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Lille, le 15.08.90

My dear Bernard

I must apologize for the trouble you got while making the copies of the papers on autisidiosis for fungi. I requested for you. I am very grateful for these papers! They will be most useful to the current work of one of my students, preparing a thesis on this subject (autisidiosis from higher fungi).

I came back for my first express trip this year, 3 days ago. It was a trip to Austria (pre congress excursion INCA), Germany (INCA itself) & Italy (Congress on Mammals & Birds in the Apennine region).

INCA at Leifersburg was really extremely interesting! I met many people, among others, Solomon Wasser who gave me your kind short message from USSR to me & many more. Many thanks for it! It was really pleasant to have a material confirmation of

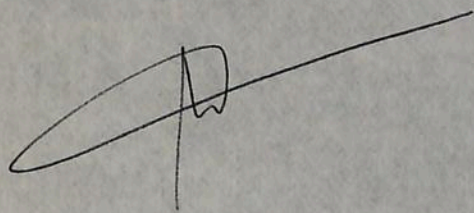


the loosening of frontiers & arbitrary borderlines, especially political ones  
& not the way colleges from eastern Europe. Also Meredith  
Blodwell and I had good contacts with members of the staff  
& NY Bot Gdn saw the  $\$2$  of finance (R. Helling, J. Samuel, & others).  
The lectures gave a lot of ideas, informations and were really powerful  
as source of inspiration for passing my future research!

We have at present a severe drought in France and almost  
no fungi. We hope for rain and wait for it. . . . Next  
forays are at the end of September until November.

Well my dear Bernard I send you all the best wishes &  
words from many of us and I. We hope that all is ~~ok~~ with  
you and ~~are~~ looking forward meeting you again in the future.

Yours

A handwritten signature, possibly 'P. H.', written in dark ink. The signature is stylized, with a large loop at the beginning and a vertical stroke extending downwards.

7/6/90

My dear Bernard,

That's ok! I send the final manuscript to a reviewer and hope that it will be returned quickly. The text and drawings arrived safely to me.

Back of this sheet are some papers which do not concern me and I think you enclosed them in my envelope by error... They will be back to you quickly, I hope.

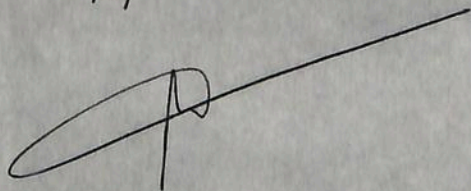
Many thanks for your collaboration and help. I feel that our paper is quite good!

So have a nice trip to USSR! And sorry not to see you in Regensburg...

With my best regards and greetings.

Yours

M. J.



P.S. I think I'll send the manuscript to J. Boidin. I know him well and he is in France, so we will save time... Maybe he will be able to send the paper directly to Kozlov...

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Régis COURTECUISSÉ (Ext.4351)

Lille, le 26 June 1990

Dear colleague, dear friend,

This short letter is to notice that I am now officially appointed by the Lille University (Faculty of Pharmacy) as a mycologist.

After several years of painful search for a stable job, I am now employed as a teacher (Botany and Mycology) and scientific searcher in Mycology (see the above letter-head for my official address).

I want to express my sincere thanks to you for keeping me your confidence during the past few years. Indeed, I am very late in the mailing of my separata, but I'll try to catch up in a next future and of course, I still need (even more than ever) to receive the works produced around the world and dealing with fungi.

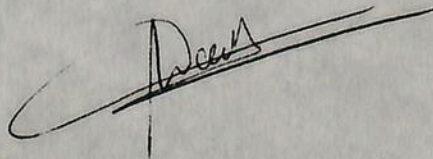
My mycological activities will still run about nomenclature, coenology and taxonomy of higher fungi, mainly Basidiomycetes (Uredinales and Ustilaginales excluded) and Higher Ascomycetes. But any key and taxonomic work on any group of fungi is of great use to me and will be enclosed in my library (15000 titles) and card-index (170000 cards) which are acting as a mycological documentation-center for many people and students.

Recent developments of my research enclose tropical mycology (especially neotropical areas). Plans about chemotaxonomy, fungal metabolites in relation to pharmacology, inventory, mapping and conservation of fungi in France are also scheduled. Works related to those topics are really wellcome.

