Pre-requisites: Nil

Introduction; filamentous fungi – growth and physiology, fungal metabolism; fungal genetics and strain improvement, molecular technologies; representative fungal fermentations, commercial applications; fungal threats and benefits for agriculture and food; decomposition of biological and chemical waste; culture collections, legal aspects and biosafety.

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