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Metulodontia nivea

Figures 1–6

Kneiffia nivea P. Karst. 1896 [5 : 173] ≡ *Peniophora nivea* (P. Karst.) Bourdot & Galzin 1913 [2 : 394] ≡ *Metulodontia nivea* (P. Karst.) Parmasto 1968 [6 : 118]

≡ *Hyphoderma karstenii* Jülich 1974 [4 : 80]

Basidiome effused, adherent, membranaceous, up to 0.2 (0.3) mm thick. **Hymenophore** smooth then sparsely grandinoid or granulose, white to pale yellowish, almost unchanged or turning yellowish on drying.

Margin mostly abrupt or finely fibrillose, occasional or commonly with thin, whitish to yellowish rhizomorphs.

Hyphal system monomitic; all hyphae with fibulate primary septa, 1.5–3.5 (4) µm in diam., mostly thin-walled, compactly arranged and sinuous in subhymenium, looser in subiculum.

Cystidia of two kinds: 1) lamprocystidia clavate to cylindrical, 20–80×8–12 µm, thick-walled, hyaline, enclosed or projecting up to 50 µm; 2) gloeocystidia hyphoid, subulate, 25–40×3–4 µm, with oily content, sometimes with a small apical papilla.

Basidia narrowly clavate, sometimes with a median constriction, 15–35×4–5 µm, fibulate at the basal septum; 4 sterigmata up to 4 µm long.

Basidiospores ellipsoid to broadly ellipsoid, 3.5–4.7 (5)×2.2–3 (3.5) µm, smooth, thin-walled, hyaline, often with one large guttula.

Chemical reactions: CB–; IKI–; SA: gloeocystidia sometimes sulpho-positive at time of collecting; no reaction observed in the dried specimens studied.

Incrustation: crystals on cystidia, subicular hyphae and sometimes also in the subhymenium, prismatic, rhomboidal-elongated, up to 5 (10) µm in diam., hyaline.



Fig. 1: Dried basidiome. Image width = 23 mm [em-3492]

Voucher specimens

FRANCE — **Isère** — Villars-de-Lans, Bois Barbu, on wood of a lying, decayed trunk of a deciduous tree, leg. E. Martini, 10.IX.2014 (em-12306) — **Jura** — Moirans-en-Montagne, Grange de la Penne, on wood of a lying, decayed trunk of *Abies alba*, leg. E. Martini, 11.IX.2012 (em-11913)

SWITZERLAND — **Ticino** — Chironico, Motta di Gribbio, on wood of a lying, decayed trunk of a coniferous tree, leg. E. Martini, 3.VI.1988 (em-1736) — **Dalpe**, Motto d'Orlascio, on wood of a lying, strongly decayed trunk of *Picea abies*, leg. E. Martini, 5.VI.1993 (em-3492) — Meride, Veschee, on wood of a lying, decayed branch of *Fagus sylvatica*, leg. E. Martini, 22.IX.2007 (em-10100)



Fig. 2: Dried basidiome. Image width = 23 mm [em-10100]



Fig. 3: Dried basidiome (with host) [em-10100]



Fig. 4: Detail of the hymenophore and margin. Image width = 9 mm [em-10100]

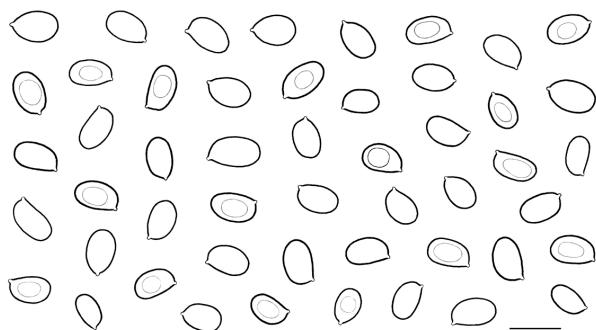


Fig. 5: Basidiospores. Bar = 5 μm [em-10100]

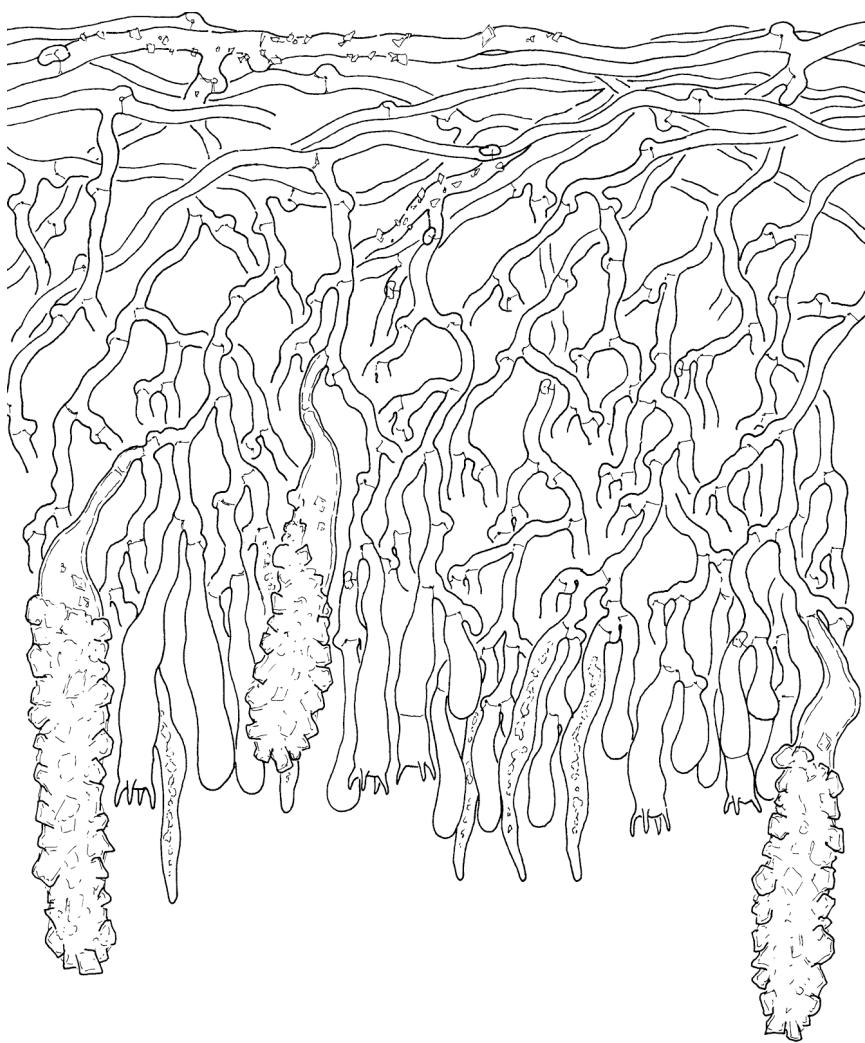


Fig. 6: Schematic vertical section through the basidiome. Bar = 10 μm [em-10100]

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