I sincerely hope to keep in touch with you, and you may ask me for help of any kind concerning mycology. It will be a pleasure to me, if I am able to help you. Waiting for the opportunity of collaboration, further exchanges or meeting you, I send you my very best regards and mycological salutations.

Truly yours,

Dr. Régis COURTECUISSÉ





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Utrecht, 15-05-1990

Dear Dr. Lowy,

Yesterday I received a letter by Dr. R. Courtecuisse.

He asked me the number in the series "Studies on the Flora of the Guianas" that is free for your publication.

Number 52 has been assigned to your paper, assuming that it will be published in Mycotaxon this autumn.

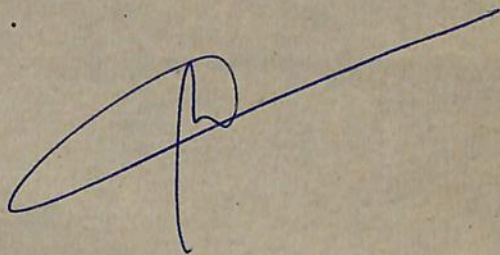
Yours sincerely,

Drs. A.R.A. Görts-van Rijn

Dear Bernard

A letter will come by express  
mail very soon ... !

Many thanks. !



R. COURTECU: SSE

Wattignies, le 22.04.1989

My dear Bernard,

I must apologize for my late answer, and I am sorry that you got anxious about the preceeding bag and letter you sent me.

Yes, I received both of them, your letter of recommendation and (last week) the bag with Singer's separata. I must thank you very much for both, and much especially for the first letter. I am really proud to be able to produce such a warm recommendation from you and I think that you became one of the best true friends I have anywhere in the world.

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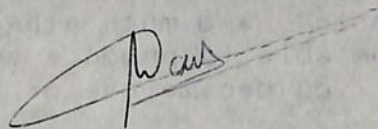
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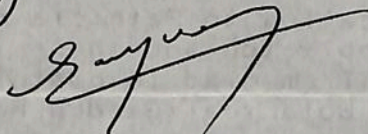
Be sure anyway that I highly appreciate your rapidity to answer to my requests and your graciousness and friendship. I keep at your entire disposal for anything I could do to help you in your work (litterature or anything else) or other matters.

Many thanks again and waiting for further exchange of letters.

Very sincerely yours

Régis Courtecuisse.



Grosses bis  


QUEBEC, QUE.

Le Château Frontenac vu de la Côte de la Montagne  
Château Frontenac from Côte de la Montagne



Air



Dear Bernard 3.09.89

Warm regards from Quebec city, last  
town of a tour in SE Canada, after  
Toronto (we met. I follow), Ottawa,  
Montreal and the Saguenay area  
with a field trip. We met here R.  
Pomeron! We hope you are well  
and remain your faithful friends

Sincerely

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*[Signature]*  
R. Cournois

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30.12.1989

My dear Bernard

Many thanks and my best thank you very much for your card and your kind greetings for the new year.

We also send you our best wishes for a happy and successful new year 1990!

We thank you very much too for your invitation to go again to Baton Rouge and visit you. Indeed we keep a really good souvenir of our 1988 trip and often dream of a new journey to Louisiana. We also think about a dream-like trip to Mexico with you... I am usually invited to the annual congress of the Mexican Mycological Society but the trip will not be possible before 1991 because of planned duties and congresses and also of money... We plan to attempt INCA in Reynoldsburg this August. Unfortunately I guess that you won't be there...

Concerning my present situation, I am now sponsored by the Alle University (3km far from home...!) on a part-time job which could well become a stable one next year (June) But I am still waiting for the decision at NY, planned for Spring. The choice will be difficult but maybe I'll

*Saccharis sinensis*

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*Mellicopea lucida*

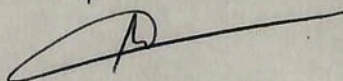
decide to stay here with Maryanne and work on  
tropical fungi thanks to sporadic missions and  
expeditions - I have the approval of Prof Jörts van Nijn  
and Dr R Welling for an official collaboration to the  
stems of the fungusai project .. That is good for me.

