

## Bulgarian Mycological Society

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For the first time in Bulgaria a mycological NGO, the Bulgarian Mycological Society, was founded on 19 November 1998. The Institute of Botany of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences houses the new society. The aims of the Bulgarian Mycological Society (BMS) are investigation and protection of the Bulgarian mycota.

The members of BMS are researchers and readers of mycology or phytopathology at the Institute of Botany and Institute of Forestry of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Forestry University, Agricultural University and Bourgas Free University. They have standing interest in all fields of modern mycology and forest phytopathology. They carry out jointly or independently intensive research on taxonomy, ecology, physiology and economic importance of the fungi, threatened fungi, biodiversity inventorying, computerization and indexing of bibliographic contributions to the Bulgarian mycota, environmental and industrial mycology, and on applied problems involving fungi such as crop protection, epidemiology caused by forest pathogens, fungal accumulation of heavy metals, bioindication, monitoring of impact areas and pathological processes in the forest ecosystems, etc.

**The main projects of BMS are:**

„Compendium of Bulgarian fungi, 1895-2000“. The work is towards to a complete list of the Bulgarian fungi and their distribution, as well as to host/fungus checklist, checklist of the substrata, and list of bibliography of the contributions to the Bulgarian mycota. In connection with the preparing of the compendium the Board of BMS will be grateful to the colleagues who can send to BMS reprints of articles and/or books on all fields of mycology as a gift or exchange.

„Red list of the Bulgarian threatened fungi“.

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