Microfungi on Land Plants

In a quiet wooded valley in an unspoilt area of the chalk North Downs, Juniper Hall is a superb country house dating from the 17th century, complete with a butterfly garden and surrounding woodland.

Course Overview

Minute fungi are widespread on living and dead plant materials of all kinds, but are rarely recorded. Even those interested in larger fungi do not always know where to start with the microscopic ones. This two-day course introduces these organisms, and explains their characters and how they can be identified. Visits to Box Hill and Headley Heath will demonstrate field techniques, and participants are encouraged to collect material between the two dates, for examination at the second. No previous knowledge will be assumed.

Course Details

Course fees
Course fee total: £70

Start and finish times
Participants are requested to arrive on Sunday 15 June and Sunday 13 July for registration between 9:30am and 10:00am. The course will start 10:00am and end around 17:00pm.
**About the Tutor**

Professor David L. Hawksworth CBE is currently a research professor in the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and a Scientific Associate in The Natural History Museum in London. The last Director of the former International Mycological Institute, he has wide interests in the systematics and diversity of lichenized and non-lichenized fungi, and is well-known for his work linking lichen assemblages to sulphur dioxide levels in the 1970s. David has served as President of both the British Lichen and Mycological Societies, amongst other roles, and has published extensively. He has run courses at various FSC centres since 1969, and now lives locally in Ashtead so has a particular interest in the area.

**What to Bring**

*Please bring the following with you if you can*

- Binoculars
- Notebook
- Camera
- Waterproof clothing
- Stout shoes (wellies can be borrowed from the Centre at no extra cost)
- Lunchbox
- Water bottle and/or thermos flask
- Small rucksack

**How to Book**

Bookings can be made online at [www.field-studies-council.org/individuals-and-families](http://www.field-studies-council.org/individuals-and-families)

Alternatively, please telephone or email Juniper Hall (contact details below) to make a provisional booking. We will then hold your place for 7 days. If the course is already full you may wish to be put on a waiting list; we will then inform you if a vacancy becomes available.

To confirm your booking please complete a Booking Form and return this to the Centre with your deposit. Cheques should be made payable to 'Field Studies Council'.

Fees are payable before commencement of the course and we will invoice you for the balance approximately 4 weeks before the course starts.