

The Role of Plant Agricultural Practices on Development of Antimicrobial Resistant Fungi Affecting Human Health

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#### About the Forum

The Forum on Microbial Threats of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (National Academies) was created in 1996 at the request of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health to provide a structured opportunity for discussion and scrutiny of critical, and possibly contentious, scientific and policy issues related to research on and the prevention, detection, surveillance, and responses to emerging and reemerging infectious diseases in humans, plants and animals as well as the microbiome in health and disease. The Forum brings together leaders from government agencies, industry, academia, and nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to facilitate crosssector dialogue and collaboration through public debate and private consultation to stimulate original thinking about the most pressing issues across the spectrum of microbial threats.

Despite decades of progress, the need for the Forum on Microbial Threats remains. Emerging and persistent problems such as Ebola, Chikungunya, Zika, yellow fever, antibiotic resistance, and, in recent years, MERS and COVID-19 demonstrate how the issue of infectious threats is global and unrelenting. The drivers are ever more pervasive, and the consequences—human, social, and economic—loom larger than ever.

The Forum convenes several times each year to identify and discuss key problems and strategies in the area of microbial threats. To supplement the perspectives and expertise of its members, the Forum also holds public workshops to engage a wide range of experts, members of the public, and the policy community. All workshops are summarized in high quality scholarly workshop proceedings that are available for free download from the National Academies Press.

The Forum on Microbial Threats is part of the National Academies' Board on Global Health. For more information about the Forum, please visit our website: <a href="http://www.nationalacademies.org/microbialthreats">www.nationalacademies.org/microbialthreats</a>.

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## Upcoming Events from the Forum

ADVANCES FROM COVID-19 IN DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS OF NEW TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR FUTURE PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS: A WORKSHOP

On December 8-9, 2022, the Forum on Microbial Threats will host a multi-day public workshop that will broadly explore innovative approaches sparked by COVID-19 to enhancing health systems preparedness and response to emerging infectious diseases. This workshop will consider basic scientific infrastructure and essential capabilities to support rapid medical countermeasures that have made up the COVID-19 pandemic response. Workshop participants will reflect on critical infrastructure for stakeholder coordination and innovations in the regulatory environment that can facilitate rapid and effective responses to emerging threats.

Stay tuned for more details!

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#### The Role of Plant Agricultural Practices on Development of Antimicrobial Resistant Fungi Affecting Human Health A Workshop

## **Objectives:**

As the use of antimicrobials in agriculture has become a globally widespread and standard practice, the impacts on human, animal, and ecosystem health have become more pronounced. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is now one of the most pressing global health threats as microbes affecting humans, animals, and plants become less responsive to standard treatments (<u>WHO, 2021</u>). The use of antifungals in crop production is an area of great concern that has garnered the attention of global health entities such as the WHO and US HHS (<u>WHO, 2021</u>; <u>HHS, 2021</u>). Antifungal use in agriculture may promote the development of resistant fungi in the environment, with implications for human health. However, several questions remain as to the mechanisms that promote resistance, the effects of resistant fungi in the environment, and how this phenomenon might impact human health.

This public workshop will examine: 1) the magnitude of environmentally induced/selected AMR in agricultural practices worldwide, with a focus on plant crop production; 2) the practices that contribute to AMR in human pathogens, 3) surveillance strategies, and 4) mitigation strategies. The public workshop series will feature invited presentations and discussions to consider:

- What is the magnitude of antifungal use in crop production in high-, middle- and low-income countries? How are such uses regulated?
- What are the mechanisms of AMR in plant pathogens and non-target environmental microbiota? How might this influence AMR in human pathogens?
- Which practices promote, prevent, or reduce the development of AMR in plant production environments, specifically in fungal pathogens? How does this affect risk of produce contamination with AMR pathogens?
- Are sampling and testing technologies for AMR surveillance in plant production systems adequate? What further evidence is needed to inform the use of antimicrobials worldwide? What further evidence is needed to understand the presence and effects of environmental AMR on human health?

A proceedings of the presentations and discussions at the webinar will be prepared by a designated rapporteur in accordance with institutional guidelines. For more information on this virtual workshop, please visit the <u>main project page</u>.

