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## Epiphytic lichens of apple orchards in Poland, Slovakia, and Italy

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Following the study of epiphytic lichens in 30 apple orchards from Poland, Slovakia and Italy the list of 74 taxa was prepared. The most common are the meso- to xerophytic and heliophilous species. The highest number of taxa was observed in Slovak orchards. Moreover, lichens shared with at least one other country were also noted mainly in Slovakia. Bark of apple trees seems to create favourable habitats for *Bacidia rubella*, which together with *Strangospora pinicola* were valuable finds in Polish orchards. In Slovak orchards, special attention should be paid to *Acrocordia gemmata*, *Melanelixia glabra* and *Usnea hirta*. Among interesting records in Italian orchards, *Phaeophyscia hispidula* and *Ph. kairamoi* can be mentioned.

**Key words:** lichens, culture landscape, fruit trees, Wielkopolska province, Trentino region, Western Carpathians

### INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the assumption of sustainable development policy, the conservation of old orchards can play an important role in supporting the wide variety of wildlife. The presence of old orchards in agricultural land can rise species diversity (cf. Jermaczek, Jermaczek 2003). Moreover, orchards as an example of culture landscape, can influence the spreading of some species (Szczepańska 2008).

Until now, some lichenological inventories were conducted in the orchards (e.g., Suza 1936a; Halicz, Kuziel 1958; Kuziel 1964; Kiss 1982; Mészáros et al. 1984; Czyżewska 1998; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Lipnicki 2003; Fałtynowicz et al. 2004; Kościelniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009). Among flagship

examples of research focused on the investigation of biota in the fruit trees should be distinguish studies carried in Czechia (Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957), Great Britain (Lush et al. 2005), Hungary (Mészáros et al. 1984), Poland (Kuziel 1964; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009) and Romania (Bartók 1999). Records coming from studies of lichens only in apple orchards are scarce (Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999). More information is given from fruit trees level without direct reference to investigation of orchards (e.g., Endlicher 1830; Zahlbruckner 1894; Suza 1936a, b; Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Lackovičová 1997; Czyżewska 1998; Śliwa 1998; Lisická 1999; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Zalewska et al. 2004; Guttová 2005; Aptroot et al. 2006; John 2006; Pišút et al. 2007; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008).

The aim of this research was to study the lichen species in a traditional apple orchards in the Wielkopolska province (western Poland), Western Carpathians (western and central Slovakia), and Trentino region (northern Italy). List of currently recorded species and a review of older data are treated in this paper.

## STUDY AREA

Studied orchards in Poland were chosen on the border of Równina Nowotomyska plain and Wał Lwówecko-Rakoniewicki rampart being a part of Wielkopolska province (Kondracki 2000). Most of orchards investigated here were surrounded by crops and pasture land. Mainly they laid in the neighborhood of farms.

Region represent typical lowland character situated in the agricultural landscape. The altitude range creates on the level of 70–100 m a.s.l. The annual average temperature is 8.3°C and the average annual precipitation is ca 550 mm (averages from years 1971–2000; acc. to Farata 2004). The prevailing winds come from W, SW and NW.

LOCALITIES; 04-05. 2008: **1.** Władysławowo village near Wąsowo, alt. 114 m, 52°23.44'N, 16°14.30'E; **2.** Wytomyśl–Lipka Mała village near Lwówek town, alt. 127 m, 52°23.37'N, 16°11.07'E; **3.** Lipka Wielka village near Lwówek town, alt. 120 m, 52°24.03'N, 16°11.05'E; **4.** Wytomyśl - Lipka Mała village near Lwówek town, alt. 127 m, 52°23.40'N, 16°11.10'E; **5.** Wytomyśl village near Nowy Tomyśl town, alt. 101 m, 52°23.0'N, 16°10.36'E; **6.** Kozie Laski village near Nowy Tomyśl town, alt. 96 m, 52°21.38'N, 16°10.15'E; **7.** Lipka Wielka village near Lwówek town, alt. 121 m, 52°24.17'N, 16°11.14'E; **8.** Wytomyśl village near Nowy Tomyśl town, alt. 105 m, 52°22.37'N, 16°10.58'E; **9.** Wytomyśl village near Nowy Tomyśl town, alt. 106 m, 52°22.37'N, 16°10.58'E; **10.** Wytomyśl village near Nowy Tomyśl town, alt. 107 m, 52°22.35'N, 16°10.33'E.

