The Mushroom Research Foundation

The Mushroom Research Foundation (MRF), established in 2000 is a non-profit organization whose aim is to promote the study of fungal diversity throughout northern Thailand and Asia by training students from the region at the higher degree level. For more information, please follow the link: http://www.mushroomresearchcentre.com/

Numerous students at the Center of Excellence in Fungal Research (CEFR) have been funded by MRF through biodiversity collaborations. Presently, there are more than 40 PhD students with more than seven graduating each year. In 2018, the CEFR published around 120 research articles in international journals. In this regard, the Center of Excellence in Fungal Research gratefully acknowledges The Mushroom Research Foundation for all of its contributions and support.

Several research projects are supported by MRF and emphasize on fungal taxonomy and phylogeny and thus the MRF goals are being fulfilled as taxonomic expertise of fungi is increasing in the region. In this news, ten outstanding students are selected and their research achievements in 2018 are reported.
Dr. Saowaluck Tibpromma

Current position: Postdoctoral Researcher at Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Kunming, China

Research project: Biodiversity, phylogeny and ecological roles of fungi associated with Pandanaceae

Publications in 2018:


Dr. Dhanushka Nadeeshan Wanasinghe

Current position: Postdoctoral Researcher at Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Kunming, China

Research project: Taxonomic systematics of Dothideomycetes with brown muriform spores

Publications in 2018:


Ms. Subashini Chathumini Don

**Current position:** Ph.D. student at CEFR

**Research project:** Diversity and phylogeny of Dothideomycetes on wild seeds and fruits

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**Publications in 2018:**


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Ms. Rekhani Hansika Perera

**Current position:** Ph.D. student at CEFR

**Research project:** Taxonomy and phylogeny of selected families of Sordariomycetes with emphasis on seeds and fruits

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**Publications in 2018:**


Ms. Shike Huang

Current position: Ph.D. student at CEFR

Research project: Taxonomic and phylogenetic study on selected taxa of Sordariomycetes

Publications in 2018:


Ms. Anusha Hasini Ekanayaka

Current position: Ph.D. student at CEFR

Research project: Taxonomic and phylogenetic relationships of discomycetes emphasizing on Pezizomycetes and Leotiomycetes

Publications in 2018:


**Mr. Chuangen Lin**

**Current position:** Ph.D. student at CEFR

**Research project:** Towards a natural classification of hyaline-spored hyphomycetes

**Publications in 2018:**


**Mr. Ning-Guo Liu**

**Current position:** Ph.D. student at CEFR

**Research project:** Towards a natural classification of brown-spored hyphomycetes

**Publications in 2018:**


**Ms. Jing Yang**

**Current position:** Ph.D. student at CEFR

**Research project:** Phylogeny and taxonomy of freshwater fungi from Karst regions in China and Thailand

**Publications in 2018:**


Mr. Danushka Sandaruwan Tennakoon

Current position: Ph.D. student at CEFR

Research project: Taxonomy and phylogeny of microfungi in leaf litter and their succession with emphasis on host specificity

Publications in 2018:

