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My dear Dr. Saccardo;-

After having searched the larger herbaria of this country in vain for a specimen of Gloeosporium morianum Sacc., I am taking the liberty to write you this request for a specimen of this fungus if it is available. My interest in this fungus has come about in the following manner. For two years I have studied a disease of alfalfa caused by a fungus whose conidial stage has been described, first as Sporonema phacidioides Desm, and later as Phyllosticta medicaginis (Fekl.) Sacc. The asciigerous stage of this fungus appears to be Pyrenopeziza medicaginis Fekl. Recently the writer has found that von Höhnelt in Fragmente zur Mykologie no. 547, (Sitzungsber. Kais. Akad. Wiss. Wien, Kl. 119, Abt. 1. Heft VI. p. 643-643) expresses the opinion that Gloeosporium morianum Sacc. (Syll. Fung. V. 10, p. 459) is also a synonym of Sporonema phacidioides. An examination of the description of G. morianum indicates that von Höhnelt may be right. In fact, the writer has learned that a specimen of Sporonema phacidioides has recently been received at Washington, D. C. labeled G. morianum.

Therefore since it appears that these two fungi are

likely to be confused, if they are not identical, the writer desires to obtain a specimen of G. morianum for comparison, or in any case to get the fungus with which he is working compared with authentic specimens of G. morianum, in order that further doubt may be removed. I am enclosing specimens of Sporonema phacidioides Desm. and its perfect stage, Pyrenopeziza medicaginis Fckl. Sacc. in case you prefer to make the comparison.

I assure you that any attention which you may be able to give to this matter will be of great assistance to me, and will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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