All Slovak orchards were localized in Western Carpathians Mts., namely in Malé Karpaty Mts., Biele Karpaty Mts., Štiavnické vrchy Mts., Nízke Tatry Mts., and Stolické vrchy Mts. The sites are situated from 160 m (Bratislava, Malé Karpaty Mts.) to 730 m a.s.l. (Hybe, Nízke Tatry Mts.). Orchards were located in cadasters of the villages (city), in the vicinity of farms/housing estates, or were surrounded by pasture land and in the neighborhood of forest. The Western Carpathians are characterized by mountain climate with clearly marked vertical zonation (Bielczyk et al. 2004). Annual precipitations range from 600 to 800-1200 mm.

LOCALITIES; 06.2008: **1.** Biele Karpaty Mts., Poriadie-Durcovci village near Stará Turá town, alt. 380 m, 48°46.34'N, 17°37.33'E; **2.** Malé Karpaty Mts., Bratislava, beside the road to Záhorská Bystrica village, alt. 160 m, 48°13.11'N, 17°02.02'E; **3.** Biele Karpaty Mts., Adamovské Kochanovce village, locality Vinohrady, alt. 250 m, 48°52.23'N, 17°54.59'E; **4.** Biele Karpaty Mts., Adamovské Kochanovce village, alt. 220 m, 48°51.09'N, 17°55.05'E; **5.** Nízke Tatry Mts., Hybe, near the saw mill in N part of village, alt. 730 m, 49°03.15'N, 19°50.10'E; **6.** Stolické vrchy Mts., Revúca, NW part of the town, ca 500 m from the railway, alt. 320 m, 48°41.20'N, 20°06.30'E; **7.** Biele Karpaty Mts., Trenčín-Orechové, N part of the village by Orechový potok stream, alt. 350 m, 48°54.2'N, 18°02.15'E; **8.** Biele Karpaty Mts., Nová Bošáca village, Grúň Mt., alt. 550 m, 48°53.43'N, 17°47.42'E; **9.** Štiavnické vrchy Mts., Pukanec village, alt. 354 m, 48°22.08'N, 18°44.02'E; **10.** Štiavnické vrchy Mts., Pukanec-Majere, locality Teplá voda, alt. 370 m, 48°22.16'N, 18°45.02'E.

Italian apple orchards were selected in the Non Valley (Trentino region – N Italy). The Non Valley takes shape in western Trentino, along the shores of the Noce Stream from the Rocchetta ravin up to the Palade and Mendola Pass, between 500 and 1400 m a.s.l. The valley is characterized by an intensive agricultural landscape, with a strong prevalence of apple orchards, which produce up to 15% of the Italian production. The climate is Alpine, with average yearly precipitation between 500 and 1200 mm and average yearly temperature about 9°C.

LOCALITIES; 03-04.2009: **1.** Near the Santa Giustina Lake, alt. 530 m, 46°21.52'N, 11°03.30'E; **2.** Near the Santa Giustina Lake, along the road, alt. 540 m, 46°21.52'N, 11°03.27'E; **3.** Near the Santa Giustina Lake, alt. 595 m, 46°20.45'N, 11°03.23'E; **4.** Near Saronico, alt. 970 m, 46°25.17'N, 11°08.34'E; **5.** Saronico, along the road to Seio, alt. 970 m, 46°25.17'N, 11°08.34'E; **6.** Saronico, along the road to Seio, alt. 970 m, 46°25.11'N, 11°07.58'E; **7.** Saronico, along the road to Seio, alt. 960 m, 46°25.11'N, 11°07.55'E; **8.** Saronico, along the road to Cavareno, alt. 1000 m, 46°24.44'N, 11°08.29'E; **9.** Near the Santa Giustina Lake, along the road to Sanzeno, alt. 590 m, 46°21.45'N, 11°03.50'E; **10.** Near the Santa Giustina Lake, along the road to Sanzeno, alt. 580 m, 46°21.42'N, 11°03.42'E.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