Anyway I thank you for all your help and friendship  
both really important to me !..

Well dear Bernard, we repeat our excellent souvenir  
of our visit to you and our sincere hope to go back in the  
future.

With our warm regards !

Truly yours



Amities  
Maryanne

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14-III-1989

Dr. Patricia K. Holmgren  
Director of The Herbarium  
The New York Botanical Garden  
Bronx, New York 10458-5126

Dear Dr. Holmgren:

Dr. Régis Courtecuisse is applying for a position as a mycologist at the New York Botanical Garden, and I am glad to write in his behalf.

Dr. Courtecuisse is a young, versatile, and enthusiastic French mycologist whose experience extends from a familiarity with the sand dune fungi of northern France to the tropical forests of French Guiana. Some of his publications with which I am familiar show that he has a great interest not only in taxonomy, but in the ecology of fungi as well. Although he has concentrated on studies of the agarics of France, he has also published on the boletes, Gasteromycetes, and Heterobasidiomycetes. He recently sent me a number of Tremellales for identification or verification which were part of his extensive collections in French Guiana made in early 1988. The material he sent me was notable for being accompanied by numerous sketches of macroscopic and microscopic characters of each species, more detailed and accurate than any I recall ever having received. Virtually all had been correctly identified.

Last year I had the advantage of meeting Dr. Courtecuisse after his return from French Guiana, when he and his charming wife spent a few days in Baton Rouge. For the past several years I had received letters from him written in very good English, and I can now also testify to his excellent command of the spoken language.

My overall impression of Dr. Courtecuisse and his work is, that he is a mycologist of the highest competence, a careful worker devoted to meticulously documenting and skillfully recording his observations, and attentive to minute detail. From personal experience, I would consider him to be gregarious and at ease with colleagues and strangers alike, and I believe he is a person who can adapt with facility to new or challenging circumstances.

I unconditionally recommend Dr. Courtecuisse to you with confidence, and am convinced that he would be a most valuable and felicitous addition to your staff.

Sincerely yours,

*B. Lowy*  
Bernard Lowy  
Prof. Emeritus

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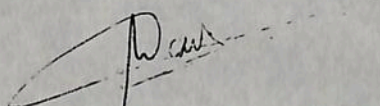
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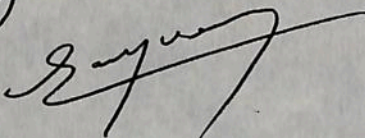
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Very sincerely yours

Régis Courtecuisse.



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Wattignies, le 23.02.1989

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is a considerable request. Do not hesitate to refrain my enthusiasm  
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are not available for you, and that will be a first selection  
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South-American journals, which are very difficult to get in Europe, or  
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*Bol.Soc.Argent.Bot.*, *Darwiniana*, *Act.Inst.Micol.Univ.Recife*, *Rickia*).  
Publications from other journals published in Europe (*Nov.Hedw.*,  
*Sydowia*, etc...), even if rather difficult to find and to copy are  
less seldom and I could try to get them from an other way. All that is  
not really an emergency, of course. I'll have no time to read ad  
analyse all at the same time. So if you can copy SOME of them, you may  
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xerox-copies request some financial contribution from me, do not  
hesitate ! I can send you an international post-cheque for example to

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17-IV - Note to Régis about  
reprints & letter to Holmgren.

(Harry & David box)

Wattignies, le 23.02.1989

My dear Bernard,

Many thanks for your quick answer about my heterobasidiomycetous material from french Guyana. I am glad to see that I was not too much wrong in my determinations and that you agree with many of them. Thank you very much for your help and advice for other unnamed collections.

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pay them. That would be quite normal for such a quantity ! On the other hand, do not hesitate to ask me for papers from european periodicals. Even if I am afraid not to be of great help to you, I am of course at your disposal for anything.

