wood was very high in both sample plots: about 200 m3 ha-1 in the 3-ha plot and between 100-150 m³ ha⁻¹ in the 4-ha sample plot. The number of species, and the abundance and the host tree of each species (or specimen) were investigated from both sample plots. Some of the species were identified already in the field, but over 400 specimens were collected for later identification.

Results

Checklist

In the following a list (alphabetical according to genera) of the polypores is given and, after each name, its substrate and collecting data are supplied. A few species lack collecting data, because they were identified according to the specimens in the exhibition herbarium of the Fenglin Nature Reserve. The authors of scientific names have been abbreviated mostly according to Brummitt and Powell (1992). Polypores are circumscribed here in a wide sense, including the Polyporaceae, Ganodermataceae, and poroid species of the Hymenochaetaceae, Corticiaceae and Tremellaceae. The names marked with an asterisk (*) are new to science, and species in bold are new to China. Some difficult specimens are still unidentified in the material.

- Amylocystis lapponica (Romell) Singer, Picea, 9.VII.1999 YCD 3136
- Anomoporia bombycina (Fr.) Pouzar, Picea, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13160 & 13167
- Anomoporia flavissima Niemelä, Abies, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13466; Betula, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13245; gymnosperm, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3741; Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3625, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13411
- Anomoporia myceliosa (Peck) Pouzar, Abies, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3719
- Antrodia albida (Fr. : Fr.) Donk, Betula, 29.VII.2000 RP

13006, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13373; Picea, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13495 & 13506

- Antrodia albobrunnea (Romell) Ryvarden, Picea, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13130
- Antrodia crassa (P. Karst.) Ryvarden, Larix, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3749; Picea, 31.VII.2000 RP 13040, 13078 & 13079, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13203, 14.VIII.2000 RP 13508 & 13510; Pinus, 6.VII.1999 YCD 3112
- Antrodia gossypium (Speg.) Ryvarden, Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13204
- *Antrodia hingganensis Y.C. Dai & Penttilä, Larix, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3748; Picea, 29.VII.2000 RP 13011, Pinus, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13146
- Antrodia infirma Renvall & Niemelä, Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3726; Pinus, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13107, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13199
- Antrodia serialis (Fr.) Donk, Picea, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3699, 30.VII.2000 RP 13043; Pinus, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13214
- Antrodia sitchensis (Baxter) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Picea, 29.VII.2000 RP 13012, 30.VII.2000 RP 13027, 31.VII.2000 RP 13049, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13122, 13131, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13209 & 13233, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13342, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3604 & 3617; Pinus, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13106, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13449
- Antrodia vaillantii (DC. : Fr.) Ryvarden, Pinus, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13446
- Antrodia xantha (Fr. : Fr.) Ryvarden, angiosperm, 7. VIII.2000
 RP 13309; Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3715, 2. VIII.2000
 RP 13112, 9. VIII.2000 RP 13347; Pinus, 4. VIII.2000
 RP 13198, 5. VIII.2000 RP 13249; Quercus, 9. VII.1999
 YCD 3129
- Antrodiella citrinella Niemelä & Ryvarden, Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3603
- Antrodiella gypsea (Yasuda) T. Hattori & Ryvarden, Abies,
 7.IX.2002 YCD 3614, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3730, 2.VIII.2000
 RP 13124 & 13125, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13218 & 13259,
 7.VIII.2000 RP 13301, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13419 &
 13420; Picea, 31.VII.2000 RP 13051, 3.VIII.2000 RP
 13185, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13336, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13407,
 12.VIII.2000 RP13475, 13477 & 13478
- Antrodiella pallasii Renvall, Johannesson & Stenlid, Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3717
- Antrodiella semisupina (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) Ryvarden sensu lato, Betula, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13318
- Antrodiella ussurii Y.C. Dai & Niemelä, Betula, 31.VII.2000 RP 13066 & 13077, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13120 & 13144; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3683 & 3686
- Bjerkandera adusta (Willd. : Fr.) P. Karst., angiosperm, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13087, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13352 & 13399; Betula, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13123, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13472; Salix, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3644
- Bjerkandera fumosa (Pers. : Fr.) P. Karst., Salix, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3642; Tilia, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13430
- Castanoporus castaneus (Lloyd) Ryvarden, Larix, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3722; Picea, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13408
- Ceriporia purpurea (Fr.) Donk, Alnus, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3723; angiosperm, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3708

Ceriporiopsis mucida (Pers. : Fr.) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Abies, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13177, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13421; angiosperm, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13117; gymnosperm, 29.VII.2000 RP 13004; Picea, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13159

- Ceriporiopsis subrufa (Ell. & Dearn) Ginns, Betula, 5. VIII.2000 RP 13231
- Cerrena unicolor (Bull. : Fr.) Murrill, Acer, 31.VII.2000 RP 13063; Ulmus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3589
- Climacocystis borealis (Fr.) Kotl. & Pouzar, Pinus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3703
- Cryptoporus volvatus (Peck) Shear, Pinus, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13434
- Daedalea dickinsii Yasuda, Quercus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3695
- Daedaleopsis confragosa (Bolton : Fr.) J. Schroet., Salix, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3590, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3646, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13433
- Daedaleopsis sinensis (Lloyd) Y.C. Dai, Alnus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3635, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3653 & 3665, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13312 & 13317; angiosperm, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13333 & 13356 & 13389, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13437 & 13458
- Daedaleopsis tricolor (Bull. : Mérat) Bondartsev & Singer, angiosperm, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13326, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13350 & 13404, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13457; Betula, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3602, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13328
- Datronia scutellata (Schwein.) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3672 & 3711
- Dichomitus squalens (P. Karst.) D.A. Reid, Picea, 7.VII.1999 YCD 3119; Pinus, 9.VII.1999 YCD 3130
- Diplomitoporus flavescens (Bres.) Domański, Pinus, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3752
- Diplomitoporus lindbladii (Berk.) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Larix, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3742; Picea, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13422, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13492; Salix, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3713
- Elmerina holophaea (Pat.) Parmasto, Betula, 31.VII.2000 RP 13071; Picea, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13206
- Fomes fomentarius (L. : Fr.) Fr., Betula, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13318
- Fomitiporia hartigii (Allesch. & Schnabl) Fiasson & Niemelä, Abies
- Fomitiporia punctata (P. Karst.) Murrill, Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3657; angiosperm, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13154
- Fomitopsis cajanderi (P. Karst.) Kotl. & Pouzar, gymnosperm, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3652; Larix, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3691; Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3735, 29.VII.2000 RP 13007 & 13013, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13216 & 13286, 12.VII.2000 RP 13505; Pinus, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13195
- Fomitopsis pinicola (Sw. : Fr.) P. Karst., Alnus, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13432; angiosperm, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13459
- Fomitopsis rosea (Alb. & Schwein. : Fr.) P. Karst., Picea,
 7.VII.1999 YCD 3118, 9.VII.1999 YCD 3131, 3132
 & 3133, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3621; Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3596
- Funalia cervina (Schwein. : Fr.) Y.C. Dai, Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3680
- Funalia trogii (Berk.) Bondartsev & Singer, Populus
- Ganoderma lipsiense (Batsch) G.F. Atk., angiosperm, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13089 & 13100; Betula, 31.VII.2000 RP 13084
- Ganoderma tsugae Murrill, Larix
- Gelatoporia pannocincta (Romell) Niemelä, Abies, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13323; Betula, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13119, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13149, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3675; Picea