In every orchard one sample plot (20 × 50 m) in direction north-south was established. From each stand lichens were recorded carefully from the bark of apple (*Malus* sp.) up to 1.6 m. Nomenclature of lichens follows Nimis and Martellos (2008). Voucher specimen are available at the POZ herbarium.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In total 74 taxa were recorded in the investigated orchards of three countries (Tab.1). Similar results (in species number) were obtained by Kościelniak (2004). Specific circumstances prevailing in the orchards can have impact on occurrence of some species. Apple orchards in comparison with other fruit plantations are characterized by quite good light conditions and difficult access to the water on the trunk (Kuziel 1964). Moreover, favorable conditions for some lichens can be also created by bark pH of *Malus* sp. which is naturally higher in comparison with some other trees, e.g.,





oak (Svoboda 2007), and can promote occurrence of some specific, like nitrophytic, group of lichens. Most of recorded in each country lichens have high indicator value for light (Wirth 2001), e.g., *Caloplaca cerina*, *Candelariella xanthostigma*, *Cladonia fimbriata*, *Hypogymnia physodes*, *Lecanora conizaeoides*, *Melanohalea exasperatula*, *Parmelia sulcata*, *Phaeophyscia nigricans*, *Ph. orbicularis*, *Physcia adscendens*, *Ph. tenella*, *Physconia enteroxantha*, *Ph. grisea*, *Xanthoria candelaria*, *X. parietina* and *X. polycarpa*. Some species – *Candelariella xanthostigma*, *Phaeophyscia nigricans*, *Ph. orbicularis*, *Physcia adscendens*, *Ph. tenella*, *Xanthoria parietina* and *X. polycarpa* represent mesophytic or xerophytic character (Nimis, Martellos 2008).

Most richest in species were orchards in Slovakia (52). Higher species richness can be partially explained by wider altitudinal range (Dietrich, Scheidegger 1997). Less records were made in Polish (32) and Italian (43) orchards. Climatic conditions, especially rainfall (Lush et al. 2005) is one of the main factor impacted diversity of observed lichens in the particular countries. In region of Poland where studies were conducted one of the smallest amount of rainfall (Farata 2004) in comparison with other parties of Poland as well as with studied sites in Slovakia and Italy can be observed. Such climatic conditions surely negatively influenced growing of lichens. Most of foliose broad-lichens represent montane elements in the achieved list of orchards lichens. Some of narrow-lobed lichens (e.g., *Phaeophyscia chloantha* and *Ph. hirsuta*), recorded in alpine region of Trentino represent submediterranean element in the lichen biota. Nevertheless such species like *Phaeophyscia kairamoi*, *Ph. hispidula* and *Ph. cernohorskyi* often noted in Italian orchards are common and abundant in Alpine regions, and in this situation impact of elevation on their notes in the orchards could play the role.

Despite records of some rare lichens for particular countries (e.g., *Bacidia rubella*, *Melanelixia glabra*, *Physconia perisidiosa* and *Usnea hirta*) most of identified species are widespread. Such situation seems to characterized non-forested rural areas (Giordani 2006), in which also orchards can be distinguished. Species diversity dwindle to rather simplified flora due to also agricultural (Loppi, de Dominicis 1996). On the other hand records of some species included to the national/regional red lists confirm some observations about importance of anthropogenic habitats for occurrence of some valuable lichens (e.g., Lush et al. 2005).

Lichenbiota of Slovakia and Poland is much close to each other in comparison with results obtained from Italy. It can be explained by more similar climatic conditions of both countries connected with their geographical localization. On the other hand similarity of lichens records in Slovak and Italian orchards can be connected with altitudinal influence on the distribution of some species. Both in Slovakia and Italy orchards were situated mainly or only in mountains regions where specific conditions could favorable some common species for both countries.

Most of recently noted lichens were observed during earlier studies conducted on epiphytes of fruit trees (Tab. 2). Mainly ubiquitous species with a broad geographical range were found in most of the investigated orchards: *Candelariella xanthostigma*, *Phaeophyscia orbicularis*, *Ph. nigricans*, *Physcia adscendens*, *Ph. tenella*, *Xanthoria parietina*, and *X. polycarpa*. All of above mentioned taxa are mesophytic or xerophytic and grow in rather sun-exposed sites (Nimis, Martellos 2008).

