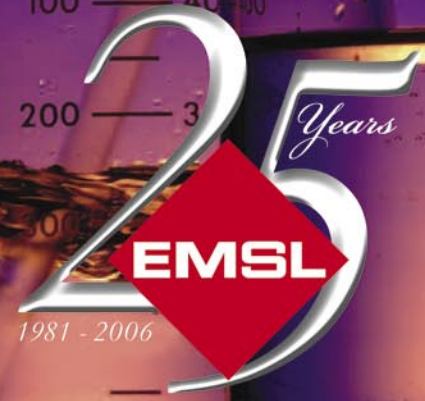


# Fungal Glossary



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## Smuts

Natural Habitat	◆ Pathogens of cereals crops, corn, grasses, onion, and sorghum
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown- smut fungi require a living plant host for growth
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind ◆ Rain ◆ Shoes ◆ Mowers
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I. (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Galls of <i>Ustilago maydis</i> are considered a delicacy and are known in Mexico as “Huitlacoche” and in the U.S.A. as “maize mushroom”, “Mexican truffles” or “caviar azteca”
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Smut fungi belong to the order Ustilaginales and there are about 4000 known species