Ceriporia sp. 1, Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3678

9.VIII.2000 RP 13327; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3681

- Gelatoporia subvermispora (Pilát) Niemelä, Abies, 31.VII.2000 RP 13061; Betula, 31.VII.2000 RP 13085; Picea, 7.VII.1999 YCD 3120, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3609 & 3631, 29.VII.2000 RP 13010, 30.VII.2000 RP 13025, 13026, 13032, 13041, 13044 & 13045, 31.VII.2000 RP 13053, 13055, 13057, 13059 & 13075, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13113 & 13137, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13151, 13155, 13172, 13178, 13183 & 13184, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13193, 13201 & 13210, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13248, 13251, 13253, 13260, 13263 & 13268, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13346 & 13348, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13473; Pinus, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13102, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13222, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13383; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3682
- Gloeophyllum abietinum (Bull. : Fr.) P. Karst., Larix, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3744; Picea, 31.VII.2000 RP 13024, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13129; Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3595
- *Gloeophyllum odoratum* (Wulfen : Fr.) Imazeki, *Picea*, 7.IX.2002 *YCD* 3626, 30.VII.2000 *RP* 13209, 5.VIII.2000 *RP* 13239
- Gloeophyllum sepiarium (Wulfen : Fr.) P. Karst., Picea, 30.VII.2000 RP 13023, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13134, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13186, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13416
- Gloeophyllum trabeum (Pers. : Fr.) Murrill, Betula, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3663 & 3664
- Gloeoporus dichrous (Fr. : Fr.) Bres., Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3712; angiosperm, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3655, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13088; Betula, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13241, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13463
- Grifola frondosa (Dicks. : Fr.) Gray, ground, 14.VIII.2000 RP 13512 & 13513
- Haploporus odorus (Sommerf.) Bondartsev & Singer, Syringa, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3673
- Heterobasidion insulare (Murrill) Ryvarden sensu lato, Abies, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3601 & 3619, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13261, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13321; angiosperm, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13118; Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3597 & 3598
- Inonotus obliquus (Pers. : Fr.) Pilát, Betula
- Inonotus radiatus (Sowerby : Fr.) P. Karst., Alnus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3637, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3650; angiosperm, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13439 & 13460
- Irpex lacteus (Fr. : Fr.) Fr. sensu lato, Betula, Populus
- Ischnoderma benzoinum (Wahlenb. : Fr.) P. Karst., Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3753, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13504
- Junghuhnia collabens (Fr.) Ryvarden, Abies 5.VIII.2000 RP 13267; Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3606
- Junghuhnia luteoalba (P. Karst.) Ryvarden, angiosperm, 29.VII.2000 RP 13014, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13181; Betula, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13141 & 13142
- Junghuhnia nitida (Pers. : Fr.) Ryvarden, angiosperm, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13109, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13116, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13363; Betula, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3636, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13351; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3685
- Junghuhnia pseudoziligiana (Parmasto) Ryvarden, Betula, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3707
- Junghuhnia semisupiniformis (Murrill) Ryvarden, angiosperm, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13095
- Laetiporus sulphureus (Bull. : Fr.) Murrill, angiosperm, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13325; Picea, 7.VII.1999 YCD 3121b, 30.VII.2000 RP 13018 & 13020

- Laricifomes officinalis (Vill. : Fr.) Bondartsev & Singer, Larix, 7.VII.1999 YCD 3122
- Lenzites betulinus (L. : Fr.) Fr., angiosperm, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13103; Betula, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3638, 28.VII.2000 RP 13001, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13401
- Leptoporus mollis (Pers. : Fr.) Quél., Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13262 & 13266
- Leucophellinus irpicoides (Pilát) Bondartsev & Singer, Acer, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13091
- Melanoporia castanea (Yasuda) T. Hattori & Ryvarden, Quercus
- Oligoporus obductus (Berk.) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Pinus, 6.VIII.2000 RP 13320
- *Oligoporus sericeomollis* (Romell) Bondartseva, *Picea*, 5.VIII.2000 *RP* 13279 & 13283; *Pinus*, 8.IX.2002 *YCD* 3709, 9.VIII.2000 *RP* 13380
- Onnia leporina (Fr.) H. Jahn, Abies 12.VIII.2000 RP 13448
- Oxyporus corticola (Fr.) Ryvarden, Abies, 7.VII.1999 YCD 3116, 9.VII.1999 YCD 3134, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3736, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13217, 13275 & 13276, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13294, 13304, 13306 & 13310, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13371, 13376, 13384, 13397 & 13417, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13441 & 13503; Acer, 31.VII.2000 RP 13068; angiosperm, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13136, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13164, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13355; Betula, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13138, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13150, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13277, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13385, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13465; Picea, 6.VII.1999 YCD 3113, 8.VII.1999 YCD 3126, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13364, 13365, 13366 & 13415, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13427
- Oxyporus populinus (Schumach. : Fr.) Donk, Acer, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3679, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13485
- Parmastomyces mollissimus (Maire) Pouzar, Betula,
 9.VIII.2000 RP 13331; Larix, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3738;
 Picea, 30.VII.2000 RP 13046, 31.VIII.2000 RP 13074, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13315, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13345,
 12.VIII.2000 RP 13486; Pinus, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3743, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13192, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13329,
 9.VIII.2000 RP 13368, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13454
- Perenniporia maackiae (Bondartsev & Ljub.) Parmasto, Maackia, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13111
- Perenniporia narymica (Pilát) Pouzar, angiosperm, 31.VII.2000 RP 13017
- Perenniporia subacida (Peck) Donk, Larix, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3668; Picea, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13300, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13360
- Phaeolus schweinitzii (Fr. : Fr.) Pat., Larix, 28.VII.2000 RP 13002; Picea, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13147, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13349, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13393 & 13412, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13487
- Phellinidium ferrugineofuscum (P. Karst.) Fiasson & Niemelä, Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3735, 31.VII.2000 RP 13056 & 13082, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13475 & 13480; Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3623
- Phellinidium sulphurascens (Pilát) Y.C. Dai, Picea, 9.IX.2002
 YCD 3746, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13189, 4.VIII.2000
 RP 13200, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13293 & 13296; Pinus, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13507
- Phellinus baumii Pilát, Syringa, 6.VII.1999 YCD 3110, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3645 & 3674, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13105,