Considering previous data the species recorded mainly at apple orchards are: *Caloplaca cerina*, *Lecania cyrtella*, and *Xanthoria candelaria*. Especially *Caloplaca*

Table 2  
Bibliography of lichens recorded during the present study on *Malus* sp., both solitary and in orchards, in Poland, Slovakia, and Italy

Species	Bark of <i>Malus</i> sp. solitary	Bark of <i>Malus</i> sp. in orchard
<i>Acrocordia gemmata</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Kościełniak 2004
<i>Amandinea punctata</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lipnicki 1982; Czyżewska 1998; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Guttová 2005; John 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Arthonia radiata</i>	-	Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Bacidia rubella</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991; Śliwa 1998; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Guttová 2005	Suza 1936a; Kuziel 1964; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Caloplaca cerina</i>	Rydzak 1970; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Suza 1936a; Kuziel 1964; Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999
<i>Caloplaca citrina</i>	-	Kuziel 1964
<i>Caloplaca holocarpa</i>	-	Bartók 1999; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Candelaria concolor</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Śliwa 1998; Czarnota 2000	Kuziel 1964; Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Candelariella reflexa</i>	Śliwa 1998; Lisická 1999; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Guttová 2005, Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991; Czarnota 2000; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Candelariella xanthostigma</i>	Rydzak 1970; Lackovičová 1978; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991; Lisická 1997; Czarnota 2000; Zalewska et al. 2004; Guttová 2005; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Toborowicz 1976; Czyżewska 1998; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Pišút 2008 (unpubl.); Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Cladonia coniocraea</i>	Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Cladonia fimbriata</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Dimerella pineti</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991	Kościełniak 2004
<i>Evernia prunastri</i>	Endlicher 1830; Zahlbruckner 1894; Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Lipnicki 2003; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Flavoparmelia caperata</i>	Zahlbruckner 1894; Rydzak 1970; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; Guttová 2005; John 2006	Kuziel 1964; Bartók 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Hypocenomyce scalaris</i>	Lipnicki 1982	Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Hypogymnia physodes</i>	Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Halicz, Kuziel 1958; Rydzak 1970, Toborowicz 1976; Lackovičová 1978; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Zalewska et al. 2004; John 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Pišút 2008 (unpubl.); Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Hypogymnia tubulosa</i>	Lisická 1999; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; John 2006	Kuziel 1964; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Lecania cyrtella</i>	-	Kuziel 1964; Mészáros et al. 1984; Czyżewska 1998; Bartók 1999; Kościełniak 2004
<i>Lecania naegelii</i>	Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Kościełniak 2004; Kuziel 1964; Lush et al. 2005

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<i>Lecanora albella</i>	-	Lush et al. 2005
<i>Lecanora carpinea</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lackovičová 1978; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Aptroot et al. 2006	Halicz, Kuziel 1958; Kuziel 1964; Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999; Kościelniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Lecanora chlorotera</i>	Rydzak 1970; Lisická 1997; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Aptroot et al. 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Kościelniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Lecanora conizaeoides</i>	Lackovičová 1978; Lipnicki 1982	Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościelniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Lecanora expallens</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lipnicki et al. 1991; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Zalewska et al. 2004; John 2006	Kiszka 1999; Kościelniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Lecanora hagenii</i>	Rydzak 1970; Lisická 1997	Kościelniak 2004
<i>Lecanora saligna</i>	Śliwa 1998; Czarnota 2000	Czyżewska 1998; Kościelniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Lecanora symmetrica</i>	John 2006	Bartók 1999; Kościelniak 2004
<i>Lecidella elaeochroma</i>	Rydzak 1970; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Guttová 2005; Aptroot et al. 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościelniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Lepraria incana</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Zalewska et al. 2004, John 2006	Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościelniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Melanohalea elegantula</i>	Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Kuziel 1964; Kościelniak 2004
<i>Melanohalea exasperatula</i>	Rydzak 1970; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czyżewska 1998; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Zalewska et al. 2004, John 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Suza 1936a; Kuziel 1964; Toborowicz 1976; Kościelniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Melanelixia fuliginosa</i>	Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Rydzak 1970; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Zalewska et al. 2004; Guttová 2005; John 2006; Lisická et al. 2008	Halicz, Kuziel 1958; Kuziel 1964; Kościelniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Melanelixia glabra</i>	Zahlbruckner 1894; Lisická 1997; Lisická et al. 2008	Suza 1936a; Kuziel 1964; Kościelniak 2004
<i>Melanelixia subargentifera</i>	Zahlbruckner 1894, 1905; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991; Lisická 1997	Kuziel 1964; Kościelniak 2004
<i>Melanelixia subaurifera</i>	Rydzak 1970; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Kuziel 1964; Kościelniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Opegrapha varia</i>	Rydzak 1970	Bartók 1999; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Parmelia saxatilis</i>	Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Halicz, Kuziel 1958; Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Piśút, Lackovičová 1993; Lisická 1997; Czyżewska 1998; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Zalewska et al. 2004; John 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Mészáros et al. 1984; Kiszka 1999; Bartók 1999; Kościelniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Piśút 2008 (unpubl.)
<i>Parmelina tiliacea</i>	Zahlbruckner 1894; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Aptroot et al. 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Bartók 1999; Kościelniak 2004
<i>Pertusaria albescens</i>	Śliwa 1998; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Guttová 2005; John 2006	Kościelniak 2004
<i>Pertusaria amara</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999; Kościelniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005
<i>Phaophyscia chloantha</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991	Kościelniak 2004



