

INTERNATIONAL DYNAMICS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NEMATODE COLLECTION, PAST, CURRENT AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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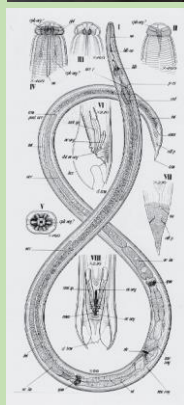
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ABSTRACT

The United States Department of Agriculture Nematode Collection (USDANC) has one of the largest and most valuable nematode collections in the world which includes millions of specimens. The collection was established in 1960 by A. Morgan Golden. Over the years, nematodes samples from 149 countries were incorporated into the collection. If we add all the territories and former countries which they split in different countries, the total deposition goes up 172. Depositions to the USDANC were made from collaborators from all over the world as well as from U. S. point of entries. Today the USDANC contains more than 50,000 slides, vials and jars combined. The USDANC is comprised from several collections, which include the Type Collection, the General Collection, the Thorne Collection, the Steiner Mermithid Collection, the Mass Collection, the Gates Collection, and a Demonstration Collection of 88 museum jars. The revised list of the type specimens added to the USDANC since 1998 was published in 2018. The collection database is accessible online at: <https://n.lars-grin.gov/nematodes/>. The database also provides a detailed list of specimens that are deposited in the USDANC and that are available to interested scientists throughout the world. The USDANC offers for interested scientists the opportunity to loan for limited periods and study the specimens deposited in the collection. In order to expand the collection, we encourage nematologists throughout the world to deposit type specimens in the USDANC for use by future generations.



Nathan Augustus Cobb*
1902-1932



Pioneering nematologist N. A. Cobb's original slide from 1890 in the USDA Nematode Collection.

- W.E. Chambers
- Gothold Steiner*
- 1932- 1956
- Jesse R. Christie
- Gerald Thorne
- Benjamin G. Chitwood
- Helen Swanger
- Albert L. Taylor*
- 1956-1964
- Joseph M. Good
- 1965-1973
- Joseph N Sasser
- A.C. Tarjan
- Eldon Cairns
- Morgan A. Golden**
- Burton Y. Endo*
- 1973-1974
- Raymond V. Rebois*
- 1974-1984
- William Friedman
- William R. Nickle
- Donald G. Murphy
- Richard M. Sayre
- Zafar A. Handoo
- Robin N. Huettel*
- 1985-1987
- Susan L. F. Meyer
- David J. Chitwood*
- 1992-2019
- Edward P. Masler
- Lynn Carta
- Andrea Skantar

*Research leaders

- Collections
- Type
- General
- Thorne
- Steiner
- Gates
- Mass
- Demonstration



Countries that did not submit samples to USDANC (in red)
Additional list of countries that did not submit samples to USDANC

Cabo Verde	Palau
Comoros	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Dominica	Saint Lucia
Holy see	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Liechtenstein	San Marino
Maldives	Sao Tome and Principe
Marshall Islands	Seychelles
Micronesia	Solomon Islands
Nauru	Tuvalu



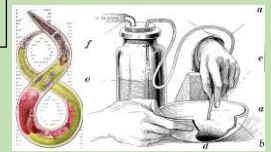
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USDANC
1960

Drawings



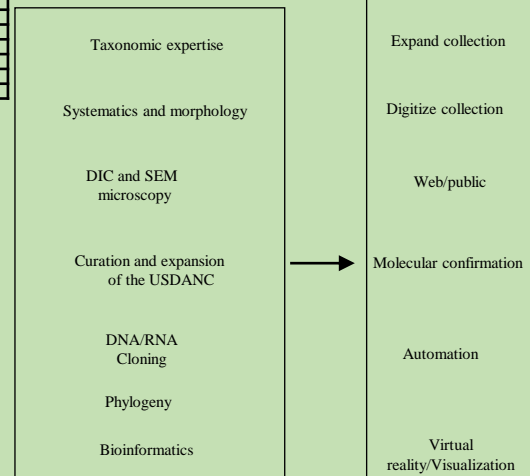
Glass slides



Research

Taxonomy

Molecular Identification



The USDA Nematode Collection database search page on the Web: <https://n.lars-grin.gov/nematodes/>

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Original drawing of *Dielisidorus heterocephalus*