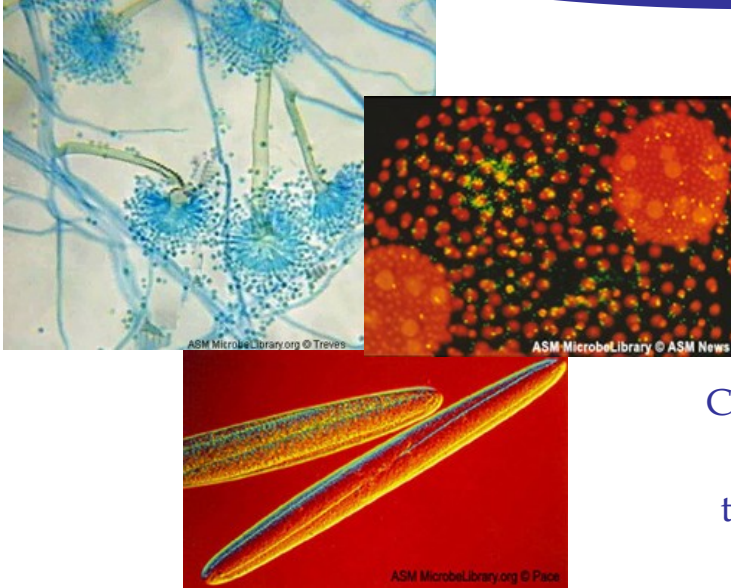


It's a Microbial World

with Dr. Tom Hanson



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Microbes are the numerically dominant form of cellular life on earth and have been throughout earth's existence. Recent estimates indicate that the amount of microbial biomass on the planet equals that of plant life and far exceeds that of all human populations taken together. They live in places we cannot, and if we are to find life elsewhere in the solar system or universe, odds are that it will be microbial. Moreover, microbes in the environment carry out processes that have global impacts and serve to maintain the biosphere in a livable state for humans. Microbiologist Tom Hanson will discuss examples of how specific microbes are key ingredients and tools for the food and pharmaceutical industries. You will also learn a technique for growing your very own microbial garden using simple household supplies, and hopefully leave this workshop with a greater appreciation for the beneficial roles that microbes play in our lives and in the biosphere.



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