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- 2 (above, right) *Vesiculomyces citrinus* (Pers.) E. Hagstr., basidioma vertical section stained with phloxine. Belarus, Byarezinski Reserve, near Rozhna, on fallen wood of *J. communis*, coll. E.O. Yurchenko 10 Jul 1998 (MSK 4492);
- 3 (below, left) *Tomentella lapida* (Pers.) Stalpers, hymenial elements, hyphae and basidiospores. Belarus, Byarezinski Reserve, near Rozhna, on dead trunk of *J. communis*, coll. E.O. Yurchenko 10 Jul 1998 (MSK 4452);
- 4 (below, right) *Gymnosporangium cornutum* Arthur ex F. Kern, teliospores. Belarus, Trylesina near Smarhon', on *Juniperus communis* twig, coll. D.B. Belomesyatseva 5 Oct 1998 (MSK 8156).

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- 5 (above, left) *Conoplea juniperi* S. Hughes var. *juniperi*, conidiophores and conidia. USA, Mississippi, on bark of *J. virginiana*, coll. J.L. Crane 1 Jan 1982 [Mycotheca Boreali-Americana, ILLS 42838 (ex LE 22938)];
- 6 (above, right) *Discosia strobilina* Lib. Belarus, Kolasava near Stoubtsy, on dead needles of *J. communis*, coll. D.B. Belomesyatseva 16 Jun 2000 (MSK 8090);
- 7 (below, left) *Ojibwaya perpulchra* B. Sutton, conidia chains. Belarus, Dubok railway platform near Brest, on dead still-attached twig of *J. communis*, coll. D.B. Belomesyatseva 20 Jul 2000 (MSK 8021);
- 8 (below, right) *Stigmina deflectens* (P. Karst.) M.B. Ellis., conidioma and conidia. Belarus, Skarodnae near Dzyarzhynsk, on dead needles of *J. communis*, coll. D.B. Belomesyatseva 30 Aug 2000 (MSK 8088).

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