

Helvella oblongispora found in Finland

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The first Finnish record is given of the rare species *Helvella oblongispora* Harmaja (sect. *Leucomelaenae* Diss.), with a photograph of fresh apothecia *in situ*.

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Among the interesting fungi collected by Mr. Jukka Vauras and donated by him to the Botanical Museum of the University of Helsinki, I recently detected one specimen of *Helvella oblongispora* Harmaja. The species was briefly described at first (Harmaja 1978) and treated more comprehensively later (Harmaja 1979). It should be included in the section *Leucomelaenae* Diss. because of its aporhynchous asci (Harmaja 1979). The species has been reported from Sweden, Norway, Austria, and the Federal Republic of Germany (Harmaja 1979); the present specimen is the first found in Finland.

Specimen examined

Finland. *Varsinais-Suomi*. Parainen, Simonby, at the edge of a limestone quarry, among mosses near *Picea abies*, not far from fruit bodies of *Gerronema albidum*, Grid 27°E: 6693:236, 1.VIII.1981 Vauras 1019F (H, KUO).

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Fig. 1. *Helvella oblongispora*, fresh apothecia *in situ*, about natural size (Finland, Varsinais-Suomi, Parainen, 1.VIII.1981 Vauras; H, KUO). — Photo: Jukka Vauras.