I am sorry that you are uncertain about your planed travel to French Guyana and that S.Wasser is not sure to visit you. I hope that all will arrange at the best. I still wait for an answer from Roy Halling, to who I wrote several weeks ago for different problems, and I am afraid that he will answer only after he came back from South America. I am more and more interested in tropical mycology and received from a friend several collections from Brazil, collected during his hollidays. I plan to establish some kind of a determinating service for foreign and far-originated fungi, in the Soc.Mycol.de France. Many people make wonderful travels all over the world, and they hesitate to collect some fungi. I think it is a pity to miss such opportunities and, for french mycologist, that could bring opportunity concerning our "territoires d'outre-mer", almost unknown, as far as Agarics are involved, such as Réunion, for example.

Many things happened here concerning job possibilities, and I have to say that some hope has born again... I can't say more, so far, because, as we say in France "il ne faut pas vendre la peau de l'ours avant de l'avoir tué". But I really hope to get some official position in a few months. All the conditions seem to be present for a good evolution of the situation. But we still have to wait and see.

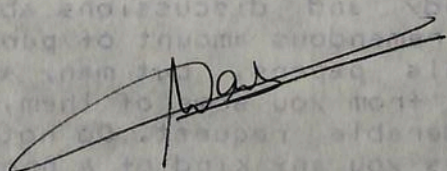
I apologize for this long letter again... I repeat that all the requestes xerox-copies do not represent an emergency. So your own work must be done first ! I must thank you again in advance for that, and for all you have yet done for me.

I'll keep you aware of my professionnall situation. Do not hesitate to write us, it is always a great pleasure for Maryvonne and I to get news from you.

With our sincere and best regards to you, dear Bernard.

Régis COURTECUISSÉ

Amitiés  
Maryvonne



Important works by Singer related to South-American mycoflora and lacking to my library. I should need these papers for complete and pertinent study and discussion about my material from french Guyana...

- 1945- The Laschia-complex. *Lloydia* 8:170-230  
1948- Diagnoses fungorum novorum agaricalium. *Sydowia* 2:26-42  
1948- Contributions towards a monograph of *Crepidotus*. *Lilloa* 15:59-95  
1950- Supplementary notes on the genera *Campanella* and *Favolaschia*. *Lloydia* 13:249-258  
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Wattignies, le 25.7.1988

Dear Bernard,

Please, find enclosed in this letter some pictures as memories of our good stay with you in Baton Rouge last spring. I hope you will enjoy them.

I have almost finished the examination of the heterobasidiomycetous specimens from french Guyana. I'll send them to you soon for control, confirmation, infirmation or advice. So far, I can say that among the 16 samples I collected there, I determined Dacryopinax spathularia (2 specimens), Tremella fibulifera (2), Pseudohydnum gelatinosum (1), Auricularia polytricha (3), A.delicata (1). Other collections seem to be more interesting: 1 Dacryopinax sp., 2 Tremella sps., 1 Calocera cf.glossoides and 1 sp., ... You will see that.

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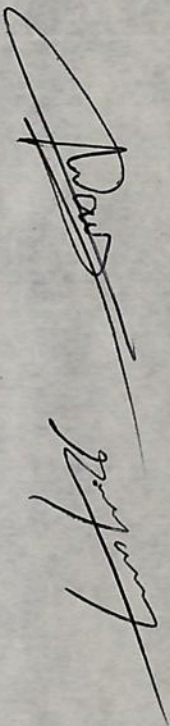
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Well, dear Bernard, I hope that all is OK with you. Maryvonne and myself send you all our best regards to you, hoping to meet you again in the next future.

Truly yours.

Régis COURTECUISSÉ

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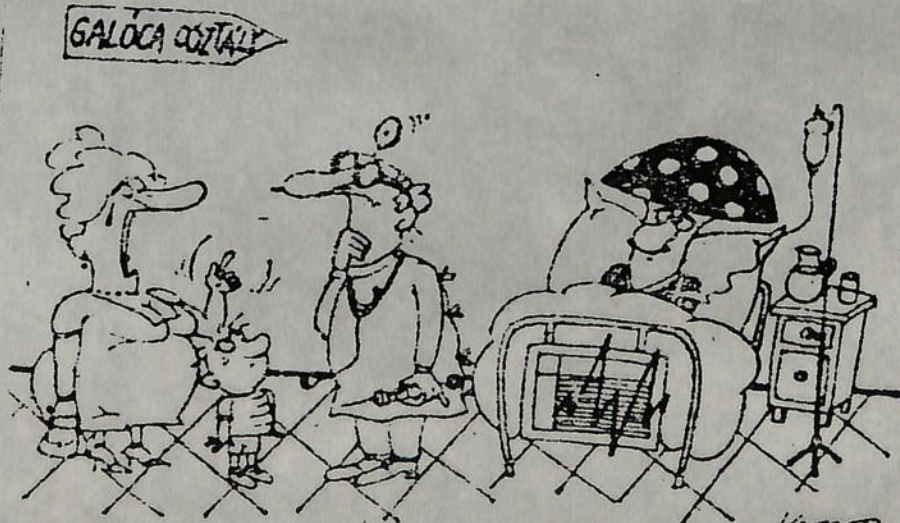
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poison mushroom ward