9.VIII.2000 RP 13418

- Phellinus ferreus (Pers.) Bourdot & Galzin, angiosperm, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13297; Corylus, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3728; Tilia, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3613
- Phellinus ferruginosus (Schrad. : Fr.) Pat., Quercus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3697
- Phellinus igniarius (L. : Fr.) Quél. sensu lato, Betula, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13292
- Phellinus cf. laevigatus (P. Karst.) Bourdot & Galzin, Betula, 31.VII.2000 RP 13070, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13179, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13254, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13305
- Phellinus cf. laricis (Jaczewski in Pilát) Pilát, Larix, 8.VII.1999 YCD 3125, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3733, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13307 & 13308
- Phellinus lundellii Niemelä, Betula, 31.VII.2000 RP 13069, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13204; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3696
- Phellinus nigrolimitatus (Romell) Bourdot & Galzin, Abies, 29.VIII.2000 RP 13016; Picea, 31.VII.2000 RP 13060 & 13080, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13410; Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3629
- Phellinus pini (Brot. : Fr.) A. Ames sensu lato, Pinus, 7.VII.1999 YCD 3117, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3700, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13096, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13221, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13378
- Phellinus tremulae (Bondartsev) Bondartsev & Borisov, Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3671
- Phellinus vaninii Ljub., Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3677
- Phellinus yamanoi (Imazeki) Parmasto, Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3747, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13101, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13311, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13405
- Physisporinus sanguinolentus (Alb. & Schwein. : Fr.) Pilát, Abies, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13127, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13174, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13272, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13353; angiosperm, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13164; Betula, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13169, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13244; Picea, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13322
- Physisporinus vitreus (Pers. : Fr.) P. Karst., angiosperm, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13099; Betula, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13121, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13246, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13386
- Piptoporus betulinus (Bull. : Fr.) P. Karst., Betula
- Piptoporus soloniensis (Dubois : Fr.) Pilát, Quercus
- Polyporus alveolaris (DC. : Fr.) Bondartsev & Singer, Abies, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13452; Betula, 29.VII.2000 RP 13003; Picea, 6.VII.1999 YCD 3109
- Polyporus badius (Pers. : Gray) Schwein., Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3710; Betula, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13230, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13338; Quercus, 9.VII.1999 YCD 3128
- Polyporus brumalis Pers. : Fr., Betula, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3600
- Polyporus mongolicus (Pilát) Y.C. Dai, Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3649 & 3651
- Polyporus squamosus (Huds. : Fr.) Fr., Populus
- Polyporus tubaeformis (P. Karst.) Ryvarden & Gilb., angiosperm, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13483; Pinus, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13429
- Poriodontia subvinosa Parmasto, Abies, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13207, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13220, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13396
- *Postia amurensis Y.C. Dai & Penttilä, angiosperm, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13288.
- Postia caesia (Schrad. : Fr.) P. Karst., Abies, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3622; Larix, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3666; Picea, 5.VIII.2000

RP 13227, 9.VIII.2000 *RP 13358*, 12.VIII.2000 *RP 13494*, 13496, 13498 & 13502.

- Postia ceriflua (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) Jülich, Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13286, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13319; Pinus, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13462
- Postia fragilis (Fr. : Fr.) Jülich, Picea, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13158
- Postia guttulata (Peck) Jülich, Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3634; Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3616
- Postia leucomallella (Murrill) Jülich, Picea, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13155, 14.VIII.2000 RP 13509; Pinus, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3743
- Postia lowei (Pilát) Jülich, Picea, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13132, 6.VIII.2000 RP 13278
- Postia placenta (Fr.) M.J. Larsen & Lombard, Picea, 29.VII.2000 RP 13009, 30.VII.2000 RP 13034, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13208, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13304
- Postia rancida (Bres.) M.J. Larsen & Lombard, Abies, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13280; Pinus, 31.VII.2000 RP 13067 & 13086
- Postia sp. 1, Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3641
- Postia stiptica (Pers. : Fr.) Jülich, angiosperm, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13334; Picea, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3701, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13357, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13414, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13469
- Postia subcaesia (A. David) Jülich, Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3660; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3706
- Postia tephroleuca (Fr.) Jülich, Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3727, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13289
- Postia undosa (Peck) Jülich, Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3608 & 3633, 30.VII.2000 RP 13019 & 13041, 31.VII.2000 RP 13072, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13162, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13284, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13442
- Protomerulius caryae (Schwein.) Ryvarden, Betula, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13143, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13257 & 13270; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3684
- Pycnoporellus fulgens (Fr.) Donk, Abies, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3605, 3620 & 3632; Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13215 & 13269, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13361, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13424 & 13425, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13500
- Rigidoporus crocatus (Pat.) Ryvarden, Abies, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13126, 7.8.2000 RP 13303; Betula, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13324; Picea, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3751, 31.VII.2000 RP 13048, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13413, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13431
- Rigidoporus eminens Y.C. Dai, Betula, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3630, 31.VII.2000 RP 13073, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13152, 13171 & 13175, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13194 & 13212, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13228, 13240, 13247 & 13258, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13339, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13387 & 13394
- Sarcoporia salmonicolor (Berk. & M.C. Curtis) Pouzar, Pinus, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13447
- Schizopora flavipora (Cooke) Ryvarden, angiosperm, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13090 & 13092, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13176 & 13187; Betula, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13170, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13224; Larix, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3720; Picea, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13391, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13499
- Schizopora paradoxa (Schrad. : Fr.) Donk, Picea, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13476 & 13493
- Schizopora radula (Pers. : Fr.) Hallenb., Acer, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13180; angiosperm, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13235; Betula, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13168
- Skeletocutis biguttulata (Romell) Niemelä, Picea, 3. VIII. 2000

