# North American Mushroom Conference Vancouver - 2013

Mushrooms worldwide Peter Christiaens

# Different species

- White button mushrooms.
- Exotic mushrooms
- Medicinal mushrooms
- Magic mushrooms

#### Studied mushrooms



Agaricus blazei (=brasiliensis)



Agaricus bisporus



Coprinus comatus



Grifola frondosa ("Maitake")



Cordyceps militaris



Lentinus edodes ("Shiitake")



Pleurotus pulmonarius



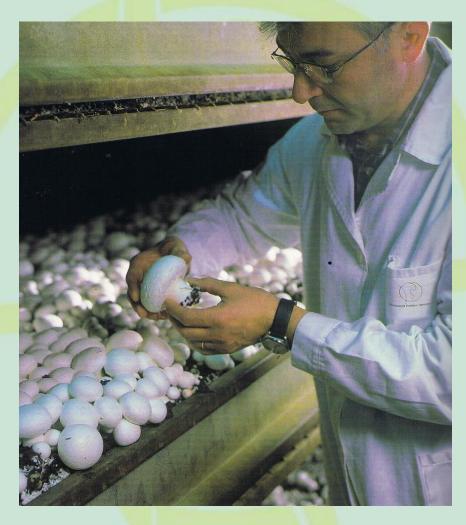
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# Magic mushrooms



# **Exotic mushrooms**





White button mushroom

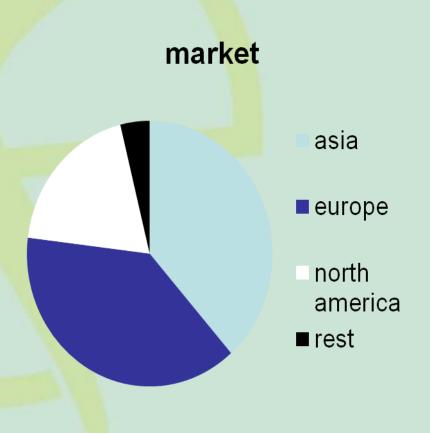
#### Mushroommarket worldwide

#### **Production**

- Europe 1.000.000 mt.
- North America 500.000 mt.
- Asia 1.000.000 mt.
- South America 5.000 mt.
- Africa 10.000 mt.
- Australia 30.000 mt.
   50% cannery and preserved

50% froch market

50% fresh market



#### Fresh Market

Europe

USA

Asia

Australia

Rest

700.000 MT

300.000 MT

100.000 MT

30.000 MT

100.000 MT

# Cannery and IQF market

Europe

USA

Asia

500.000 MT

100,000 MT

250,000 MT



# One Europe

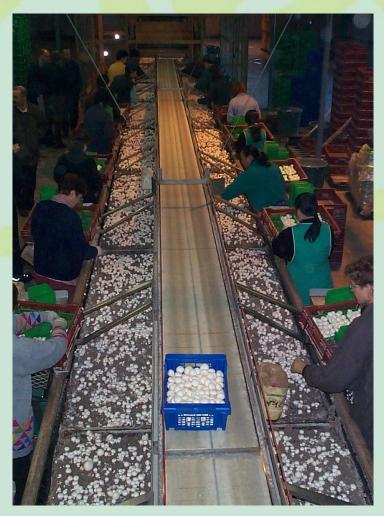
- 30 countries
- 15 languages
- 10 currency
- 2000 growers
- 4 growingsystems, shelf etc
- 5 different growinghouses
- Phase 1,2,3,4 compost

# Shelving with or without automatic picking lorrie





# Picking line for trays



# Bag growing



# Mushroom growing in a cave



# Europe

- Scandinavia no production
- Ireland and UK, Monaghan and Walsh.
- Germany. 4 farms 60 000 MT
- Holland + Belgium, 6 big traders; 100 growers
- France, Bonduelle, trayfarm for cannery
- Spain, Champinter and Ayecue
- Italy, Consortio di Treviso
- Greece, had 5 farms, only one left

# Europe

- Curency difference Zloty-euro 3.4 or 4.8
- Prices raw materials, straw, chicken litter
- Picking cost. Poland construction.
- holliday work
- 10 cents in Russia
- 50 cents in Holland
- Price: \$1.60 per kg fresh market
- \$0.80 per kg canned



# Netherlands strength

- Strong in cannery market
- 4 week cycle .2.000 MT / worker / year
- No chemicals and pesticides
- 1000 farms to 100 same production.
- All phase 3 compost. Good casing soil
- Good supplement. Good climate control
- Cheap compost from horse manure
- GMO granted by EU for cooperatives

#### Netherlands weakness

- Already 20 years weak fresh market
- Since one Europe,
- Bad image odour, shit, workers, nicotine
- Market share supermarkets > 75 %
- High labour cost: 20 dollar per hour
- Fair Produce label, Poland construction.
- Mushrooms are nowhere in the world picked by autochtone population