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The first one is botanist at Cayenne, probably coordinator for palms in the Flora of the Guianas and he will be aware of all people who came in Cayenne to work in the field. The second one is the "big chief" for the Guyana program at the Museum of Paris and will give you data on people from the Museum who work on that topic, in the field or in Paris.

5) Don't forget to write down my name on your list of interested mycologists ...! My special interest is about Basidiomycetes as a whole, but I also collected Ascomycetes in French Guyana. I think important for me to take place in such a listing. A tropical experience is not so common for european mycologists looking for a job... and that could be valuable.

That's all I can do for you on this point, at the time being.

Concerning other things, I have nothing new about my search for a job. I am elaborating elements to postulate for post-doctoral grants or other similar things. I have a possibility in Germany (for 1 year) or if it doesn't work I'll try Canada or the USA. All this will be decided rather quickly I hope because it is not pleasant to wait in such a financial situation. Maybe a few months more will be necessary for administrative delay.

Except this point, all is OK with us here. The mycological season has finished recently and now, I write some papers, take my card index up-to-date, work on the collected material, and there is really a lot to do with all that. We hope that you feel well and that all is OK for you. We expect for a next opportunity to meet you and keep an excellent souvenir of our stay in Baton Rouge.

Waiting for the next contact, I send you our warm regards.

Régis COURTECUISSÉ

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Régis

P.S. Heterobasidiomycetous material from french Guyana I told you about in a preceding letter will follow soon. I wait for the complete restauration of postal distribution.

P.P.S. I forgot an important thing! Would you be kind enough to provide me with a xerox copy of a paper by SINGER (if it doesn't cause too much trouble to you...!!) It is:

SINGER R - 1958 - Monographs of South American Basidiomycetes. I. The genus *Pluteus* in South America. Lloydia 21: 195-299.

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Many thanks in advance!! (or 159?)  
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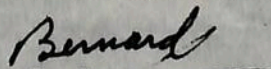
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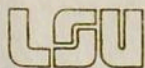
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With best wishes for success in all your projects,

Kindest regards,

  
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P.S. Many thanks for the mementoes of our daring adventure on the Mississippi.  
Maryvonne is an excellent photographer!



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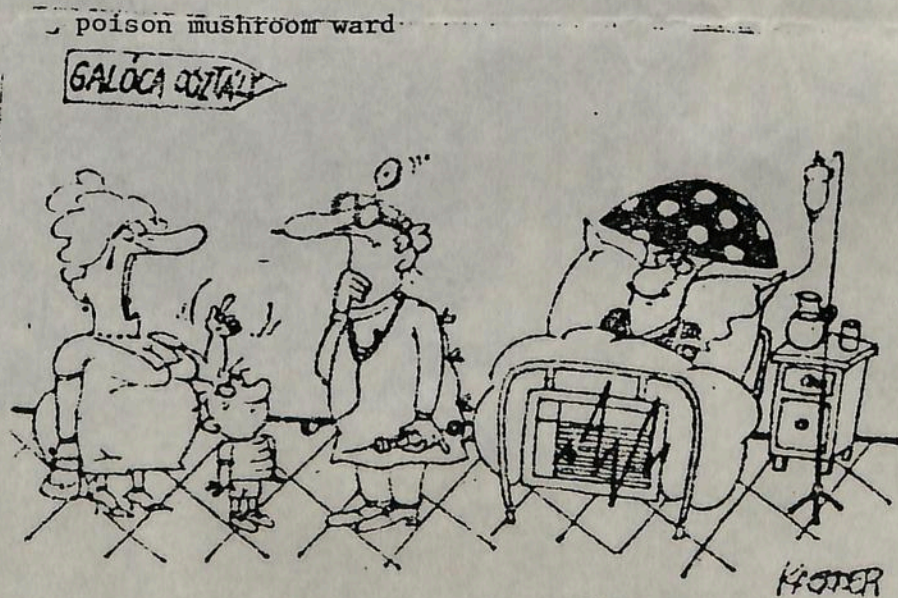
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WATTIGNIES, 1e 20.04.88