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<i>Phaeophyscia hirsuta</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Lisická 1999; Lisická et al. 2008	Kościełniak 2004
<i>Phaeophyscia nigricans</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994	Kuziel 1964; Kiszka 1999; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Phaeophyscia orbicularis</i>	Rydzak 1970; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Guttová 2005; Lisická et al. 2008; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Pišút 2008 (unpubl.); Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Phlyctis argena</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Zalewska et al. 2004; John 2006	Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Physcia adscendens</i>	Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lackovičová 1978; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; John 2006; Aptroot et al. 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Pišút 2008 (unpubl.); Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Physcia dubia</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976, Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Lipnicki 2003; Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Physcia stellaris</i>	Zahlbruckner 1894; Rydzak 1970; Lackovičová 1978; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991; Lisická 1997; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004
<i>Physcia tenella</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Zalewska et al. 2004; John 2006; Lisická et al. 2008; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Suza 1936a; Kuziel 1964; Czyżewska 1998; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Physconia detersa</i>	Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976	Kościełniak 2004
<i>Physconia distorta</i>	Zahlbruckner 1894; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; John 2006	Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Physconia enteroxantha</i>	Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; John 2006, Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Physconia grisea</i>	Suza 1936b; Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Lisická 1997; John 2006; Lisická et al. 2008	Kuziel 1964; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Physconia perisidiosa</i>	Lisická 1997; Czarnota 2000; John 2006	Lipnicki 2003; Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Pseudevernia furfuracea</i>	Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Toborowicz 1976; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Lisická 1999; Aptroot et al. 2006; John 2006	Kuziel 1964; Kościełniak 2004
<i>Scoliciosporum chlorococcum</i>	Toborowicz 1976; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002	Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Usnea hirta</i>	Rydzak 1970; Zahlbruckner 1894	Kuziel 1964
<i>Xanthoria candelaria</i>	Rydzak 1970; Toborowicz 1976; Śliwa 1998	Kuziel 1964; Mészáros et al. 1984; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Xanthoria fallax</i>	Rydzak 1970; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czarnota 2000	Kuziel 1964; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004
<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>	Szatala 1916; Majeriková-Hlaváčková 1957; Rydzak 1970; Lackovičová 1978; Lipnicki 1982; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Czyżewska 1998; Lisická 1999; Czarnota 2000; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Toborowicz 1976; Bartók 1999; Kiszka 1999; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Pišút 2008 (unpubl.); Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009
<i>Xanthoria polycarpa</i>	Rydzak 1970; Kiszka, Piórecki 1991, 1994; Aptroot et al. 2006; John 2006; Szymczyk, Zalewska 2008	Kuziel 1964; Toborowicz 1976; Kościełniak 2004; Lush et al. 2005; Lipnicki, Sobieralska 2009

*cerina* should be paid attention; Wirth (2002) treats this species as an indicator of orchards. Notes about *Bacidina arnoldiana*, *Cladonia merochlorophaea*, *Micarea prasina*, *Ochrolechia androgyna*, *Phaeophyscia cernohorskyi*, *Ph. hispidula*, *Ph. kairamoi*, *Physcia leptalea*, *Strangospora pinicola*, and *Xanthoria fulva* are not given from *Malus* sp. solitary and apple orchards in cited literature.