# **Italy**

- 100 years old
- Sartor famely
- Franciscutti
- Funghi Treviso
- No import
- New farms.
- Compost from Holland



# **East Europe**

- Poland expansion: 15 compost yards.
- 1000 growers: 275.000 MT
- Russia: no compost yard.
- Romenia: no compost yard only one big grower.
- Hungary: Bio-fungi, Korona Mushroom
- Ukraine is fast growing
- Rest coming up

# Packing station Poland



# Composting Plant Poland



# Farm in Poland







#### Mushrooms in Russia

- Every city had his own farm in the past.
- Import 120.000 MT preserved product.
- Import 60.000 MT fresh mushrooms.
- Own production very small. Risky !!
- New farm for 20.000 MT
- Many farms for oyster mushrooms.
- Largest compost yard stops production

## Mushroom farm in Moscow



# Farm in Russia



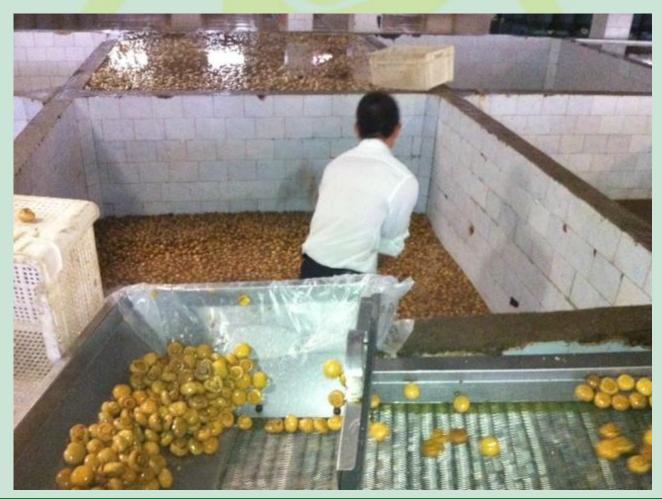
### China mushroom farms



### Mushrooms in salt



# Emptying a pool





# New mushroom farm in China



# New Mushroom project in China



#### Mushroom farm India



# Packed without cooling



# Reefer containers for compost transport in Malysia



# Mushrooms in supermarket Asia



#### Mushroom farm Chile



# Mushroom growing in Colombia



#### Australia

- Very good marketing system
- % per kg of spawn. Governement rule
- Production 30,000 MT.
- Mushroom Exchange 60% M-share
- Tolson family 20% M-share
- Rest
   20 %M-share
- Price: 4 to 5 dollar per kg or \$10 per lb

#### Mix of mushrooms in Asia



#### Ricestraw mushroom



### Enoki



## Automatic packing line



### Vietnam



### Exotic mushrooms in Europe



# Sheds in Italy



# Agrocybe



## Oyster mushrooms in Italy



## A few "medicinal"



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Ganoderma lucidum



Coprinus comatus



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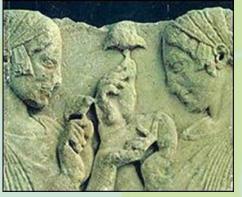
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## Perception: medicine or drug



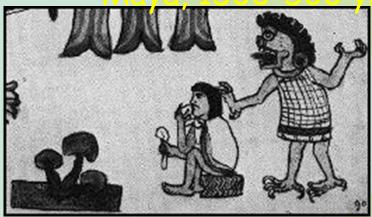




African, 9000 yr BC

Hellenic, 1500-500 yr B*C* 

<u>Maya</u>, 1500-500 yr Bo





Aztec, 16th century
Netherlands, 20th century

#### Medicinal mushrooms



#### Blazei Murill



### Market changes

- \* Hightech farms, all year around growing
- \* More money for fresh mushrooms.
- \* Less canned mushrooms
- \* Better quality through better understanding.
- \* Higher prices in the future.
- \* Supermarkets have to be more open to the growers.
- \* No new farms are build

Mushrooms - Composting - Agro projects

#### **New innovations**

- Automatic trayfarms: To slow handling
- One layersystem: not the good climate
- Shelf system with one layersystem.
- Shelf system with automatic pickinglorry
- Whole day picking 15% more yield.
- Bed cooling with higher supplementation
- Automatic watering

## Solarpanels on the farm



## Automatic watering



# Bed cooling to grow 500 kg per MT Ph3 compost



# Mushrooms cooked in own juice



## Mushrooms ready to pick



### Summary

- Mushrooms are a superfood.
- Low in fat and energy, compare with meat in weight
- Nothing is proven on humans.
- Keep telling how healty it is and try to prove it in the meantime.



#### **OUR GOAL!**





#### QUESTIONS?