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After leaving you in Baton Rouge, we went to Knoxville, as you know. We spent two days with Ron Petersen. There was a reception, on Sunday, in Ron's house, for the departure of a chinese guest of Knoxville University. So we made some shopping Saturday afternoon with Ron and his chinese student, Mrs. Wu. Sunday morning, we went to the Smokies with Dennis Desjardin, for a short tour. It was very interesting, and I even collected some fungi, despite of the fact that the weather was rather cold, compared with the one we had in Baton Rouge as well as in Texas. Back to Knoxville, we had the chinese meat (very much unexpected, but really delicious). Monday morning, we spent a short time in the University before to leave by plane to Gainesville.

In Gainesville, we met Jim Kimbrough, and discovered with him the University of Florida campus, as huge as the one in Baton Rouge, with tremendous sport facilities, and some typical places around the town. We leaved on Wednesday, early in the morning to Orlando airport and then to Miami.

From Miami, we finished our stay in the States by our own. We rented a car in Miami and went to West Palm Beach along the sea coast. It is very nice, but, I guess that in summer it would be impossible to live there, because of too many people. From Palm Beach, we went by plane, again to Orlando, and rented another car to reach Daytona Beach and then Jacksonville along the coast. It was wonderful thanks to the nice weather and sun, and to the lower occupation of the sites by man (less buildings, less people). On the other hand, places such as Ste. Augustine are very amazing and interesting (very old things, from the early american history). From Jacksonville, we took a plane to New York via Atlanta and spent two days in NY. We had no time to go to the Botanical Garden, nor to climb up to the Empire State Building or the Statue of Liberty, but walked a lot in 5th Avenue, Broadway, Central Park, World Trade Center, and other places. It is a beautiful town, but 2 days is enough for a first sight (sleeping there is incredibly expensive). Next time, we will visit some museums.

So, you see that, during 3 weeks, we have seen quite a lot of things. We keep a very nice souvenir of our trip, especially of our stay in Baton Rouge with you, thanks to your extreme kindness and friendly hospitality and help.

We feel very indebted to you, and hope to be able to reciprocate in a next future. Whenever you come in Europe, we would be happy to meet you again and do our best to help you in anyway you should need (please let us know).

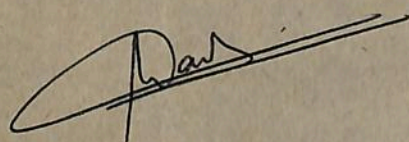
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Now, I am going to work hardly to take my card index up to date (several months of received papers and books not yet enclosed !) and to begin the determinations of fungi from Guyana. I'll send you the heterobasidiomycetous material after having a glance at it and trying to give some names on it. I have also several papers in preparation for a long time, and I hope to find enough hours a day to finish and publish some of them rather quickly.

Well, dear Bernard, Maryvonne and I, thank you so much again for the extremely pleasant stay we had with you. We hope that your work will run as you wish, that you will keep perfect fitness thanks (partly) to Don's club, and that your next expeditions in the neotropical South America will be highly fruitfull and interesting. Maybe, we will meet in french Guyana in the future, or somewhere else in that area. Why not ?

With warm regards from both of us !

Régis COURTECUISSÉ



*Amitiés  
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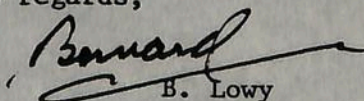
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I was delighted to spend a little time with you both, but of course in a small town the possibilities for sightseeing are very limited. Nevertheless, whenever you find yourselves in this part of the country, you may be sure that I shall welcome you, and that you shall always have a place to stay, if you wish.