#### The Role of Plant Agricultural Practices on Development of Antimicrobial Resistant Fungi Affecting Human Health A Workshop

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 (via Zoom; all times in EDT)

Bridging the Two Worlds: Fungal Pathogens in Plant and Human Health		
10:00 AM–10:10 AM	Welcome Remarks, Workshop Overview, and Goals Paige Waterman, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Workshop co-chair	
10:10 AM–11:05 AM	Opening Panel         Tom Chiller, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention         Moderator         Antifungal drug uses in human medicine         Arturo Casadevall, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public         Health         Fungicide uses in plant agriculture         Tony Dorn, U.S. Department of Agriculture	
	TBD	
11:05 AM-11:20 AM	Break	
11:20 AM-12:35 PM	<ul> <li>Fungal Diseases, Antifungal Resistance, and Human Health</li> <li>Tom Chiller, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</li> <li>Moderator</li> <li>Impact of invasive fungal diseases and antifungal drug resistance on human health</li> <li>Andrej Spec, Washington University at St. Louis</li> <li>Overview of aspergillosis and mechanisms of antifungal drug resistance</li> <li>David Denning, Global Action For Fungal Infections</li> <li>Overview of drug-resistant, invasive Candida infections</li> <li>Brendan Jackson, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</li> </ul>	



	Current research in understanding pathogenesis and host immunity toward developing treatment options <b>Michail Lionakis</b> , National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
12:35 PM–1:15 PM	Fungicide Resistance in Plant Protection Use         Marin Talbot Brewer, University of Georgia         Moderator         Constitue and mechanisms of functions
	Azole-resistant Aspergillus fumigatus in agronomic settings: hotspots and
	coldspots Kevin Doughty, CropLife International
1:15 PM–1:55 PM	Discussion
1:55 PM–2:00 PM	Summary and Adjourn
	END OF DAY 1



#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 (via Zoom; all times in EDT)

Effects of Fungicide Use in Plants on Humans and the Environment		
10:00 AM–10:05 AM	Welcome Remarks, Review of Day 1 Jeff Lejeune, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	
10:05 AM–10:45AM	Role of Fungicide Use in Food Safety and Security Phil Taylor, Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI) Moderator	
	Case examples to illustrate (1) the role of azole fungicides in safeguarding food safety and security, and (2) potential drivers of fungicide use in the US	
	<b>Tim Brenneman</b> , University of Georgia <b>Pierce Paul</b> , The Ohio State University	
10:45 AM-12:15PM	Dimensions of Fungicide Regulations, Use Management, and Risk Assessment Lynn Goldman, George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health Moderator	
	Documentation of azole fungicide use in plants in low- and middle-income countries <b>Phil Taylor</b> , Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI)	
	Registration and health threats assessment of fungicides <b>Nathan Mellor</b> , US Environmental Protection Agency <b>Magdalini Sachana</b> , Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	
	Occupational exposure to environmental resistant fungi and possible implications in human health <b>Raquel Sabino</b> , Portuguese National Institute of Health Dr. Ricardo Jorge	
12:15 PM-12:30 PM	Break	
12:30 PM–1:15 PM	Innovations in Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Tools and Technologies Jeff Lejeune, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Moderator	
	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> azole resistance survey by air sampling through a citizen science approach <b>Wieland Meyer</b> , University of Sydney Westmead Institute for Medical Research	
	Innovation in data collection tools for surveillance and mitigation: crop and environment simulation tools <b>Brian Bailey</b> , University of California, Davis	



	Sampling strategies, interpretation of sampling outcomes, and evaluation of surveillance and management technologies <b>Karen Garrett</b> , University of Florida
1:15 PM–1:55 PM	Discussion
1:55 PM–2:00 PM	Summary and Adjourn
	END OF DAY 2



#### MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022 (2101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC; all times EDT)

