**Collection of myxobacteria**

A unique collection of myxobacteria comprising about 5000 strains was collected by the working group "Natural Products" around Hans Reichenbach in the GBF, German Research Center for Biotechnology, now well known as HZI-Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research, Braunschweig. The collection includes terrestrial isolates of all published genera and surely includes many strains representing novel taxa in the order *Myxococcales*, class Deltaproteobacteria. It was established in order to detect novel metabolites with effects on biological materials. Myxobacteria proofed to be a rich resource for active agents which might be adopted for medical, pharmaceutical or agricultural purposes.

Currently, 2500 strains out of this collection or isolated and described by other authors are offered by the DSMZ. Many of these are members of the genera *Myxococcus*, *Nannocystis* and *Sorangium*, others are even obligate marine organisms.

Please note a specific MTA (material transfer agreement) and special price for cultures of the Reichenbach collection.