

LABOULBENIALES OF POLAND

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Since 1968, the author has been studying fungi of the order of *Laboulbeniales* to gain knowledge of all species occurring in Poland and to describe them. Fungi of this order are external parasites of some arthropods (*Insecta*, less frequently *Diplopoda* and *Acarina*). They are identified by microscopic inspection of arthropods collected in the field or originating from museum zoological collections.

The inspected *Laboulbeniales* are stored as stable microscopic preparations. As far as Polish species of *Laboulbeniales* are concerned, only J. Siemaszko and W. Siemaszko reported 60 species in 1928-1933, this number being fairly high at that time. Studies by the present author have increased the number of species known from Poland to ca. 170, and thus the extent of knowledge of the Polish *Laboulbeniales* flora may be regarded as very good. T. Majewski has partly published his results in 13 papers describing about 110 species new for Poland, including 30 species new for science and 5 new genera. At present he is preparing a general description of Polish *Laboulbeniales* for publication in the series "Flora of Poland".

T. Majewski keeps his collection of *Laboulbeniales* at the laboratory of the Mycology Department in Warsaw; the collection comprises ca. 3700 specimens from Poland, and is one of the largest and most outstanding ones in the world.

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