Mitigation Strategies for Fungicide/Antifungal Resistance		
8:00 AM–10:00 AM	In-Person Networking and Breakfast	
10:00 AM–10:15 AM	Welcome virtual attendees; Review of workshop thus far Paige Waterman, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences workshop co-chair	
10:15 AM–11:45 AM	One Health Approach to Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Pathogen Surveillance Maryn McKenna Moderator	
	The necessity and benefits of taking a One Health approach in AMR surveillance and mitigation measures <b>Paul Verweij</b> , Radboud University <b>Bas Zwaan</b> , Wageningen University	
	Genomic surveillance and epidemiology <b>Marin Talbot Brewer</b> , University of Georgia	
	Diagnostics, resistance testing, and surveillance capabilities in local and national levels: health care systems and agricultural systems <b>Shawn Lockhart</b> , U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	
	One Health approach to AMR and pathogen surveillance at the international level <b>Jorge Pinto Ferreira</b> , Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	
11:45 AM–12:15 PM	Break	
12:15 PM–1:00 PM	Antifungal Drug Development and Stewardship in Health Care Maryn McKenna Moderator	
	New antifungal drugs in development with different modes of action <b>David Andes</b> , University of Wisconsin	
	Incentives and market for drug development and global access <b>John Rex</b> , F2G	



Integrated Disease Management
Tim Widman U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Moderator
Precision application technologies and communication with growers and other
stakeholders
Melanie Ivey, The Ohio State University
Current research toward targeted approaches and considering localized risk
factors
Walt Mahaffee U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Mitigation measures in compost "hot spots"
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## **Planning Committee Biographies**

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Paige Waterman, M.D., (co-chair) is a retired Army Colonel and Professor of Medicine and Vice Chair for Clinical Research, the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. Dr. Waterman is an infectious disease clinician, researcher, and leader in the battle against antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Throughout her career, Dr. Waterman has worked in highly collaborative national and international teams to curb rising drug resistance through the surveillance and early detection of emerging pathogens, policy creation and coordinated antimicrobial stewardship. As a military officer, Dr. Waterman served as deputy director of the then nascent Multidrug-Resistant Organism Repository and Surveillance Network (MRSN), at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), to collect pathogens for epidemiologic and molecular characterization, profiling and centralized archiving and clinical correlation. She was also detailed to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Directorate to establish its antimicrobial resistance effort and become the deputy director of the Global Emerging Infections Surveillance (GEIS) section. Dr. Waterman deployed as the Infectious Disease Theater Consultant and Clinic Chief for the 10th Mountain 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat team in Afghanistan in 2011-12. Throughout her career, Dr. Waterman has led clinical trials, manufacturing of biologics (vaccines), AMR and antimicrobial stewardship, clinical and bacterial genomic characterization, wound infection diagnostic and therapeutic development efforts, and global infectious disease surveillance. She also led the biodefense and bioeconomy policy effort at the Office of Science and Technology Policy within the Executive Office of the President. She served for more than 4 years as the Medical Research and Development Consultant to the Army Surgeon General and is a past President of the Greater Washington area Infectious Disease Society.

**Marin Talbot Brewer, Ph.D.,** is an Associate Professor of Mycology and Plant Pathology at the University of Georgia where she has been a faculty member since 2011. Her research focuses on the evolution and diversity of fungal threats to plants and people with interests in the genetic basis of disease emergence and host specialization, the evolution of fungicide resistance and fungal mating systems, and the taxonomy and systematics of fungi causing emerging plant diseases. She received her M.S. in Plant, Soil, and Environmental Science from the University of Maine where she studied the effects of biological and cultural controls on soil microbial ecology and Rhizoctonia disease of potato, and her Ph.D. in Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology

from Cornell University in 2011, where her dissertation focused on the phylogeography and mating system of the grape powdery mildew fungus, Erysiphe necator. Recent work in the Brewer lab is concentrated on azole resistance in the human pathogen Aspergillus fumigatus in environmental settings. Dr. Brewer was a plenary speaker at the Plant Health 2021 meeting where she presented "Does agricultural use of azole fungicides contribute to antifungal resistance of Aspergillus fumigatus in humans?" Her research has been funded by diverse agencies including the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Tom Chiller, M.D., M.P.H.T.M.,** is Chief, Mycotic Diseases Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At the CDC, Tom Chiller provides leadership for fungal disease activities, which include detection, prevention and response activities, policy and advocacy, both nationally and internationally. He also serves as the associate director for global programs in the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases. He remains actively involved in antimicrobial resistance, healthcare associated infectious, molecular epidemiology and laboratory activities for fungal diseases. Dr. Chiller is board certified in infectious diseases and is a faculty member in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Emory School of Medicine. During the past decade with the Mycotic Diseases Branch, Dr. Chiller has led efforts to end deaths from opportunistic fungal infections in HIV, control the spread of MDR Candida auris and azole resistant Aspergillus, and identify emerging mold infections.

