

Date	Event Details
12/04/2022	Registration of AFB completed
02/10/2022	Results announced of the Fungal photography competition, Mesmerizing Fungi , jointly organised in the month of September 2022 with SIES College, Sion, Mumbai
02/10/2022	International webinar was organized in SIES College, Sion, Mumbai with Dr. Seshagiri Raghukumar (Ex-CSIR NIO, Goa) who delivered a talk on " Industry Academia Connect in Fungal Biotechnology ". This was followed by a talk by Dr. Susanna Badalyan (Institute of Biology, Yerevan State University) on " Mushroom-Derived Biotech Products and Cosmeceuticals ".
18/02/2023	A National webinar was arranged at SIES college and a talk was delivered by Dr. Sanjay Saxena (Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (TIET), Patiala) on " Myco-Drug Development ", followed by Dr. Belle Damodara Shenoy , (CSIR-NIO Regional Centre, Visakhapatnam) on " Future Prospects of Fungal Systematics "
28/02/2023	" National Science Day Celebrations- 2023 " was organized by the School of Applied Sciences, Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur in collaboration with the Association of Fungal Biologists . A total of 100+ participants registered and participated in various activities. Activities conducted: a) Science Quiz- 23rd Feb 2023, b) Poster Making Competition, c) Colour Drawing of fungi, and d) Model Making Competition
19/03/2023	A national webinar was organized jointly with Uttan Vanaushadhi Sanshodhan Sanstha , on the " Scenario of Rice Diseases in India ", a talk delivered by Dr. Makarand S. Joshi .
02/10/2023	A National Fungal Photography Competition was organized jointly by GMM College, Bhiwandi in September 2023, the results were announced on 2nd Oct 2023 during the World Fungus Day celebrations.
02/10/2023	International Webinar was arranged jointly by Uttan Vanaushadhi Sanshodhan Sanstha with 2 talks delivered by Dr. Ali Ghavivian on " Learning Architecture From Fungi " and Dr. Abhijeet Kate on " Bioactives From Fungi "
01/12/2023	" International Conference on Biology, Biodiversity and Biotechnology of Fungi " and 1st Annual General Meeting of AFB was conducted in SIES College, Sion, Mumbai (1-2 December 2023)
23/12/2023	Online workshop on " How to Write a Research Paper " by Prof. T.S. Suryanarayanan , jointly organized by AFB and R. D. National College Mumbai
04/02/2024	" International Online Seminar on Recent Developments in Fungal biotechnology and Informatics " jointly organised by AFB, MycoIndia, MycoAsia. Five exciting talks were presented. 1. Dr. Sunil kumar Deshmukh on " Natural Colours by Endophytic Fungi for Food Application ", 2. Dr. BhupeshTaneja on " Hide and Seek of Dermatophytosis: Not So Hidden Anymore ", 3. Prof. A. Usha Raja Nanthini on " Fungal Cosmeceuticals ", 4. Ms. Mona Lavasani on " Biofabricating Mycelium Based Composites for Low-tech Habitats ", 5. Dr. Francisca Vicente on " Fungal Secondary Metabolites in Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals "

03/03/2024	The "Startup Lecture Series 1" was jointly organized by AFB, MycoIndia, MycoAsia and CBEC. Nine talks were presented, online, by the experts. 1. "The Role of Mushrooms in Human Nutrition and Health" by Prof. KR Sridhar , 2. "The Story of Roha Biotech – So Far" by Mr. Aditya Srinivas , Co-founder, Roha Biotech, India, 3. "Sustainability Unleashed: Mycelium-Based Ingredients and the Future of Food" by Dr. Yashaswini Balaraju , Co-founder and Chief Product Officer, Mycovation India & Singapore, 4. "Transformation of Waste for Sustainable Future through Mushroom Biotechnology by BETi" by Dr. Pooja Dubey Pandey , Founder, BETi Innovative Private Limited, 5. "Mycofabrication in India" by Mr. Sharad Rai , Former CTO, Dharaksha Ecosolutions, India, 6. "The Future is Fungi – Insight into the Global Award Honoring Frontier Research Harnessing Fungi to Solve Environmental Challenges" by Ms. Susanne Gløersen , Founder, The Fungi Investment Collective & The Future is Fungi Award, 7. "Marketing Mushrooms: Making Fungi Attractive in a Mycophobic Market" by Mr. Jashid Hameed , Co-founder, Nuvedo, Bangalore, India, 8. "The story of GrowtheFunGuy" by Mr. Adam Shamsudeen , Founder, GrowtheFunGuy, 9. "DreamFungi - The First-Ever Open Biolab Research" in Sri Lanka by Mr. Kishoth Navaretnarajah , Co-Founder, DreamSpace Academy, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
24/03/2024	AFB-MycoIndia MycoTalk (online): "Bioactive compounds from endolichenic fungi" by Prof. Priyani A. Paranagama , University of Kelaniya
29/03/2024	AFB-MycoIndia MycoTalk (online): "Filamentous fungi, one of the many players in microbial pigment industrial production" by Prof. Laurent Dufosse
07/04/2024	AFB-MycoIndia MycoTalk (online): "Fungal Morphology in Biotechnology Industry: Taming Wild Microbes" by Prof. Esham from University of Technology Malaysia
11/05/2024	AFB-MycoIndia MycoTalk (online): "The Ecology of Macrofungi in Southwest India" by Prof. Kandikere Ramaiah Sridhar
19/05/2024	AFB-MycoIndia MycoTalk (online): "Phylogenetic analysis using MEGA software" by Dr. Belle Damodara Shenoy
23/06/2024	AFB-MycoIndia MycoTalk (online): "An Overview into Molecular Structural Properties and Biological Activities of Fungal Peptides" by Dr. V. Sabareesh , Centre for Bio-Separation Technology (CBST), Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, Tamil Nadu
14/07/2024	AFB-MycoIndia MycoTalk (online): "Breathing New Life into Malaysia's Medicinal Gem: xLr® from TM02® for Health and Well-Being" by Dr. FUNG, Shin Yee , Professor and Head of the Department of Molecular Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
17/08/2024	Mycotalk organized by AFB and D. G. Ruparel College, Mumbai, on "Understanding Mushroom Morphology for Identification of Mushrooms in the Wild" by Mr. Vhyom Bhatt , Mushroom researcher and cultivation expert
02/10/2024	AFB and MycoIndia celebrated World Fungus Day 2024 on October 2, 2024. There were two expert talks. 1 Prof. S. R. Joshi on "Macrofungi and Their Phylogenetic Inferences" , 2. Prof. Pradeep Verma on "Research Highlights: Exploring the Multifaceted Role of Fungal Laccases in Environmental Remediation"
23/10/2024	"International Conference on Role of Fungi in Sustainable Development - From Exploration to Application" and 2nd AGM of AFB was conducted at the Department of Botany, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune from October 23-25, 2024.