At the moment I have no plans for travel, other than to the National Congress of the Mycological Society of Mexico in October. I am invited to speak on the subject of the influence of fungi in precolumbian America.

Meanwhile, I am trying to keep fit at Don's in anticipation of the next field trip, or even if there is none. Maryvonne, have incorporated one of your stretching exercises into my routine. Although old backs have limited flexibility, I refuse to be defeated!

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P.S. A few mementoes of your visit are enclosed.



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Cher collègue !

I have just returned from New York and have at hand your welcome letter. I am glad to know that you plan to stop in Baton Rouge, and I shall be happy to meet you if your schedule permits. You shall have to decide when it is most convenient for you.

Since your itinerary at present is only tentative, allow me to make a few suggestions, which however, are based on assumptions regarding your travel schedule. One possibility is that after your arrival in New York, you might first want to visit the NY Botanical Garden to see Clark Rogerson and others. I am assuming that after that you would probably go to Houston to be with your sister. In any case, Baton Rouge is only about a 1 hour flight from Houston (via your Delta pass) and the best way to let me know when you expect to arrive in Baton Rouge is to phone me from Houston. I have found a motel here that is fairly inexpensive (Budget Inns, at \$32.65 for a "double," ie a room with one bed for you and your wife.) Let me suggest the following procedure. After you have fixed your itinerary, let me know when your flight arrives in B.R., and I shall meet you at the airport, and we may drive directly to your motel. It would be best to call me a few days in advance, so that I can make a reservation for you at the motel. Then I shall phone you in Houston to confirm that the reservation has been made. After your arrival we may decide how to best spend our time together. I realize that your plans are flexible, but something like what I have outlined could perhaps be arranged. N'est ce pas? I anticipate with pleasure meeting you and your wife!

Cordially,

*B. Lowy*  
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P.S. My university phone number: (504) 388-2123. (usually from 8AM-1:30PM)

My home phone number: (504) 769-6241. (usually evenings after 5PM)

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My dear colleague,

This letter mostly concerns an extra-mycological subject, and I apologize in advance to write you about that.

I have planed a holiday journey to the States from 25.3 to 17.4.88.

M. The aim of my journey is to visit my sister, living in Houston, and inviting me. We adopted the Delta-pass system and we hope to spend some days in NY, Florida, Tennessee, and maybe another place, before or after our stay in Houston. So, I thought that it could be an opportunity to meet you and some american colleagues.

Unfortunately, I had no time at all to write you before today, because I just finished now the preparation of my thesis. It is rather regrettable, because now, I am going to take part, as mycologist, to an expedition in French Guyana organized by the Museum of Paris, from 8.2 to 17.3. I come back to France to defend my thesis on 23.3.

M. S. You see that there is very little free time for me before my start to the States. It is almost impossible to really organize our meeting, if possible.

So, I should ask you only a few things :

First, do you think it could be possible for me to meet you, even a short time, in your laboratory or elsewhere, at the beginning, or more probably at the end of the period of my american journey ?

Secondly, It would be extremely usefull for me to know if some cheap hotels exist in your town or neighbouring. I come with my wife, and should need one bedroom for 2 persons (1 bed).

Of course, I guess that you have very little time for extra-mycological things, but I should be gratefull if you could shortly answer to me about the possibility of a short meeting, and also about an hotel address. I am trying to establish contacts with some colleagues in order to organize a tour, but it rather difficult because of the late delay and of my next abscence until 17.3. Perhaps I could meet Prof. Rogerson in Bronx (NY), Prof. Miller in Blacksburg (Virginia), Prof. Korf in Ithaca (NY), Prof. Burk in Chapell Hill (NC), Prof. Kimbrough in Gainesville (Fla), Prof. Petersen in Knoxville (Tenn), all correspondants of mines.

This will depend of the planes between these towns or surroundings. I have not yet the Delta booklet with flight hours. Of course we will have also time limitation because we mainly plan touristic activities. Anyway, the season is not very propicious to mycological collections and this will avoid to regret not to especially collect fungi.

