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**ABSTRACTS** - Oral Presentations

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The North American Mycoflora Project ([www.mycoflora.org](http://www.mycoflora.org)) is a collaboration between professional mycologists, citizen scientists, online citizen science platforms (such as Mushroom Observer and iNaturalist), and herbaria to identify and map the distribution of macrofungi across North America. The cornerstone of this initiative is the documentation, vouchering, and DNA sequencing of macrofungal collections. In order to foster broad citizen science participation, a week-long, continental-scale online foray is being conducted in conjunction with National Geographic and iNaturalist during 2019. As an outcome to this effort, over 500 participants will contribute over 20,000 new reports to iNaturalist. More importantly, over 2,000 specimens of macrofungi will be saved in herbaria, with over 1,500 specimens receiving a DNA barcode. The broad and systematic engagement of citizen scientists will significantly expedite the rate of species discovery of macrofungi in North America, and a sustained commitment to these types of collaborations will be required if the dream of a reasonably comprehensive mycoflora of North America is to be realized.