**Julius Fajardo, Ph.D., M.S.**, is a Senior Plant Pathologist in the Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP) under the Office of the Chief Economist of USDA. Dr. Fajardo joined OPMP in 2012 as a Plant Pathologist. In this capacity, Dr. Fajardo's portfolio includes policy issues involving registration reviews of fungicides, biofungicides, nematicides, and plant growth regulators as well as fungicide resistance in collaboration with EPA. He has worked on emerging diseases and pathogens through USDA-ARS' National Plant Disease Recovery System, USDA-APHIS' Multi-Agency Coordination Group for citrus greening or huanglongbing including the Federal Interagency Committee on Invasive Terrestrial Animals and Pathogens (ITAP). Dr. Fajardo provides scientific support with the Office of the Chief Scientist on the role of antibacterial and antifungal compounds in crops on foodborne antimicrobial resistance. Dr. Fajardo received his Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Pathology from Texas A&M University in 1992 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Master of Science degrees in Plant Pathology from the University of the Philippines at Los Banos in 1980 and 1985, respectively.

**Susan Jennings, M.S.**, is the Senior Advisor for Public Health at EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. She coordinates regulatory and policy issues involving pesticides used to protect public health. This work can be complex and requires the Agency to support and maximize the benefits of pesticides used to protect human health, while still ensuring that they do not pose unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment. Susan serves as the staff lead on OPP's emergency responses to situations such as the Zika virus, actively supports IPM and other control discussions, and participates in other public health activities as they arise. She is currently leading the efforts on antibiotic resistance for antibiotics used on crops at the Office of Pesticide Programs. Susan has a Bachelor of Science from Carnegie Mellon University and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Virginia Tech.

**Ramanan Laxminarayan, Ph.D.,** is founder and director of the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy (CDDEP) in Washington, D.C. and New Delhi, and a senior research scholar at Princeton University. He is an affiliate professor at the University of Washington, senior associate at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a visiting professor at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. Laxminarayan chairs the board of GARD-P, a global product development partnership created by the World Health Organization, that aims to

develop and deliver new treatments for bacterial infections. He is founder and board chair at HealthCubed, which works to improve access to healthcare and diagnostics worldwide. Since 1995, Laxminarayan has worked to improve the understanding of antibiotic resistance as a problem of managing a shared global resource. His work encompasses extensive peer-reviewed research, public outreach, and direct engagement across Asia and Africa through the Global Antibiotic Resistance Partnership. Through his prolific research, active public outreach (including a TED talk that has been viewed over a million times) and sustained policy engagement, he has played a central role in bringing the issue of drug resistance to the attention of leaders and policymakers worldwide and to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2016.

Jeff Lejeune, Ph.D., D.V.M., serves as Food Safety Officer, in the Food Systems and Food Safety Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and FAO Secretariat for the FAO/WHO Joint Expert Meeting on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA). His veterinary training was completed in Canada (UPEI), at the University of Prince Edward Island and his PhD (Veterinary Microbiology) at Washington State University. Before moving to FAO he served as a Professor of Food Safety and Program head at the Food Animal Health Research Program, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University. His prior research was primarily focused on understanding the ecological mechanisms involved with the survival, dissemination, and prevention pathogen contamination of food, notably that caused by Shiga toxin-producing E. coli and antimicrobial resistant bacteria. He has served on the editorial boards of several peer-reviewed journals and participated in scientific committees, including prior work with two National Academies committees focused on food safety hazards: the Standing Committee on the Use of Public Health Data in FSIS Food Safety Programs 2008-2017. And the ad hoc Committee for Review of the Food Safety and Inspection Service Risk-Based Approach to Public-Health Attribution. 2008.

