## Focus

Haplotypes in <a href="Phytophthora infestans">Phytophthora infestans</a> in USA and Ireland were derived from ancestral lineages in South America, not Mexico, report L. Gómex-Alpizar and associates at North Carolina State University. (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 104:3306-3311, 2007)

<u>Turnip crinkle virus</u> infection reduces ability of turnip mitochondria to supply adenosine 5'-triphosphate to the cell, to account for symptoms, report J. A. Blake and associates at the University of Nebraska. (Physiol. Plant. 129:698-706, 2007)

Ten polymorphic microsatellite markers for <a href="Cylindrocladium pauciramosum">Cylindrocladium pauciramosum</a>, pathogenic to eucalypts, were developed by L. P. Wright and associates at University of Pretoria, South Africa, and Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, Netherlands. (Mol. Ecol. Notes 7:343-345, 2007)

To control avocado root rot, soil solarization inactivated mycelium after 1-2 hours at 38°C, but all propagules at 40°C, if chlamydospores of <a href="Phytophthora cinnamomi">Phytophthora cinnamomi</a> were present, report L. Gallo and associates at ICIA, Consejeria de Agricultura, and Universidad de la Laguna, Tenerife, Spain. (Ann. Appl. Biol. 150:65-73, 2007)

Kernel smut incidence and severity were significantly (weakly) correlated with seeding date of rice, report N. A. Slaton and associates at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and Rice Research & Extension Center, Stuttgart, AR. (Agron. J. 99:521-529, 2007)

A semi-selective medium (soy broth, fluorouracil, novobiocin, propiconazole, agar) for isolating <u>Acidovorax valerianellae</u> (black spot of corn-salad) in soil and debris was developed by C. Grondeau and associates at INRA, France. (Plant Pathol. 56:302-310, 2007)

Of proteins in xylem of <u>Fusarium oxysporum</u>-infected tomato plants, 21 were tomato proteins, 7 were fungal proteins, and 13 were specific for infected plants, report P. M. Houterman and associates at University of Amsterdam and the Academic Medical Center, Netherlands. (Mol. Plant Pathol. 8:215-221, 2007)

The phaseolotoxin cluster in <u>Pseudomonas syringae</u> comprises 23 genes, and mutation of 14 of these genes leads to Tox<sup>-</sup> phenotype for 11 of them, report S. Aguilera and associates at IPN Unidad Irapuato, Mexico; National University of Colombia; and Public University of Navarra, Spain. (J. Bacteriol. 189:2834-2843, 2007)

A putative DNS-binding domain in <u>Tomato yellow leaf curl Thailand virus</u> is located at the N-terminal 1-62 amine residues of the coat protein report C. Pitaksuthheepong and associates at BIOTEC and Kasetsart University, Thailand. (J. Gen. Plant Pathol. 73:72-75, 2007)

<u>Xylella fastidiosa</u> with types I and IV pili (present in wild-type isolates) play different roles in twitching motility, biofilm formation, and cell-cell aggregation, report Y. Li and associates at Cornell University, Ithaca and Geneva. (Microbiology 153:719-726, 2007)

By preventing spore infection of spruce stumps, decay frequency from <a href="Heterobasidion parviporum">Heterobasidion parviporum</a> will not likely increase in successive generations, report T. Piu and K. Korhonen of the Finnish Forest Research Institute, Vantaa. (For. Pathol. 37:1-8, 2007)