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Dr Burghard Hein passed away at the age of 70 in Berlin-Charlottenburg on 7 April 2014 after a failed brain tumour surgery. He was a world authority on *Discomycetes*, especially *Dermateaceae*, a family of cup fungi. From 1974 until his retirement on 31 January 2007 he was a member of staff of the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin-Dahlem (BGBM) and curated over a period of 33 years the mycological collections of that institution.

His first years, even his place of birth, were considerably influenced by World War II. His mother retreated from Berlin to the province of East Prussia in then air-raid-proof northeasternmost Germany, where her son Burghard saw the light of day on 2 January 1944 in the small district town of Preußisch Holland, some 20 km SE of the port of Elbing. With the advance of the Red Army they soon returned to their home in Berlin-Charlottenburg. The ruins of Berlin were unforgettable playgrounds during Burghard's boyhood and Charlottenburg was to stay his home for the rest of his life. His father held an appliance store, very successfully during the Wirtschaftswunder years, and enabled his son to be enrolled in biology, geography and politics at the Freie Universität (FU) Berlin from 1963 to 1969. Burghard's interest in fungi was raised on inspiring field trips by Professor Josef Poelt, who then held the Chair in Systematic Botany at FU Berlin and finally became his PhD supervisor. Burghard began his professional career in 1970 as Scientific Assistant at the Institute of Systematic Botany and Phytogeography of FU Berlin and had a prestigious start of publishing in the field of *Ascomycota* with the description of a new genus, *Bryodiscus*, together with his mentor Poelt and Emil "Ascus" Müller, another contemporary luminary and influential textbook author in the field of mycology (Hein & al. 1971). The main duty for Burghard was academic teaching in lectures, lab courses and field trips, principally on mycology but also on angiosperm basics which he continued until 1985, even after quitting university affiliation in 1973. On 1 January 1974 he joined the staff of the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin-Dahlem,

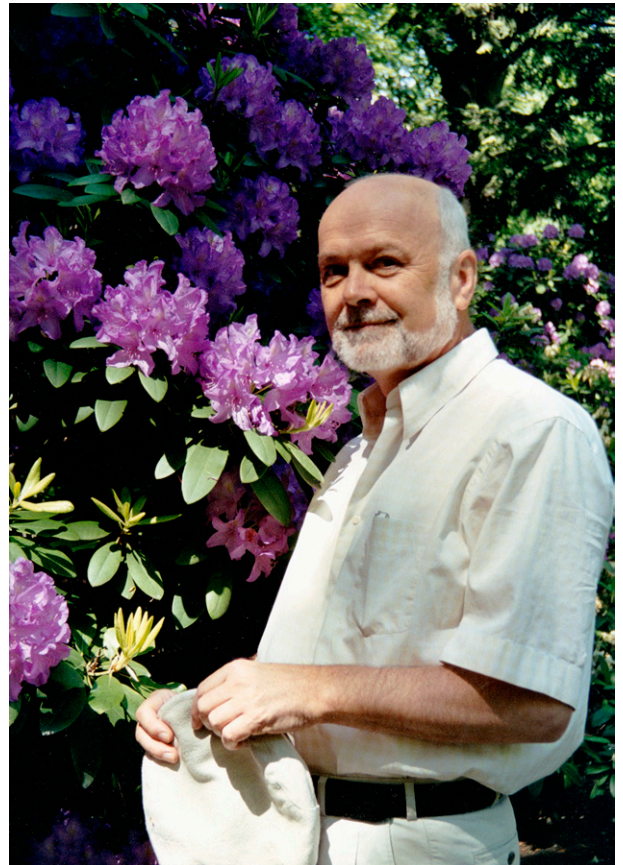


Fig. 1. Dr Burghard Hein, aged 65, in the Tiergarten park of Berlin, May 2009 (photo courtesy L. Hein, Berlin).

