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(90% Research, 10% Teaching)

## Education

- B.S. in Biology, 1972, University of Maine
- M.S. 1974, University of Maine
- Ph.D. 1978, University of Kentucky

## Relevant Employment History (Since Ph.D.)

- University of Florida, Professor, 1992-present
- IAEA Seibersdorf, Austria Consultant 2011-2012 (sabbatical leave)
- AgResearch Senior Research Scientist Fellowship (sabbatical leave) 2004
- AgResearch Ltd, Fulbright Senior Research Scholar (sabbatical leave) 1997
- University of Florida, Associate Professor, 1989-1992
- Pasteur Institute, Paris, France 1989 (sabbatical leave)
- University of Florida, Associate Professor, 1986-1989
- University of Florida, Research Associate, 1979-1980
- University of Florida, Assistant Professor, 1981-1986
- University of Maine, Assistant Professor, 1980-1981

## Research Responsibilities

The overall objective of our research program is to elucidate the mechanisms regulating the development of invertebrate pathogens. This research, utilizing various pathogen-insect models, is directed at defining cellular/subcellular interactions which allow microbes to invade and to kill insect hosts. Additionally, our research is addressing those mechanisms that confer disease resistance to selected host insects. Our applied research program is directed at understanding how these pathogens operate to suppress host populations and to assist in the implementation of insect pathogens as microbial control agents. In addition, an active program designed to isolate novel metabolites from insect affiliated microbes has been established in collaboration with industrial partners.

#### **Granting Agencies:**

- NSF Cell Biology; 1986-1989
- NATO 1987-1990; NATO 1991-1993
- Co-PI - USDA CBAG 1988-1991
- USDA Collaborative projects; 1988-1995
- NSF Cell Biology 1989-1991
- FMC 1989; USDA 1990-1995
- USDA NRICGP 1991-1995
- S.C. Johnson 1992-1993
- NSF Cell Biology 1992-1994
- Bayer Corporation 1994-1996
- Syngenta Corporation 1998-2004
- NSF Cell Biology 2002-2005
- USDA (special grants-Pierces Disease) 2002-2004
- USDA NRICGP 2007-2010; 2010-2013 (Co-PI)
- NIH 2007-2009

#### **Teaching Responsibilities**

My major teaching responsibility is to teach the undergraduate course Principles of Entomology. Secondly, our laboratory offers a graduate level course in Insect Pathology. Additionally, our laboratory staff provides training in insect pathology to various graduate and undergraduate students.

#### **Accomplishments over the past 5 years have been:**

1. Discovery and molecular analysis of Helicosporidia a unique clade of insect pathogenic algae.
2. Analysis of the population genetics of *Nomuraea rileyi*.
3. Elucidation of the involvement of humoral lectins insect recognition of nonself.
4. Detection and analysis of novel fungal insecticidal toxins.
5. Development of insects as microbial miners of producing bioactive metabolites.
6. Cloning and sequencing of various fungal hydrolases, toxins, and cell-wall related synthases.

## **International Experience**

- Consultant to EMBRAPA on IICA contract. Development of *Anticarsia gemmatalis* nuclear polyhedrosis virus as a biocontrol agent against soybean defoliators.
- Consultant to AID Project IPM in Honduras and Ecuador. Assisted in development of teaching module and in Microbial control of Insect Pests.
- Collaborative research with Pasteur Institute, Paris, France (NATO project), and the Comparative Pathology of Invertebrate Laboratory, St. Christol, France (NATO projects)
- Collaborative NSF project with EMBRAPA in Londrina and CENERGEN
- Collaborative program with AgResearch New Zealand on physiology of insect digestion
- Collaborative project with Mahidol University and Kasasart University Bangkok, Thailand Analysis of the Chitinase Gene of *Nomuraea rileyi* and HtA toxin in *Hirsutella thompsonii*
- Collaborative program with University of Colima "Pathology of *Hirsutella thompsonii* to Spider Mites"

## **Patents**

- Joint patent with Pasteur Institute entitled Fungal Exopolysaccharides Having Immunostimulatory Activity, Procedure for Production, Extraction and Evaluation.

## **Graduate Education:**

- Served as chairperson for 12 students
- Served on 20 graduate student committees
- Teach undergraduate Principles of Entomology
- Teach graduate level courses in Insect Pathology and Insect Physiology

## **Other Activities:**

- Chairperson - S-135 Regional USDA Project, Development of Microbial Agents for Use in Integrated Pest Management Systems
- Consultant - FMC Corp. Development of Fungal Toxins as Microbial Insecticides
- Co-organizer - NATO Workshop. Fungal Cell and Immune Response
- Editorial Board - Journal of Invertebrate Pathology (1989 to 1993)
- Peer Reviewer - USDA, EPA, NSF, Can. Res. Council, IFS and various journals.
- Fulbright review panel 2001-2003
- USDA NRI panel (spring 2005; spring 2006)
- NIH panel (spring 2008)
- IAEA consultant (2006-present)

## **Presentations:**

- Over the past 30 years I have presented 50 symposia and over 85 papers at various scientific meetings.

## **Career Publications:**

- Books 1; Books (co-editor) 2; chapters in books 7; scientific papers 149; miscellaneous publications: 6

## Books:

- Boucias, D.G. and J.C. Pendland. 1998. Principles of Insect Pathology. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston 537 p
- Latge, J. P., and D. G. Boucias (co-editors). 1991. Fungal Cell Wall and Immune Response (NATO ASI Series), Springer-Verlag.
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## Book Chapters, Reviews, and Published Proceedings

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- Abd-Alla, A., Boucias, D.G. and Bergoin, M. 2010 Hytrosaviridae in Insect Virology (eds) S. Asgari & K. Johnson, Horizon Scientific Press and Caister Academic Press, Norwich, United Kingdom.
- Boucias, D. G., Verena Lietze, and Peter Teal 2012. Chemical Signals that Mediate Insect- Fungal Interactions G. In Biocommunication of Fungi Witzany (ed.). Springer Science.

## Referred Publications in Last Ten Years (student authors in italics):

- Maimala, S., Tartar, A., Boucias, D., and Chandrapatya, A. 2002. Detection of the toxin Hirsutellin A from *Hirsutella thompsonii*. J. Invertebr. Pathol. 80:112-126.
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- Tartar, A., D. G. Boucias, B. J. Adams and J. J. Becnel. 2003. Comparison of plastid 16S rDNA (rrn16) genes from *Helicosporidium* spp.: evidence supporting the reclassification of Helicosporidia as green algae (Chlorophyta). International J. System. Evol. Microbiol. 53:1719-1723.
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