Life Science

Chapter 9 Part 1 Protista

Protista

- Junk drawer" kingdom a little bit of everything, some w/ cell walls (composition varies), some w/out.
- All are **Eukaryotes**, autotrophs and heterotrophs represented.
- Single cellular to multi-cellular and over 300 ft. long.
- Divided into three categories:
 - Animal-like
 - Plant-like
 - Fungus-like

















Animal-Like Protists

- AKA Protozoans classified based on the way they move:
 - Phylum Sarcodina: Ameba pseudopods
 - Phylum Ciliophora: Paramecium- "cilia bearing"
 - Phylum Sporoza: example: Plasmodium sp. causes Malaria –nonmobile, produce w/ spores
 - Phylum Zoomastigina "flagellates", Giardia sp. Flagella

Phylum Sarcodina: Ameba

- **Reproduction** Asexual binary fission resulting in genetically identical daughters
- Structure
 - Pseudopod "false foot"- cell membrane bulges and cytoplasm flows and fills causing the organism to move
 - Contractile vacuole used to remove excess water
 - Nucleus
 - Food vacuole: food is surrounded and the "food" is engulfed by pseudopods
 - Endoplasm thin, runny cytoplasm that fills the cell
 - Ectoplasm- layer of thick cytoplasm just inside the cell membrane









Phylum Ciliophora: Paramecium

Structure

- i. Cilia- short hair-like projections usually covering organism used for movement
- ii. Pellicle quilt-like cell membrane and underlying structures
- iii. Trichocysts- tiny flask-like spines used for protection
- iv. Micronucleus and Macronucleus- two types of nuclei used in "sexual" reproduction
- v. Anal Pore- area on cell membrane where used up food vacuole is discharged into the
- environment
- vi. Contractile vacuole- removes excess water from the cell
- vii. Oral Groove Opening that collects food stuffs "baseball glove"
- viii. Gullet Location food enters the cell "Throat"
- ix. Mouth pore: top of gullet connecting outside and inside





Conjunction in Paramecium

Reproduction

- Asexual- binary fission
- Sexual -- not a true "sexual" reproduction because no
- new organism is formed. A multi step process:
 - 1)Two organisms join side by side.
 - 2)The Macronucleus of each paramecium dissolves
 - 3) The micronuclei of each undergo meiosis resulting in 4 haploid bodies. Three of these dissolve away leaving only one haploid body from the micronuclei.
 - 4) the haploid body divides into two haploid bodies.
 - 5) One of these bodies from each paramecium migrate across to the other and then combines with the remaining haploid body forming a new micronucleus.
 6) The parameciums disconnect

• 7) This new micronucleus has info to build a new macronucleus which will then control cell functions in the paramecium.

* No "new" offspring are produced,

only genetic material has been exchanged.







Phylum Sporoza: Plasmodium sp.

- These critters are nonmobile,
- all are Parasitic.
- causes Malaria in humans.
- They all reproduce w/ spores.
- The organism has a two part life cycle
 - requiring a mosquito as a host and
 - then from the mosquito it infects and grows in humans.





Phylum Zoomastigina: the "flagellates"

- the "flagellates"
- they all move w/ the use of flagella.
- example is *Giardia* sp.
 - which lives in contaminated streams and rivers,
 - once ingested by humans it attaches to the intestinal walls and grows, causing intestinal cramping, fever and other flu like symptoms.
 - Under harsh conditions they form cysts







Fungus-like Protist - slime molds

- 1. Similar to Fungus, have cell wall, reproduce w/ spores; however, they are mobile during some part of their life cycle while true fungus cannot.
- 2. Example are the slime molds- they live on dead decaying material in moist areas and are able to move w/ pseudopods similar to the way ameba moves.



Plant-Like Protists

- Several types but all are unicellular and live in water or very moist areas, most are mobile and most are autotrophs w/ chlorophyll
- Phylum Euglenophyta : example is Euglena
- Phylum Pyrrophyta the dinoflagellates
- Phylum Chrysophyta the diatoms
- The true Algaes Red, Green and Brown Algaes









Phylum Euglenophyta: Euglena



- Carbohydrate storage vacuoues
- Eyespot- sensitive to light and dark but can't "see"

Phylum Pyrrophyta: Dinoflagellates

- Microscopic, most are autotrophs
- Reproduce asexually by binary fission
- 2 Armor plate-like covers • Looks like a walnut w/ a flagella
- cause Red Tide and bioluminescent







Phylum Chrysophyta – The Golden Protists

- The Diatoms
- Unicellular
- Reproduce sexually & asexually
- Photosynthetic
- All are aquatic, most are marine
- Cell walls made of silica (glass)



The True Algaes Red, Green and Brown Algaes

- Some scientists classify these in the kingdom Plantae we will keep them in Protista!
- Examples include: Volvox, Kelp, sea lettuce, spirogyra
- Classified by color
- Autotrophic Unicellular & multicellular
- Aquatic or very moist environment
- Include the giant kelp a seaweed that grows to be over 300 feet in length!! Structures include holdfast (root-like ball), stalk (trunk), blade (leaf). The kelp floats to the surface to receive sunlight for photosynthesis by the gas filled sacs (bladder) growing at the base of each blade



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We be done w/ the Protists... the Fungi will have their own slide show!