first as Scientific Employee, then promoted to Curator on 7 November 1975 after gaining his doctorate on the revision of *Laetinaevia* and *Naevioideae* (Hein 1976, 1981a), and finally promoted to Senior Curator on 24 August 1993. Immediately after assuming curatorship he started a thorough reorganization of the mycological herbarium at B with its substantial pre-1943 holdings, in particular allocating previously separate collections in an alphabetical plus geographical order, in parallel documenting the inventory of extant exsiccata such as Kunze,

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Fungi selecti; Fuckel, *Fungi rhenani*; the collection of Bruno Hennig (c. 2500 items accessioned in 1974); Petrak, *Mycotheca generalis*; de Thümen (*Mycotheca universalis*; Plowright, *Fungi Britannici Exsiccati*; and of Klotzsch, Rabenhorst, Rehm, and others. In parallel, he was in charge of the public consulting service on mushrooms brought by private people for safe determination before consumption, regularly overcrowding his office in the months of September and October (cf. Hein 1987; Hein & al. 1993: 14–15). His research interests then focussed on *Hysteropezizella*, *Hysterostegiella* and *Pyrenopeziza* using electron-microscopic methods on a large scale to elucidate the taxonomic significance of paraphyse characters (Hein 1980a, 1980b, 1981b, 1982, 1983a, 1983b). In 1976 he joined BGBM's "Flora of Togo" project and collected c. 300 fungi, chiefly *Discomycetes*, in W Africa (Brunel & al. 1984: 19). In 1977, on the occasion of the 2nd International Mycological Congress in Tampa, Florida, he went to Ottawa and Cambridge, Massachusetts, for further herbarium studies on *Ascomycota*. In the 1980s his collecting activities led him to Scotland, Norway, Sweden and the Alps, the latter destination principally under the impact of his co-authors of 1971, Poelt and Müller and the expert community around them (cf. Hein & Scheuer 1985), while for the preparation of a global checklist of *Dermateaceae* he consulted many herbaria in Germany and abroad (viz. Beltsville, Graz, Hamburg, Ithaca, London, New York, Paris, Tübingen, Wien). He added new destinations to his mycological fieldwork with extensive collecting trips to Costa Rica and Venezuela in 1988 and 1990, and he presented a revision of the genus *Calloria* at the 1st International Workshop on Ascomycete Systematics in Paris, 1993. An applied project in Berlin was devoted to fungal indicator traits in environmental monitoring (Fischer & Hein 1990). Fieldwork became scarce after this period because the construction of an electronic database, aimed to cover all extant c. 5000 names in *Dermateaceae*, took up Burghard's spare time completely, including software development, for which at that time skills of IT professionals were not at hand. At last the project materialized on 1 July 1997 (Hein 1997) and is today a permanent constituent of BGBM's biodiversity information panel offered on-line to the scientific public. Health problems, chronic in part and affecting various organ functions, increased from now on, unfortunately stopping Burghard's taxonomic publishing and forcing him to go on half-time employment in 2003. Moreover, his BGBM-internal allocation to the public relations division in 1999, accepted by him with dampened enthusiasm, shifted his professional duties progressively towards advertising the institution's activities in newspapers and other public media (cf. Hein 1999a, b). When eventually he left active service on 31 January 2007 at the age of 63, bequeathing a well-curated fungus herbarium of c. 300 000 vouchers at B (cf. Gerhard & Hein 1979; Hein & Gerhard 1981; Hein

1984, 1988), alas with specialist curation wanting since then, he faced a retirement not only enriched with joyous travels together with his wife Liane but also with hospitals as intermittent places of habitation. Burghard, the father of two grown-up children from his first marriage, Katharina and Sebastian, died rather suddenly of cancer, shortly after returning from a relaxed stay on the island of Sylt in the German North Sea and after a longer disease, which then seemed almost overcome. Family, neighbours, schoolmates, fellow students and colleagues gathering for his funeral cortege at Waldfriedhof Heerstraße, Berlin-Charlottenburg, knew that they had lost not only an influential mycologist, but also a brilliant urban polymath, who lived a momentous cultural and intellectual life beyond botany, and a socially minded benefactor, who cared politically and for charity's sake for homeless persons and their unpaid helpers in metropolitan Berlin; in short, a self-effacing man of integrity and discretion much deserving thankful commemoration.

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