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Ericiomycetaceae Karpov & Reñé 2021

Karpov et al. (2021) introduced the family *Ericiomycetaceae* to accommodate *Ericiomyces* Karpov & Reñé as a monotypic genus. This genus is typified with *Ericiomyces syringoforeus* Karpov & Reñé, collected as a parasite on *Kryptoperidinium foliaceum* from brackish water in the northern Baltic Sea, Finland. Phylogenetic analysis based on rDNA sequences data revealed a distinct phylogenetic lineage in *Rhizophydiales, Chytridiomycetes, Chytridiomyceta*, so, new family *Ericiomycetaceae* was introduced. Encysted zoospore of *Ericiomyces* contains a special structure called syringe, which probably paralyzes a host. The surface of developing zoosporangium is covered by short, spiny protrusions. Both traits are reflected in the species and generic etymology. The sporangium formed as a lateral outgrowth from the encysted zoospore. Zoospores have kinetosomes with anterior microtubular roots associated with a short basal fibrillar plate, ribosomal core ramified and crossed by endoplasmic reticulum.

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