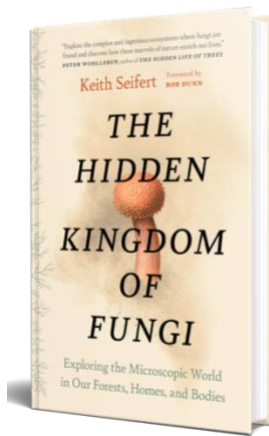




Book Launch and Networking: [June 19, 2023, Monday, 4 – 5 pm]



Join **Dr. Keith Seifert** and celebrate the launch of his enlightening new book,

The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi: Exploring the Microscopic World in Our Forests, Homes, and Bodies

published by Greystone Books, which explores how fungi affect the environment and our daily lives.

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Keith is a retired mycologist after an esteemed career at Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. His research expertise was the taxonomy of the asexual fungi known as Hyphomycetes, especially genera such as *Fusarium* and *Penicillium* that produce mycotoxins. His research involved the collection and culturing of fungi from agricultural (especially those producing mycotoxins) and other ecosystems (such as forests or the indoor environment), microscopy, DNA-based phylogenetics, the description of new species and genera, and the development of identification systems that can be used by other people scientists, based on either DNA or microscopy. He was very active in fungal DNA barcoding, which has led to a later interest in environmental metagenomics and fungal genomics. Keith's specimens and cultures are deposited in the Canadian National Mycological Herbarium and the Canadian Collection of Fungal Cultures. Keith is now a freelance writer and writing books on the impact of science on human affairs.



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Draft agenda (Ballroom A):

- ⇒ Welcome remarks –Dr. C. André Lévesque [5 min]
- ⇒ Short presentation – Keith [20 min]
- ⇒ Q&A – [10 min]
- ⇒ Networking