

## RULES, REGULATIONS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE COLLECTION <sup>1</sup>

The Collection operates under a scheme approved by the Legal Department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

The operating procedures of the collection adhere on transparency rules in accordance with the applicable European and international conventions signed (2000) and ratified (2004) by the government of Greece. These Conventions address matters of legally protecting:

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1. Intellectual property as regards microorganisms, their genetic material and their metabolic products;
2. Patent rights;
3. International biosafety regulations;
4. Rights to exploit natural resources and the conditions thereof particularly pertaining to the protection of biodiversity in each member state of the UN.

The published catalogue (database) of the WDCM UOA/HCPF929 Collection only includes free access to three categories of strains:

- I. Reference strains, which are also available from other international Collections and whose reference number is given in the corresponding column
- II. Greek strains to which sequencing of coding and non-coding regions of the genome has been performed. All sequences have been deposited in two international databases (<http://www.mycologylab.org/DefaultInfo.aspx?Page=ITSCContributors>, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>), with the acronym UOA/HCPF929. Data on these strains have been published in international journals, co-authored by their depositors.
- III. Greek strains whose metabolic products have been isolated, characterized and published in international journals, together with their depositors.

Currently (April, 2013), the Collection hosts **9,924** strains: **2,004 yeasts** και **920 moulds** distributed in two databases (a) free access and (b) restricted access database. The restricted access database hosts strains for which depositors have requested restrictions as these are under study. The Collection transfers strains to the free access database upon written depositor request.

The uploaded free access catalogue includes **607** yeasts and **168** moulds.

### Procedure for depositing strains

Strains can be deposited accompanied by the appropriate form, which is available on this website in protected WORD format entitled "Strain Deposit Form" duly completed and signed by the depositor.

### Procedure for granting strains

1. Strains are available upon completion of the form "**Strain Request Form**", which is available in protected WORD format on this page and where the signature of the person issuing the request is mandatory.

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<sup>1</sup> Present rules, regulations and operating procedures are subject to review and updates as per the relevant provisions laid down by the International Bodies a member of which is UOA/HCPF929.

2. For granting a strain, its genetic material or metabolic products it is necessary to sign the **materials transfer agreement (MTA)**, which is approved by the University of Athens and is available in protected WORD format on this page.

*Strains can be granted to applicants EXCLUSIVELY under the terms described in [http://www.wfcc.info/ccinfo/index.php/collection/by\\_id/929](http://www.wfcc.info/ccinfo/index.php/collection/by_id/929) from the free access Collection and strictly for educational and/or research purposes. UOA/HCPF929 reserves the right to REFUSE to provide strains when there is evidence of a breach of biosafety regulations, academic ethics or intellectual property rights, as defined by the National and international laws currently in force and by which the University of Athens is bound: World Medical Association. Declaration of Helsinki. Updated, 59<sup>th</sup> WMA General Assembly, Seoul, October 2008; BMJ 1998; 316: 1728-9; BMJ 1998; 316: 1729-3;; QJM 2003; 96: 243-4, International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for BioMedical Publication. Updated October 2008, <http://www.icmje.org>.*