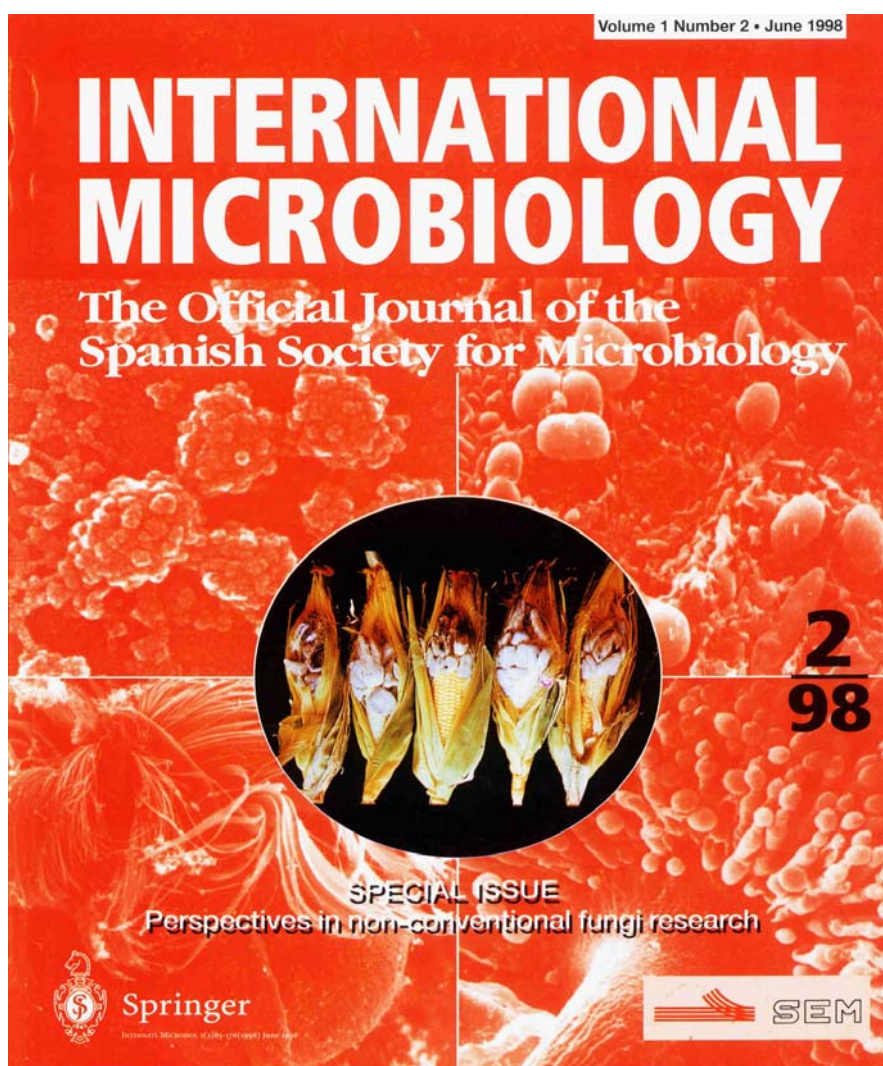


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Upper left. Simian Immunodeficiency Virus. Scanning electron microscopy of high resolution. Samples were coated with a chromium layer, 2 nm thick. Courtesy of the Electron Microscopy Service, National Center for Microbiology (Instituto de Salud Carlos III), Madrid, Spain. (Magnification, ca. 250,000×)

Upper right. Purple and green sulfur planktonic bacterial community from Lake Cisó (Banyoles, Spain). Scanning electron micrograph by Isabel Esteve, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain. (Magnification, ca. 4,500×)

Lower left. The hypermastigote *Staurojoenina* sp. from the hindgut of a Puerto Rican dry wood-eating termite. Scanning electron micrograph by Andrew Wier, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, USA. (Magnification, ca. 1,100×)

Lower right. Conidiophores and conidia of *Aspergillus alliaceus*, IMI 87209. Scanning electron micrograph. Courtesy of Josep Guarro, University Rovira Virgili, Reus, Spain. (Magnification, ca. 2,100×)