RP 13157 & 13166, 9.VIII.2000 *RP 13316*, 12.VIII.2000 *RP 13497*; *Pinus*, 9.VIII.2000 *RP 13379*

- Skeletocutis brevispora Niemelä, Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13237, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3750
- Skeletocutis carneogrisea A. David, Abies, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13173, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13219, 7.VIII.2000 RP 13302; Picea, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13450
- Skeletocutis lenis (P. Karst.) Niemelä, Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3611; Pinus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3693, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13285, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13343, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13484
- Skeletocutis lilacina A. David & Jean Keller, Picea, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13367
- Skeletocutis nivea (Jungh.) Jean Keller, angiosperm, 27.VII.2000 RP 13008, 30.VII.2000 RP 13047, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13213, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13236, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13398; Picea, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13340
- Skeletocutis odora (Sacc.) Ginns, Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3599, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13133, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13163, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13242 & 13250, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13479 & 13490; Pinus, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3618, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13381
- Skeletocutis papyracea A. David, Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13234
- Skeletocutis stellae (Pilát) Jean Keller, Picea, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13467; Pinus, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13445
- Skeletocutis subvulgaris Y.C. Dai, Abies, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13281; Picea, 31.VII.2000 RP 13083, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13229 & 13238; Pinus, 4.VIII.2000 RP 13197
- Skeletocutis vulgaris (Fr.) Niemelä & Y.C. Dai, Abies, 31.VII.2000 RP 13062, Picea, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3610, 29.VII.2000 RP 13005, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13115, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13264, 13265 & 13271, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13443; Pinus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3692, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13369, 12.VIII.2000 RP 13435
- Spongipellis spumea (Sowerby : Fr.) Pat., Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3658
- Trametes conchifer (Schwein. : Fr.) Pilát, Ulmus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3670
- Trametes gibbosa (Pers. : Fr.) Fr., Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3676
- Trametes hirsuta (Wulfen : Fr.) Pilát, Alnus, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13313; Betula, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3639, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13225
- Trametes ochracea (Pers.) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Alnus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3647
- Trametes pubescens (Schumach. : Fr.) Pilát, Alnus, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13314; Populus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3659
- *Trametes suaveolens* (Fr. : Fr.) Fr., *Salix*, 7.IX.2002 *YCD* 3640, 8.IX.2002 *YCD* 3643
- Trametes velutina (Fr. : Fr.) G. Cunn., Betula, 7.IX.2002 YCD 3592, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13372
- Trametes versicolor (L.: Fr.) Pilát, angiosperm, 30.VII.2000 RP 13028, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13128, 3.VIII.2000 RP 13182, 8.VIII.2000 RP 13344, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13392; Betula, 28.VII.2000 RP 13000
- Trechispora candidissima (Schwein.) Bondartsev & Singer, Abies, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3719 & 3732; Pinus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3669
- Trechispora hymenocystis (Berk. & Broome) K.H. Larsson, angiosperm, 9.IX.2002 YCD 372; Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP

13243, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13455

- Trechispora mollusca (Pers. : Fr.) Liberta, angiosperm, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13139; Picea, 30.VII.2000 RP 13033, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13406
- Trichaptum abietinum (Pers. : Fr.) Ryvarden, Picea, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13223
- Trichaptum fuscoviolaceum (Ehrenb. : Fr.) Ryvarden, Abies, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3716, 2.VIII.2000 RP 13140; Pinus, 1.VIII.2000 RP 13097
- Trichaptum laricinum (P. Karst.) Ryvarden, Larix, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3667
- Trichaptum pargamenum (Fr.) G. Cunn., Betula, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3690
- Trichaptum polycystidiatum (Pilát) Y.C. Dai, Quercus, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3698
- Tyromyces canadensis Overh. ex J. Lowe, Pinus 12.VIII.2000 RP 13451
- Tyromyces chioneus (Fr.) P. Karst., angiosperm, 5.VIII.2000 RP 13255, 9.VIII.2000 RP 13400; Betula, 8.IX.2002 YCD 3714, 9.IX.2002 YCD 3725
- Tyromyces kmetii (Bres.) Bondartsev & Singer, angiosperm, 10.VIII.2000 RP 13474

New taxa

Antrodia hingganensis Y.C. Dai &

Penttilä, sp. nova (Fig. 1)

Carpophorum annuum vel bienne, resupinatum, facies pororum cremea vel pallido-brunnea; pori rotundi, 3–5 per mm. Systema hypharum dimiticum, hyphae generatoriae fibulatae, hyphae skeletales subiculi 2–3.5 μ m in diam. Sporae cylindricae vel allantoideae, IKI–, CB–, 4–5.4 × 1.1–1.5 um.

Type: China. Heilongjiang Prov., Yichun, Fenglin Nature Reserve, on fallen decorticated trunk of *Larix*, 9.IX.2002 *Y.C. Dai* 3748 (holotype IFP; isotype H).

ETYMOLOGY: *Hinggan*: the Less Hinggan, a mountain range in north-east China.

Fruitbody: Basidiocarps mostly annual, occasionally biennial, resupinate, difficult to detach, corky to leathery when fresh, corky and light in weight when dry, without odour or taste, up to 25 cm long and 6 cm wide. Pore surface cream coloured, becoming wood coloured or brownish with age, pores mostly round, sometimes angular, 3-5(-6) per mm (n = 60/3); dissepiments thin, mostly entire, sometimes slightly lacerate; margin very narrow to almost lacking. Subiculum cream coloured, corky, up to 0.5 mm thick. Tubes concolorous with pores, corky, up to 1.5 mm long.

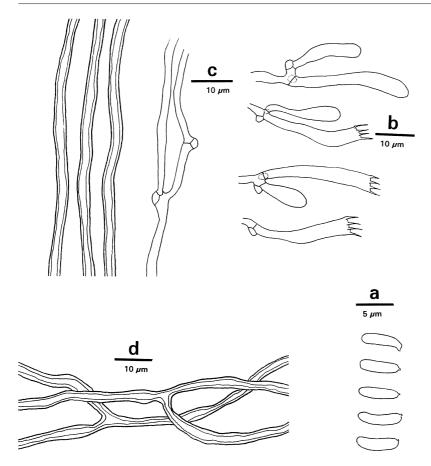


Fig. 1. Microscopic structures of *Antrodia hingganensis* (from holotype). — a: Basidiospores. — b: Basidia and basidioles. — c: Hyphae from trama. — d: Hyphae from context.