06/11/2024	AFB collaborated with Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam, Kerala to organize a webinar on " Marine Fungal Research in India " led by Dr. Belle Damodara Shenoy , Principal Scientist at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, Regional Centre Visakhapatnam. The event also included a student paper presentation competition on "Fungal Biology and Applications," fostering academic engagement and research exposure.
10/11/2024	The collaboration between the AFB and the Society of Chemical and Synthetic Biology (SCSB) culminated in the successful webinar " Drug Discovery from Phytopathogenic Fungi ," presented by Dr. L. Karthik on November 10, 2024. This joint initiative highlighted the intersection of fungal biology and synthetic biology, fostering discussions on innovative approaches to drug discovery.
17/12/2024	The NFCCI-ARI and the Association of Fungal Biologists (AFB) organized an online session on " Writing and Dissecting Scientific Papers " on 17th December 2024, featuring Dr. John F. Leslie , University Distinguished Professor at Kansas State University. This insightful session provided researchers, students, and professionals with valuable guidance on scientific writing and manuscript analysis from a leading expert in fungal genetics.
22/12/2024	The AFB-MycoAsia Talk, titled " Introduction to Molecular Phylogenetic Software for Beginners ," featured Dr. Belle Damodara Shenoy , Editor-in-Chief of MycoAsia, and provided a beginner-friendly introduction to molecular phylogenetic software on 22 December 2024. This comprehensive session covered essential tools for sequence alignment, phylogenetic tree construction, model selection, Bayesian analysis, and tree visualization, making it an invaluable resource for researchers new to phylogenetics.
29/12/2024	The AFB-ILS talk, organized in association with the Indian Lichenological Society, featured Dr. Sanjeeva Nayaka , Chief Scientist at CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, speaking on " Lichens from Extreme Environments: Adaptations and Discoveries " on 22 December 2024. This collaborative event provided valuable insights into the resilience and ecological significance of lichens in extreme ecosystems, appealing to researchers, ecologists, and enthusiasts alike.
12/12/2025	The AFB-ILS Talk Series hosted a webinar on " Lichen Biodiversity Estimation in the 21st Century " by Prof. Pradeep K. Divakar from Complutense University of Madrid on 12th January 2025. Organized by the Association of Fungal Biologists (AFB) and the Indian Lichenological Society (ILS), the session provided valuable insights into the role of lichens in biodiversity studies, attracting researchers and enthusiasts from diverse backgrounds.
08/02/2025	The AFB-MycoAsia Talk held on 8th February 2025 featured Dr. Om Prakash, Deputy Head of the Symbiosis Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability, Pune . Dr. Om Prakash discussed " Conditional Drug Resistance in Medically Important Fungi: Emerging Challenges and Solutions ." This insightful session delved into the complexities of fungal drug resistance, offering valuable perspectives for microbiologists, medical researchers, and students interested in fungal biology and health sciences.
15/02/2025	The AFB-AMI Mysore Chapter & JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research organized a webinar on " Recent Advances in Antifungal Resistance Research " on 15th February 2025, featuring Dr. Vinaykumar Hallur from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar . The session provided valuable insights into the latest breakthroughs in antifungal resistance, attracting researchers, clinicians, and students interested in medical mycology and resistance research.

23/02/2025	The AFB-MycoAsia webinar on " Publication Ethics for Beginners " was held on 23rd February 2025, featuring Dr. Belle Damodara Shenoy , Editor-in-Chief of MycoAsia – Journal of Modern Mycology. The session provided early-career researchers with essential insights into ethical publishing practices, covering key aspects of integrity, authorship, and responsible research dissemination.
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