Establishment of Korean Lichen Herbarium and Korean Lichen Data Base System

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The first national-wide lichen herbarium in Korea was established in KoLRI (Korean Lichen Research Institute) at Sunchon National University this year. Approximately 2,000 specimens collected at several places of South Korea during the last few years have been deposited in the herbarium until now. Most of them are foliose and fruticose lichens. The herbarium built a cooperative network with foreign lichen herbaria. Korean lichen database, which contains information on so far identified lichen specimens in the herbarium of KoLRI, has also been established. This database is combined with the Korean lichen web server (http://lichen.sunchon.ac.kr). Users can simply access information on the database by providing key words such as genus or species names, collected locations, and substrates. The detailed information includes the collector’s name, habitat, substrate, and high-resolution image. In addition to, the web site contains the total list of Korean lichens and the latest update of the checklist for Korean lichens.

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