Hyphal structure: Hyphal system dimitic, generative hyphae with clamp connections, skeletal hyphae dominant in both subiculum and trama, IKI–, CB–, unchanged in KOH.

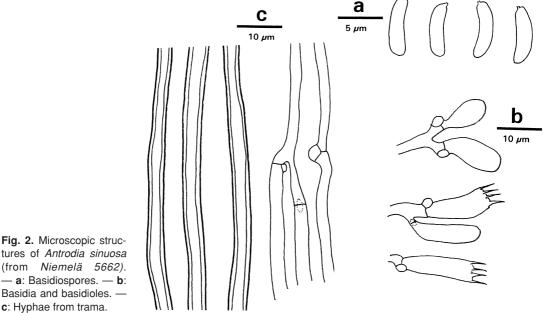
Subiculum: Generative hyphae infrequent, hyaline, thin-walled, occasionally branched, frequently septate with clamp connections, $(1.8-)2-3.2(-3.3) \mu m$ in diam. (n = 22/1); skeletal hyphae thick-walled with a narrow lumen to subsolid, flexuous, rarely branched, $2-3.5(-3.6) \mu m$ in diam. (n = 24/1).

Tubes: Generative hyphae hyaline, thinwalled, frequently bearing clamp connections and branched, $(1.4-)1.5-3(-3.1) \mu m$ in diam. (n = 20/1); skeletal hyphae thick-walled with a medium lumen at dissepimental edge, subsolid deeper in trama, unbranched, straight, loosely parallel along tubes, $2-3(-3.3) \mu m$ in diam. (n = 20/1). Subhymenium indistinct. Cystidia absent, cystidioles occasionally present, pointed, hyaline, thin-walled, $12-16 \times 3.5-4.5 \mu m$ (n = 8/1). Basidia clavate, bearing four sterigmata and a basal clamp connection, $14-25 \times 4-5 \mu m$; basidioles in shape similar to basidia, but slightly smaller. Some irregular crystals frequently present in trama, especially in hymenium.

Spores: Basidiospores cylindrical to allantoid, hyaline, smooth, thin-walled, CB–, IKI–, $(3.8–)4-5.4(-6) \times 1.1-1.5(-1.6) \ \mu\text{m}, \ L = 4.39-5.15 \ (L^* = 4.69) \ \mu\text{m}, \ W = 1.23-1.31 \ (W^* = 1.28) \ \mu\text{m}, \ Q = 3.35-3.93 \ (n = 90/3).$

ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS EXAMINED (paratypes). — China. Jilin Prov., Antu County, Changbaishan Nature Reserve, on charred wood of *Abies*, 28.VII.1993 *Dai* 817 (IFP, H); mixed forest, on fallen decorticated trunk of *Pinus*, 14.IX.1998 *Dai* 2909 & *Niemelä* (IFP, H). Heilongjiang Prov., Yichun, Fenglin Nature Reserve, on fallen wood of *Picea*, 29.VII.2000 *Penttilä* 13011; on fallen trunk of *Pinus*, 2.VIII.2000 *Penttilä* 13146.

Antrodia hingganensis was also found from Changbai Mts., Jilin Province, north-east China; it was treated as Antrodia sp. 1 by Dai (1996b), and some collections as A. sinuosa by Dai and



tures of Antrodia sinuosa (from Niemelä 5662). — a: Basidiospores. — b: Basidia and basidioles. c: Hyphae from trama.

Niemelä (2002). No doubt A. hingganensis is closely related to A. sinuosa, and the two species even share a similar ecology: growth on coniferous wood, preferring a dry environment, often charred wood. However, A. hingganensis has smaller pores (3-5 per mm, A. sinuosa 1-2 per mm) and smaller basidiospores $(4-5.4 \times 1.1-1.5)$ μ m, A. sinuosa 5–6.2 × 1.4–1.9 μ m); its skeletal hyphae in trama are thinner $(2-3 \ \mu m \text{ in diam.},$ A. sinuosa $3-4 \mu m$ in diam.), and its basidia are narrower (15–25 × 4–5 μ m, A. sinuosa 12–17 × 5–6.5 μ m, Fig. 2); its disseptiments are entire or only slightly lacerate when mature, and its texture is corky. The dissepiments of A. sinuosa are strongly lacerate and split in mature specimens, and its texture is hard to brittle. Basidiospores in North American material (Lowe 3383) are shorter than in European collections, but they are distinctly wider (1.5–1.9 μ m) than those in A. hingganensis. One specimen from Canada was studied, too, and its basidiospores (5–6.4 \times 1.6–2.1) are very similar to the European ones.

According to Ryvarden and Gilbertson (1993) the spores of Antrodia sinuosa measure $4-6 \times 1-2 \mu m$. When making comparisons, we noted that most of the specimens are sterile or bear a few spores only, and only one Finnish specimen (Niemelä 5662) is perfectly fertile; its basidiospores are allantoid, $(4.8-)5-6.2(-6.5) \times$

 $(1.3-)1.4-1.9(-2.0) \ \mu m, L = 5.59 \ \mu m, W = 1.64$ μm , Q = 3.41 (n = 30/1).

pseudosinuosa Antrodia was recently described from England by Henrici and Ryvarden (1997). It is a pileate species growing on angiosperms. This species is more closely related to A. sinuosa, and it mainly distinguishes from A. *hingganensis* by its bigger pores (1–2 per mm) and larger basidiospores (6–7 \times 1.8–2.2 μ m).

Antrodia hingganensis is somewhat similar also to A. albobrunnea in macrocharacters, but the latter species has a black zone in its subiculum, and its basidiospores are not that small $(4.8-6 \times 1.5-2 \ \mu m \ vs. \ 4-5.4 \times 1-1.5 \ \mu m \ in \ A.$ hingganensis).

ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS EXAMINED. - Antrodia sinuosa. Canada. Quebec, Gatineau Park, ridge road and parkway, gymnosperm, 7.VIII.1957 Macrae (H ex DAOM 52749). Finland. Uusimaa, Kirkkonummi, Jorvas, Finnträsk, on fallen trunk of Pinus, 24.VI.1993 Niemelä 5662 & Renvall (H); Nurmijärvi, Klaukkala, on fallen decorticated trunk of Pinus, 9.X.1994 Kotiranta 11848 (H); Sompion Lappi, Pelkosenniemi, Luosto, Kapusta, on charred wood of Pinus, 14. VIII. 1998 Dai 2844 & Niemelä (IFP); Etelä-Häme, Lammi Biological Station, on charred wood of Pinus, 11.IX.1997 Dai 2605 (IFP). Poland. Woj. Białostockie, Hajnowka, Puszcza Białowieska, on fallen trunk of Picea, 21.V.1996 Niemelä 5990 (H). U.S.A. New York, Newcomb, on bark of angiosperm, 31.VIII.1948 Lowe 3383 (H). - Antrodia albobrunnea. Finland. Sompion Lappi, Pelkosenniemi, Luosto, on rotten wood of Picea, 3.VIII.1998 Dai 2747 & Niemelä

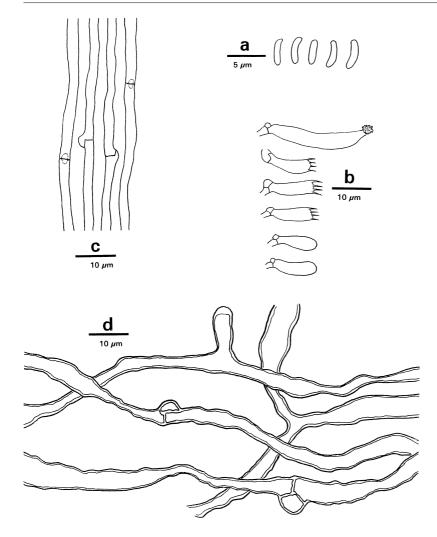


Fig. 3. Microscopic structures of *Postia amurensis* (from holotype). — a: Basidiospores. — b: Cystidia, basidia and basidioles. — c: Hyphae from trama. — d: Skeletal hyphae from context.

(IFP). Koillismaa, Oulanka National Park, on charred wood of *Pinus*, 19.IX.1997 *Dai 2710 & Niemelä* (IFP).

Postia amurensis Y.C. Dai & Penttilä, *sp. nova* (Fig. 3)

Carpophorum annuum, pileatum; pori rotundi, 3–4 per mm. Systema hypharum monomiticum, hyphae fibulatae; hyphae contexti tenuitunicatae, 4–7 µm in diam. Cystidia pauca, clavata. Sporae cylindricae vel allantoideae, $4.1-5.2 \times 1-1.2$ µm.

TYPE: China. Jilin Prov., Antu County, Changbaishan Nature Reserve, on fallen trunk of *Alnus*, 1.IX.1993 *Y.C. Dai* 903 (holotype IFP; isotype H).

ETYMOLOGY: Amur, a river between China and Russia in north-east Asia.

Fruitbody: Basidiocarps annual, pileate, solitary or sometimes imbricate. Pilei broadly attached, single pileus up to 5.5 cm wide, projecting up to 3 cm, 1 cm thick at base; soft and watery when fresh, becoming soft corky to slightly fragile when dry. Upper surface velvety and cream coloured when juvenile, becoming glabrous with age, yellowish ochraceous when dry, a thin cuticle present on upper surface, azonate. Pore surface pale cream coloured to yellowish when fresh, becoming pale yellow to yellowish brown when dry. Context cream, corky, up to 6 mm thick. Pores round, 3-4(-5) per mm (n = 40/2); disseptiments thin, entire when juvenile, becoming strongly lacerate with age. Tuber layer concolorous with context, corky, tubes up to 5 mm long.

Hyphal structure: Hyphal system monomitic, generative hyphae bearing clamp connections, all hyphae IKI–, CB–, and unchanged in KOH.

Context: Contextual hyphae hyaline, thinto slightly thick-walled, occasionally branched and with frequent clamp connections, often collapsed, regularly arranged, $(3.5-)4-7(-8) \mu m$ in diam. (n = 20/2).

Tubes: Tramal hyphae hyaline, thin-walled, rarely branched, loosely parallel along the tubes, collapsed deeper in trama, $(2.3-)2.5-4.5(-5) \mu m$ in diam. (n = 20/2). Subhymenium indistinct. Cystidia rarely present, clavate, thin-walled, $30-36 \times 3.5-4.5 \mu m$. Basidia clavate, with four sterigmata and a basal clamp connection, $9-15 \times 4-5 \mu m$; basidioles similar to basidia in shape, but slightly smaller.

Spores: Basidiospores narrowly cylindric or almost allantoid, hyaline, smooth, thin-walled, CB-, IKI-, (4-)4.1-5.2(-5.5) × 1-1.2(-1.3) μ m, L = 4.28-4.62 ($L^* = 4.45$) μ m, W = 1.09-1.11 ($W^* = 1.10$) μ m, Q = 3.93-4.18 (n = 60/2).

Additional specimen examined (paratype): — China. Heilongjiang Prov., Yichun, Fenglin Nature Reserve, on fallen trunk of angiosperm, 7.VIII.2000 *Penttilä* 13288 (H).

Postia alni has basidiospores very similar to those of *P. amurensis*. However, *P. alni* has smaller pores (5–7 per mm), thinner context (< 2 mm) and smooth upper surface, and its contextual hyphae are distinctly thick-walled. In addition, *P. alni* has more or less to distinctly greyish or bluish tints in tubes and pore surface, and its basidiospores are bluish in mass.

Postia amurensis is rather similar also to *P. tephroleuca*, but the latter has greyish upper surface, and its context is homogeneous and hard corky. Microscopically *P. tephroleuca* has distinctly thick-walled contextual hyphae, and its basidiospores are wider $(3.7-4.4 \times 1.3-1.5 \ \mu m)$.

Postia simanii and P. hibernica have small and allantoid basidiospores, but these two species are distinguished from P. amurensis by having resupinate to effused-reflexed basidiocarps and cream coloured pore surface. In addition, P. simanii has smaller pores (5–6 per mm) and abundant cystidia, and P. hibernica has entire dissepiments and wider spores (4.0–6.0 × $1.2-1.8 \mu$ m). *Postia luteocaesia* has cream-coloured to yellowish upper surface and pores, and resembles thus *Postia amurensis*, but has larger basid-iospores $(5-6 \times 2 \ \mu m)$, and its spore print is pale bluish grey.