Among recorded species of special interest *Bacidia rubella* should be distinguished. The species was recorded only once in one of the richest in lichens orchards in Poland. Mentioned above lichen was found associated with: *Candelariella reflexa*, *Melanohalea exasperatula*, *Parmelia sulcata*, *Phaeophyscia nigricans*, *Ph. orbicularis*, and *Physcia adscendens*. Considering "Red list of the lichens in Poland" (Cieśliński et al. 2006) *Bacidia rubella* is included to the group of species under special attention. Bark of apple trees seems to be one of the main substrate for *Bacidia rubella*. The species was recorded only (Suza 1936a; Kuziel 1964; Śliwa 1998) or mainly on this phorophyte (Kiszka 1999; Suppan, Mayrhofer 2002; Kościelniak 2004; Guttová 2005). Wirth (1995) considers apple bark in the orchards as an important habitats for its occurrence. Among other species recorded in the Polish orchards a record of *Strangospora pinicola* is interesting. The species was observed only in one locality of all investigated orchards. Previously no data about its occurrence in this kind of biotope were known. In Poland *Strangospora pinicola* is described with the status least concern (Cieśliński et al. 2006). Sun exposed sites on which species mainly occur (Nimis, Martellos 2008) can be found in the apple orchards (Kuziel 1964) and probably it was main factor positively influenced on growing of *Strangospora pinicola* in this ecosystem.

In Slovak orchards records of *Acrocordia gemmata*, *Melanelixia glabra* (VU) and *Usnea hirta* (VU) should be highlighted. *Acrocordia gemmata* occurs mostly in natural and semi-natural woods (e.g., Lisická et al. 2008), the data from the past were scarce (Pišút 1999). The second species occurs in the areas with higher precipitation, in open sites, mostly in semi-natural woods tolerated low degree of eutrophication (Wirth 1995). Although reported from relatively many localities in the Malé Karpaty Mts. (Lackovičová 1978) and also during mapping of epiphytic lichens in Slovakia in 1970–1981 (Pišút 1999), any further report is valuable. *Usnea hirta* is one of the most frequently collected small species of the genus in Slovakia after changes of air quality followed by transformation of industry after 1989. Juvenile thalli can be found in urban areas occurring within nitrophilous *Xanthorion* communities (e.g., Nimis 1981; Fos, Clerc 2000) or in former areas influenced by industrial emissions.

Among commonly recorded lichens in Italian orchards species from genus *Phaeophyscia* should be distinguished. *Ph. hispidula* and *Ph. kairamoi* should be paid special attention. Both of these taxa are restricted to the northern part of Italy considering their distribution pattern in this country (Nimis, Martellos 2008). From Italy *Ph. hispidula* is reported as being at least very rare in particular regions of its occurrence (Trentino-Alto Adige, Lombardia). This species can be found on very acid to subneutral substrate in sites with very weak to weak eutrophication. Notes of *Ph. kairamoi* come from Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli and it's probably restricted to Italian Alps. It's heliophilous species occurring in sun-exposed sites were recorded on base-rich bark (Nimis, Martellos 2008).

## CONCLUSIONS

Dissimilarity between number and recorded species in the studied sites can be the consequence of differences in genus and number of available phorophytes. In apple orchards the same bark and similar number of investigated trees (connected with restricted area of plots) minimizes this problem. It was the reason why so many common species were found between particular orchards and countries. Orchards seems to create their own specific conditions which favors some groups of organisms, e.g., nitrophilous, heliophilous. Nevertheless, occurrence of some rare species should pointed necessity of focusing more attention on this less studied type of agroecosystem.

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## Porosty epifityczne sadów jabłoniowych w Polsce, Słowacji i Włoszech

### Streszczenie

Przeprowadzone badania porostów epifitycznych w trzydziestu sadach w Polsce (10), Słowacji (10) i Włoszech (10) pozwoliły opracować listę 74 odnotowanych taksonów. Najbardziej rozpowszechnione gatunki należą do grupy taksonów mezo- i kserofitycznych oraz światłolubnych. W słowackich sadach zaobserwowano najwyższą liczbę gatunków oraz najwyższą liczbę gatunków wspólnych z przynajmniej jednym krajem. Wydaje się, że kora jabłoni stwarza dogodne warunki dla rozwoju *Bacidia rubella*, która razem ze *Strangospora pinicola* były cennymi porostami odnotowanymi w polskich sadach. W sadach badanych na terenie Słowacji szczególną uwagę zwróciły stanowiska *Acrocordia gemmata*, *Melanelixia glabra* i *Usnea hirta*. *Phaeophyscia hispidula* i *Ph. kairamoi* to interesujące porosty zaobserwowane w sadach włoskich.