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Hands-On Fungal Identification Workshop

An Intensive & Interactive 3 Day Laboratory Workshop

September 23-25, 2026

St. Joseph, MO



“A thorough understanding of mold is one of the key elements of cleanroom contamination control”

- Ziva Abraham

Mold contamination investigations are futile if the type of mold, its characteristics and reproductive methods are unknown or not understood. This information is key to identifying contamination sources.

If equipped with identification techniques using macroscopy and microscopy, the investigation can commence while waiting for subculture, phenotypic or genotypic identification.

Learn Hands-On Fungal Identification the correct way by understanding classification and exploring macroscopic as well as microscopic features which differentiate each genus and species. Using the simple identification keys developed by Microrite, learn to identify important cleanroom isolates.

This hands-on workshop will allow you to examine up to 30 commonly encountered cleanroom fungi. You will also learn about the various phases of the same fungus often not caught in automated microbial identification reports.

Since fungi isolated from cleanrooms may come from various sources it is important to identify these fungi to pinpoint the contamination sources. You can use the knowledge gained in this hands-on workshop to evaluate the condition of your clean facility and identify risk to your product.

Attendees will learn how to reduce the number of incorrect IDs by understanding the polyphasic approach to fungal identification. Additionally, learning about the morphology and the structures of cleanroom fungal isolates helps in understanding the efficacy of disinfectants against hard to kill fungi.

This course will also address cleaning and disinfection challenges with mold as well pathogenicity of mold in pharmaceutical products.

Which industries does this workshop apply to?

Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, Medical Device, In Vitro Diagnostics, Food, Beverage, and Pharmacies

Who will benefit?

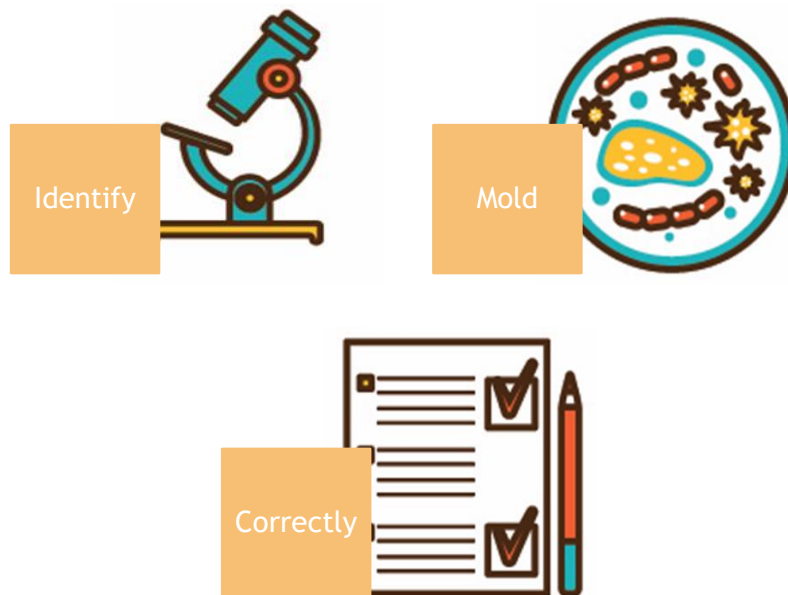
Quality Assurance, QC Microbiologists, and Training Personnel

Hands-on Workshop Overview

- Basic classification methods for fungi
- Clinical relevance of different fungi
- Common sources of fungi found in cleanrooms
- Common errors in fungal identification
- Correct use of reference materials
- Phenotypic and genotypic automated fungal identification systems
- Pitfalls in both microscopic examination and automated methods
- Use of stereo and compound microscopy techniques for fungal identification
- Understanding anamorphic and teleomorphic stages of fungi
- Cleaning and disinfection challenges
- Pathogenicity of mold in various pharmaceutical products
- Practice fungal identification utilizing approximately 27-30 common and uncommon fungal isolates encountered in environmental monitoring, using various texts and live cultures
- Make your own slides and learn how to identify fungi to species level from an experienced mycologist
- Understand disinfection and remediation challenges with some cleanroom fungi by learning about the protective structures of these isolates

What is provided

- Cultures for laboratory hands-on training
- Microscopes and supplies
- Training handout
- Breakfast and lunch



September 23th-25th, 2026	Innovation Stockyard At the Kit Bond Incubator 4221 Mitchell Avenue St. Joseph, MO 64507 816.749.4012
Day 1 Agenda	
Registration and Breakfast	8.00 AM to 8.30 AM
Lecture – Understanding Fungi structures, classification and nomenclature and its sporulation methods	8.30 AM to 12.00 PM
Lunch	12.00 PM to 1.00 PM
Hands On Fungal identification	1.00 PM to 4.30 PM
Day 2 Agenda	
Breakfast	8.00 AM to 8.30 AM
Discussion on Day 1 Identification Issues	8.30 AM to 9.00 AM
Hands On Fungal Identification	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM
Lunch	12.00 PM to 1.00 PM
Hands On Fungal Identification	1.00 PM to 4.00 PM
Wrap Up - Questions and Answers	4.00 PM to 4.30 PM
Day 3 Agenda	
Breakfast	8.00 AM to 8.30 AM
Discussion on Day 2 Identification Issues	8.30 AM to 9.00 AM
Hands On Fungal Identification	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM
Lunch	12.00 PM to 1.00 PM
Hands On Fungal Identification	1.00 PM to 4.00 PM
Wrap Up-Questions and Answers	4.00 PM to 4.30 PM

Hotel Recommendations:

Microrite does not have a room block at any hotel. Please choose what you feel comfortable with.

Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center

1201 North Woodbine Road, St. Joseph, MO 64506
(816) 901-9600
stoneycreekinn.com

Drury Inn and Suites

4213 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO 64506
(816) 364-4700
druryhotels.com

Airport:

Kansas City Airport (MCI). The drive to St. Joseph is a 35 Minutes.

Registration Information

Personal Information of One Registrant		
Last Name:		First Name:
Job Title:		Organization:
Mailing Address:		
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Email:		
Fee: \$3,300.00 per attendee (Includes 3 day workshop fee, breakfast, lunch, break, and course material)		
Additional Attendees		
First Name:	Last Name:	Title:
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<p>Method of Payment: Credit Card and Check payments only. Attendees can register and make payments on Microrite's website-www.microrite.com or complete this form and fax to 408-445-1236. Check payments must be cleared before the workshop date. If you have any questions regarding payment methods feel free to contact Microrite at 408-445-0507 or send your enquiry to labraham@microrite.com.</p>		
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Principal Presenter



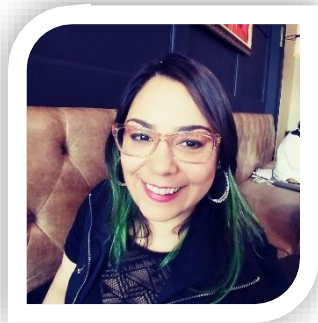
Ziva Abraham is the President and Founder of Microrite, Inc., a California based consulting firm providing consulting and training services to pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices and in vitro diagnostics in the areas of quality assurance, quality control, microbiology, and validation.

Ziva has over 25 years of academic, research, clinical and industrial experience in microbiology, and quality assurance. Ziva has received her Master's Degree in microbiology with a focus on Mycology and has conducted research on developing microbial Insecticides using entomogenous bacteria and fungi for her PhD degree. Her career also includes founding and managing clinical laboratories for Maccabi Medical in Israel. She has trained personnel from various industries in microbiology techniques and methods. She uses her extensive experience to teach why assessing risk of microbial contamination should be in the forefront of any company that has products for human/veterinary use. Her experience in clinical laboratories has provided her with the framework to understand the effects of microbial contamination in products from a patient.

Co-Presenters



Jaime Kaho'ohanohano has over 15 years of direct work experience in quality control testing and microbial contamination control ranging from clinical to commercial facilities. She has experience in microbial identifications utilizing traditional biochemical tests and growth on specialty media to utilizing identification systems such as the Vitek, MIDI, and MicroSeq. She has worked to improve the overall contamination control of a facilities that assessed all aspects of microbial risk to the product from gowning, cleaning and disinfection, to a risk-based Environmental Monitoring program. She now rounds out her career as a Senior Microbiology Consultant for Microrite Inc., for the last 7 years. She applies her hands-on knowledge and experience to help clients from many different disciplines. She is one of Microrite's senior consultants investigating mold contamination issues in various industries.



Audreyanne Covarrubias has over ten years of dedicated experience in Quality Control Microbiology, including seven years in GMP operations, Currently serving as a Microbiology Consultant for Microrite, Audreyanne plays a pivotal role in microbial investigations, contamination control strategies and developing risk based monitoring programs. She helps clients with understanding mold contamination issues through data analysis and identifying mold sources and their disinfection challenges.



Marisa Staffne is an experienced microbiologist with a strong background in pharmaceutical microbiology and quality control. She has specialized in microbiological testing, environmental monitoring, and microbial contamination investigations. As a Microbiology Consultant for Microrite, Inc., she assists clients in risk-based decision-making for product safety, develops contamination control strategies, and supports microbial contamination investigations.

Marisa's expertise includes establishing and optimizing environmental monitoring programs, analyst qualification, and microbiological method validation. She has led teams in refining microbiological testing processes, identifying compliance gaps, and training personnel in aseptic techniques. She applies her hands-on experience to help industries understand and address microbial challenges, including fungal contamination issues

Company

Microrite's goal is to provide practical solutions through consulting and training.

Consulting Services

Microrite is a San Jose, CA based Consulting Company helping Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, Medical Devices, In-Vitro Diagnostics and Combination products in the areas of Quality Assurance, Microbiology, Process Development, Process Validation, Facility and Utility Validation.

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