Additional specimens examined: — Postia alni. Finland. Kittilän Lappi, Kittilä, Linkukero, on fallen trunk of Picea, 22.1X.2001 Niemelä 7135 (H). — Postia hibernica. Finland. Kittilän Lappi, Kittilä, Järvirova, Pinus, 6.1X.1960 Eriksson & Kujala (H). Koillissmaa, Oulanka National Park, Pinus, 17.1X.1997 Y.C. Dai 2677 & Niemelä (IFP). — Postia luteocaesia. France. Var. Ile de Port Cros, Pinus, 12.XII.1992 Rivorire 733 (H ex herb. P. Rivoire). — Postia simanii. China. Jilin Prov., Antu County, Changbaishan Nat. Res. Abies, 3.1X.1993 Y.C. Dai 1015 (IFP). — Postia tephroleuca. Finland. Etelä-Häme, Padasjoki, Vesijako Nat. Park, on fallen trunk of Picea, 5.X.1985 Niemelä 3302 (H).

Notes on some additional taxa

Ceriporia sp. 1

Basidiocarp perennial, resupinate, up to 15 cm long, and 5 cm wide. Pore surface pale greyish cream, cracked when dry; pores round, 4–5 per mm, dissepiments thin, entire. Hyphal structure monomitic, hyphae frequently simple septate and branched, covered with crystals in subiculum. No cystidia or cystidioles, basidiospores allantoid, hyaline, smooth, thin-walled, CB–, IKI–, $3-4 \times 1.4-1.8 \ \mu$ m.

Ceriporia sp. 1 resembles *C. aurantiocarnescens* by similar basidiospores, but the latter species has annual habit, and its pore surface is orange (Pieri & Rivoire 1997).

Postia sp. 1

Basidiocarp annual, pileate, minute, with a rudimentary stipe. Pileus dimidiate, projecting up to 5 mm, 8 mm wide, and 3 mm thick, upper surface cream coloured, concentrically zonate, smooth, margin blunt. Pore surface cream coloured, pores 4–5 per mm, dissepiments lacerate. Hyphal structure monomitic, hyphae hyaline, thin- to distinctly thick-walled, frequently bearing clamp connections, IKI–, CB–. No cystidia or cystidioles, basidiospores allantoid, hyaline, usually with two guttules, thin-walled, CB–, IKI–, $4–5 \times 1.5–2 \mu m$. *Postia* sp. 1 is externally very similar to *P. ceriflua*, but the latter species has larger basid-iospores $(5-6 \times 2.5-3 \ \mu m)$.

Diversity studies

In 1999 altogether 78 species were found; in 2000 the number of species increased to 137 and in 2002 the total number of species was 161. Furthermore, about ten difficult specimens are still unidentified, and after their identification the total number of species will most probably rise a little.

The two quantitatively studied sample plots harboured 117 species. The sample plot with 3 ha in size and 14 hours of inventory time hosted 91 species and the other sample plot with 4 ha in size and 11 hours of inventory time hosted 89 species.

The composition of the polypore assemblage in Fenglin Nature Reserve is rather similar to the European polypore flora: of the 161 species in this study 132 species (82%) have also been found from Europe and 116 species (72%) from Finland (Table 1). Altogether 73 species (80 if all the unidentified specimens are included) grew on spruce (Picea jezoensis and P. koraiensis), of which 60 (82.2%) have also been found from Finland and 64 (87.7%) from Europe. Pine (Pinus koraiensis) hosted altogether 42 species (44 if unidentified specimens are included), of which 33 (78.6%) have been found from Finland and 36 (85.7%) from Europe. 25 species (26 if one unidentified specimen is included) grew on Abies, 18 species on Larix and altogether 89 species (plus two unidentified specimens) on several deciduous tree species. In these trees the proportion of species that occur also in Finland or in

the whole of Europe was slightly lower than on spruce and pine (Table 1). The total number of endemic species to East Asia was 21 (13% of all the species; Table 1), and some endemic species might still be added when all the specimens will be successfully identified. The highest number (13) of endemics was found from deciduous hosts followed by spruce (7 species, Table 1). Some of the endemic species were collected from more than one host tree species. Altogether four endemic genera for East Asia, i.e., *Castanoporus, Elmerina, Leucophellinus* and *Poriodontia*, were found in Fenglin.

The comparison of host specificity of spruce and pine specialist species between Fennoscandia and the Fenglin Nature Reserve (Table 2) shows that a very large proportion of species, which in Finland and Sweden are spruce or pine specialists, grew in Fenglin on several tree species, and in many cases both on coniferous and deciduous hosts. On the other hand, in the material collected from Fenglin there are only four spruce specialists and one pine specialist, which were so abundant that it is reasonable to say something about their host specificity in the study area, and only two of them are species, which in Finland seem to be generalists. The rest of the pine and spruce "specialists" in Fenglin were so rare (only one or two collections) that nothing can be said about their host specificity in the study area.

Discussion

Species diversity

The total number of species (161) found is much higher than has been achieved from boreal study

Table 1. The total number of polypore species and the number of polypore species on each host tree found in the Fenglin Nature Reserve. Proportion (%) of species found in Fenglin, which occur either in Finland or in the whole of Europe, and the number of endemic species in East Asia, are also given for all species and for different host tree species. Finnish and European species lists were checked from Niemelä (2004) and Ryvarden and Gilbertson (1993, 1994).

	All species	Picea	Pinus	Abies	Larix	Deciduous trees
Fenglin	161	73	42	25	18	89
Finland	72%	82.2%	78.6%	72%	61.1%	67.4%
Europe	82%	87.7%	85.7%	84%	77.7%	79.8%
Endemic species	21	7	4	4	3	13

areas in northern Europe. For example the total number of polypore species found in restricted old-growth forest areas both in Finland and in European Russia have been at most around 120 species (Penttilä 1994, Hermansson 1997). Moreover, the sampling effort has in many cases been much higher than in Fenglin Nature Reserve. Additionally, Niemelä et al. (2001) reported 143 polypore species found from old-growth forests of Russian Karelia, but this number was gained from several inventories made in different boreal regions (hemi-, southern, middle and northern boreal). We know only one inventory which was made in the same (hemiboreal) zone as Fenglin Nature Reserve is situated, namely the Veps Forest, which is a protected old-growth forest area in Leningrad Region, Russia. The sampling effort there was approximately the same as in Fenglin, and altogether 105 polypore species were found (Niemelä et al. 2001). Since the inventory was done in late spring and early summer, some annual species were lacking, but the autumn inventory would have raised the species number by not more than 20-30 species. The number of species found from Fenglin is high also when compared with the number of species found from entire countries in northern and central Europe. For example in Sweden (Hallingbäck & Aronsson 1998) and Finland (Niemelä 2001) altogether 210-220 species have been found, and in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic, which all belong to the temperate region, the number of species found is slightly higher varying between 220-240 species (Ryvarden & Gilbertson 1993, 1994).

