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Dr. P. A. Saccardo,

Padua, Italy.

my dear Sir,-

I have your most valued communication of the 6th inst. regarding the fungus Coniosporium of which I had sent you specimens. I had neglected to state in my former letter that Dr. Fr. Bubák has already described a new species in the Centralblatt für Bakteriologie, Parasitenkunde und Infektionskrankheiten, Bd. 31: 500-501, (Nov. 1911). The description, however, was so limited and without having some of his specimens, I could not be positive of it being the same species that I have found on the corn here. I wrote him and also sent him some specimens, and in his response of this week he states that the fungus I sent is identical with his Coniosporium Heeri of Bulgaria. He has sent me some material of the original specimens which I also find quite identical with my material.

I feel, therefore, that regarding this species, all ^{claims}, according to priority, should be surrendered to Dr. Fr. Bubák who identified it in 1909.

I also beg of you not to publish it as you state, in the Annales of Mycologiei, before giving all other matters due consideration.

You do not express your opinion whether, from your familiarity with the genus Coniosporium, you consider it as a parasite or only as a saprophyte.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken, and the kind favors.

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Yours respectfully,
E. L. Arzberger.