Well, you see that my plans are rather badly defined, and that we will more or less improvise on the field... But I wanted to write this little letter to you, in order that you are informed of my possible visit, and also in order to get perhaps some help from you

via Piedmont from NY

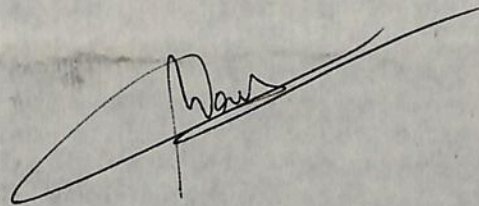
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concerning a cheap hotel possibility.

Thanking you in advance for your answer (you can write to my usual address, Maryvonne, my wife will be at home to receive correspondance during my journey in Guyana), and hoping perhaps to meet you soon (anyway, we will have other opportunities in the future I guess), I send you all my best mycological salutations.

Yours sincerely.

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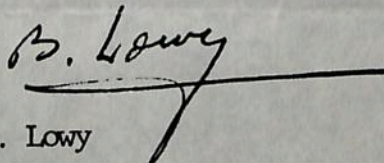
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Dr. Régis Courtecuisse  
33, Rue de Piètre  
F59249 Aubers, France

Dear Dr. Courtecuisse:

I regret that I no longer have reprints of the papers you request.  
A few more recent ones that I may not have sent you previously are  
enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Lowy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

B. Lowy

Cher collègue  
Dear colleague

Lors du rangement de ma bibliothèque et de certaines recherches  
*While arranging my library and during some bibliographical*

*bibliographiques, je me suis rendu compte que quelques travaux que vous  
researchs, I realized that some of the works you published, which*

*avez publié et dont j'ai grand besoin me manquaient. En particulier,  
I badly need, are lacking to me, especially the following titles*

les titres suivants me font défaut :

- 1955: Illustrations and keys to the tremellaceous fungi of Louisiana. *Lloydia* 18: 149-181
- 1951: A morphological basis for classifying the species of *Auricularia*. *Mycologia* 43: 351-358.
- 1959: New and noteworthy Tremellales from Bolivia. *Mycologia* 51: 840-850.
- 1962: Contribucion al estudio de los Tremellales de la Argentina. *Lilloa* 31: 213-228
- 1964: *Pisolithus* in Louisiana. *Mycologia* 56: 319-320
- 1964: New species of Tremellales from Guatemala. *J. El. Mitch. Sci. Soc.* 80: 65-70
- 1965: Estudio sobre algunos Tremellales de Mexico. *Bol. Soc. Bot. Mex.* 29: 19-33.

Je vous serais très reconnaissant si vous pouviez me procurer  
*I should be highly grateful to you if you could send me*

ces travaux (une simple photocopie serait très appréciée). En vous  
*these works (a xerox copy would even be highly appreciated). I thank*

remerciant d'avance pour votre collaboration et dans l'attente de vous  
*you very much in advance for your collaboration, and writing to help you*

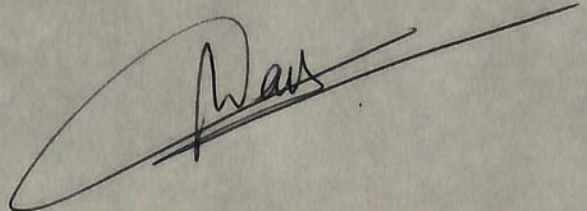
aider en retour si c'est possible, recevez mes meilleurs amitiés  
*in exchange, as far as I can, receive my best mycological regards*

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Dear D<sup>r</sup>. Courtecuisse,

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me reprints of your recent work. Sandy regions are surely interesting ecological niches for fungi, and so are the world's tropics!

Tentatively, I plan to return to the Brazilian Amazon next year, before I grow too old for making such forays (I'll be 70 next February), and expect to find more Tremellales, and other fungi. In July I was with my mycological colleagues Bohus and Babos in Hungary, and they took me on a collecting trip to the sand dunes of The Kiskunság National Forest. Tulostoma brunale (?) was found, but little else!

I formally retired from the university in 1980, but continue to maintain the mycological herbarium here (which I founded).

With kindest regards,

P. Howe