The species diversity in Fenglin seems to be very high not only on the regional or landscape level, but also on stand level when compared to inventories made in northern Europe. Inventories made in the best old-growth forests of southern and middle boreal Finland and which have used exactly the same methods as in Fenglin have yielded much lower species richness compared to the two quantitatively studied sample plots in Fenglin. When stands of equal size (3–9 ha) and inventory time (7–10 hours) were compared, the number of species found from the Fenglin sample plots was 15–30 species higher than has been achieved from the best sample plots in Finland.

The number of species found from any single host species was also remarkably high when compared with Fennoscandia. Within one month, 73 species (and seven still unidentified specimens) were collected from spruces, which were the most thoroughly studied tree species in Fenglin. In comparison, approximately 90 species (Kotiranta & Niemelä 1996, Niemelä 2001) have been found during the last 130 years in the whole of Finland.

One explanation for the high species diversity on spruce in Fenglin could be that the fungi in Fenglin seem to be less host specific than they are in Europe. Several species that were more common on other hosts occurred also on spruce. In addition, several species, including Antrodia albobrunnea, A. crassa, A. infirma, Gelatoporia pannocincta, Laetiporus sulphureus, Oxyporus corticola, Skeletocutis lenis, S. nivea and Trechispora mollusca, which in Europe grow either on pine or a deciduous host, grew in Fenglin also on spruce. Also the information in Table 2 highlights strongly that the fungal species in Fenglin seem to be less host specific than in the Nordic countries. Polypores growing in temperate (Tuor et al. 1995), and especially in tropical (Lindblad 2000, Gilbert et al. 2002) zones have broad host ranges. This phenomenon has been hypothesized to be caused by the greater diversity and thus more dispersed occurrence of hosts in the tropics (May 1991, Lindblad 2000, Gilbert et al. 2002).

Table 2. The number of spruce and pine specialists in Finland and Sweden and the number of those specialists which in the Fenglin Nature Reserve were generalists (left column); the number of specialists in Fenglin and the number of those specialists which in Finland and Sweden are generalists (right column). In the brackets are species which in Fenglin were found only once or twice. Specialists in Finland and Sweden were defined as species which either totally or almost totally (over 80% of collections from a single host tree) grow on a single host tree according to the information in Kotiranta and Niemelä (1996), Olofsson (1996) and Niemelä (2004).

	Finland Swed		Fenglin Nature Reserve		
_	Spruce	Pine	Spruce	Pine	
Specialists Generalists	23 12	8 5	4 (11) 2 (6)	1 (6) 0 (1)	

Interestingly, Komonen et al. (2003) found also fungivorous insects feeding on polypores to be less host specific in Fenglin than in Finland. They also hypothesized that this could be due to the more heterogeneous forest ecosystem as measured by tree species and forest type diversity in NE China than in Finland. This possibly leads selection towards polyphagy (Beaver 1979). The same explanation may also fit with polypores, but also the lack of Pleistocene glaciations in NE China is most probably an important factor of the high species diversity on different substrates. Since the effect of ice ages was low in NE China and species were not wiped away by glaciers, the wood-rotting fungi had much more stable conditions for development than in northern Europe and Fennoscandia. The lack of Pleistocene glaciations and favourable geography (continuous dispersal routes between East Siberia and South-East Asia for millions of years allowing the coexistence of boreal, temperate and tropical species; Kira 1991, Dai 1996a, Núñez & Stokland 2000) have most likely also been causes for the high number of endemic species in NE Asia as compared with that in other similar regions in the world (Núñez & Stokland 2000). Just from the Fenglin Nature Reserve we found four endemic genera, while only two endemic genera exist in Europe (Núñez & Stokland 2000).

Evidently the high number of host tree species explains a big part of the polypore diversity in NE China (Dai 1996a). The occurrence of two spruce species may also partly explain the high number of species on spruce in Fenglin (in Finland only one). However, the polypore species composition in both spruce species in Fenglin is most probably very similar since they are morphologically and ecologically almost alike. In Fenglin, and elsewhere in NE China the number of deciduous tree species is very high, which also increases the number of polypore species. In Fenglin altogether 89 polypore species were found from deciduous hosts even though they were much less studied than coniferous hosts.

Species composition

Despite many endemic species, a very high percentage of the species found from Fenglin Nature Reserve can also be found from Europe (*see* Table 1), and a great majority of these shared species are in fact circumpolar. Actually the highest number of shared species for polypores and other wood-rotting fungi (Aphyllophorales) can be found from boreal regions (Gilbertson 1980, Hallenberg 1991), and they are most often species utilising coniferous hosts and producing brown rot (Gilbertson 1980, Núñez & Stokland 2000). This can be seen also in our material as the highest number of shared species between Fenglin and Finland or Europe were found from species growing either on spruce or pine (Table 1).

The most common species in the reserve were Antrodia serialis, A. xantha, Fomes fomentarius, Fomitopsis pinicola, F. rosea, Gloeophyllum sepiarium, Oxyporus corticola, Phellinus cf. laevigatus, Trichaptum abietinum, T. fuscoviolaceum, and the occurences of these species in Fenglin were similar as they are in boreal forests of North Europe. However, unlike in Europe, Antrodia sitchensis, Gelatoporia subvermispora and Parmastomyces mollissimus were rather common in the study area. This phenomenon is interesting: an intensive study was made in Changbai Mts. (NE China), and the vegetation there is rather similar to that in Fenglin. However, in Changbai Mts., Antrodia sitchensis was not found at all and Gelatoporia subvermispora and Parmastomyces mollissimus were rather rare. In addition, Inonotus obliquus was very rare in the Fenglin area, while it is very common in the boreal forests of north Europe. Gloeoporus taxicola and Phellinus viticola are fairly common in old-growth forests of Finland, but were missing from the study area even if the studied forests in Fenglin are rather similar to those in Finland. The following species were recorded in Fenglin, but not found in Europe: Anomoporia flavissima, Antrodiella gypsea, A. ussurii, Castanoporus castaneus, Cryptoporus volvatus, Daedalea dickinsii, Daedaleopsis sinensis, Elmerina holophaea, Ganoderma tsugae, Heterobasidion insulare, Leucophellinus irpicoides, Melanoporia castanea, Perenniporia maackiae, Phellinidium sulphurascens, Phellinus vaninii, P. yamanoi, Polyporus mongolicus, Poriodontia subvinosa, Rigidoporus eminens, Skeletocutis subvulgaris, Trametes conchifer and Trichaptum polycystidiatum.

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