**Mervalin Morant, Ph.D.**, received her Ph.D. in Botany and Plant Pathology from Purdue University in 1988 and her Post-doctorate from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, before joining the faculty at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 1990. She participated in Mali, West Africa on a US Agency for International Development (USAID), Integrated Pest Management grant program from 1998 to 2000 where she worked alongside farmers and scientists to produce pesticide-free green beans for export to France. In 2003 as the Chair of the Department of Agriculture, she was hired as a Soil Ecologist by the US Department of Agriculture as a National Program Leader (NPL) in Natural Resources and Environment and later transferred to the Institute of Food Safety, Nutrition and Health. As the co-Lead for the Nanotechnology for Agricultural and Food Systems and the NPL for Antimicrobial Resistance program, Mervalin represented the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) on the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antimicrobial Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB) until 2020. She then joined the Science and Technology Directorate at the Department of Homeland Security, where she is currently the Program Manager for the Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense program.

**Philip Taylor, Ph.D., M.Sc.**, gained a first class honours degree in Plant Sciences from Wye College; University of London in 1982. He then pursued an academic career path with a Ph.D. at John Innes Institute on the Downy mildew of pea and these studies led on to two post-docs one in Illinois and one in Durham UK. Subsequently he became a lecturer in molecular plant pathology at the university of Hull UK. He then gave up the academic life to become a farmer, successfully running a large commercial farm taking it into organic, and GM production as well as conventional production. He represented the National farmers union on biotechnical matters as part of their working party. Years later another change of tack took him to CABI as part of the international development group and he became the training manager for Plantwise a large donor funded programme designed to bolster extension services in developing countries. He has travelled extensively in this role.

#### **Speaker Biographies**

**David Andes, M.D.**, is the William A. Craig Professor in the Departments of Medicine, Division Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine and Public Health and School of Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin and William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital. He is the Head of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Director of the Wisconsin Antimicrobial Discovery and Development Center. The focus of Dr. Andes' research program strives to identify strategies to combat antimicrobial drug resistance. His study tactics span from the bench to the clinic, including identifying biofilm resistance mechanisms, drug discovery and development, delineating the optimal dosing strategies for treatment of drug resistance. His research has been communicated in more than 300 publications. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and Association of American Physicians.

**Brian Bailey, Ph.D.,** comes from an interdisciplinary background that spans the fields of engineering, computer science, and plant biology. He received his PhD in mechanical engineering, which focused on better understanding the physics of turbulence and energy transfer in plant systems. Prior to joining the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of California, Davis in 2016, he worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Corvallis, OR on the development of improved biophysical models of grape powdery mildew spread. His current research program has focused on merging his interests in biometeorology and plant physiology in order to develop the next-generation of physically-based crop models that predict system-level responses to management practices and environmental variability. Dr. Bailey recently received a National Science Foundation Early Career award to apply these models to study whether and how plants have evolved to optimize efficiency through simultaneous variation of structure and function.

**Tim Brenneman, Ph.D.**, is currently professor of plant pathology at the University of Georgia where he has served since 1986. His primary appointment is research on diseases of peanuts and pecans, and he has worked extensively with fungicide resistance issues in both of those crops. Among other recognitions, he is a Fellow of both the American Phytopathological Society and the American Peanut Research and Education Society. He received his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in 1986 where he worked on dicarboximide resistance in Sclerotinia minor.

**Arturo Casadevall, M.D., Ph.D.,** is a Bloomberg Distinguished Professor and Alfred and Jill Summer Chair of the Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from New York University. He completed his internship/residency in internal medicine at Bellevue Hospital and specialized in Infectious Diseases at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The author of over 900 papers, books and chapters, his major research interests are in fungal pathogenesis and the mechanisms of antibody action. He is editor-in-chief of mBio, Deputy Editor of the Journal of Clinical Investigation and serves on several editorial boards. He has served on the National Science Board for Biosecurity and the National Commission on Forensic Science. He is currently chair of the Board of Governors of the American Academy of

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# Role of Plant Agricultural Practices on Development of Antimicrobial Resistant Fungi Affecting Human Health – A Workshop

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