

# M E D I A

**NAPROSTO BOŽÍ PŘEHLED MEDIÍ S PODROBNÝMI POPISY**

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## **A. Conditions for maintenance of cyanophytes and algae and nutrient solutions**

Strains are kept in test tubes or in Erlanmayer flasks (100-300ml) placed on shelves, by a vertical panels of fluorescent tubes; they gives cca 1 W.m<sup>-2</sup> (220 lx). The panel is provided with a few small incandescent bulbs to provide some infrared wavelengths. Light is controlled to 12h/12h light/dark, to save cooling system and electricity. Strains are transferred to fresh slants in cca 3-4 months intervals. After inoculation a strain is allowed to grow up in better conditions, room temperature and cca 10 W.m<sup>-2</sup>.

Note: Any nutrient solution can be used as liquid, or solidified by 1.5% of agar. In this case medium is labeled by "agar".

**No.1.** = *Medium Z*, ZEHNDER in STAUB (1961): for most of cyanophytes

Into ca 750 ml distilled water add 10 ml of individual macroelement stock solutions, 10 ml of Fe-EDTA, 0,08 ml of Gaffron's microelements, and refill with distilled water to 1000 ml.

Makroelements		Gaffron's microelements (100 ml)			
NaNO <sub>3</sub>	46,7 g/L	NiSO <sub>4</sub> (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	19,8 mg	KBr	11,9 mg
Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	5,9 g/L	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .16H <sub>2</sub> O	3,1 mg	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	31 mg
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	3,1 g/L	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	8,8 mg	MnSO <sub>4</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	223 mg
MgSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	2,5 g/L	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	28,7 mg	Cr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	3,70 mg
Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	2,1 g/L	Cd(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	15,4 mg	Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O	14,6 mg
		Al <sub>2</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .24H <sub>2</sub> O	47,4 mg	KJ	8,3 mg

		Na <sub>2</sub> WO <sub>4</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	3,3 mg	CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	12,5 mg
<b>Fe-EDTA</b> (500 ml)					
0,138mg FeCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O in 5ml 0,1N HCl + 0,186mg Chelaton III in 5ml 0,1N HCl					

**No.2.** = **Medium BB** (*Bristol modif. Bold*), BOLD (1949): for most of algae

Mix 10 ml of sol. "a", 1 ml "b", 1 ml "c", 1 ml "d", 1 ml "e" and refill with distilled water into 1 000 ml.

<b>Stock sol."a"</b> (1000ml)		<b>Stock sol."b"</b> (100ml)		<b>Stock sol."e"</b> (100ml)	
NaNO <sub>3</sub>	25g	Chelaton III	5,0g	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	0,882g
CaCl <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	2,5g	KOH	3,1g	MnCl <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	0,144g
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	7,5g	<b>Stock sol."c"</b> (100ml)		Na <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	0,242g
KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	17,5g	FeSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	0,498g	or MoO <sub>3</sub>	0,071g
MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	7,5g	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> conc.	0,1ml	CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	0,157g
NaCl	2,5g	<b>Stock sol."d"</b> (100ml)		Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	0,049g
		H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	1,142g		

**No.3.** = **Dunaliella medium**, SCHLÖSSER (1982):

Mix 20 ml of the stock macroelements solution with 910 ml of artificial seawater and 30 ml of seawater soil extract.

<b>Makroelements</b> (100 ml)		<b>Artificial seawater</b> (1000 ml)	
KNO <sub>3</sub>	1,0 g	NaCl	60 g
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	0,1 g	MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	10 g
MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	0,1 g	KCl	1,5 g
		CaSO <sub>4</sub>	2,0 g

**Seawater soil extract:** 1/3 of 6 litre flask fill with garden or leaf soil (not too great humus or clay content), add artificial seawater until it stands 5cm above the soil. Sterilize by heating in a steamer one hour, twice in a 24h interval. Separate the decanted ext ract by centrifugation. Fill into small containers, autoclave 20 minutes/1 atmosphere; store in refrigerator.

**No.4.** = **Euglena medium**, SCHLÖSSER (1982):

Mix 960 ml distilled water and 10 ml of the following individual stock solutions.

Stock solutions			
Na-acetate	10 %	Bacto-tryptone	10 %
Beef extract	10 %	Yeast extract	10 %

**No.5.** = *GORHAM'S solution*, KOEMAN & HOEK (1980):

In 1000 ml distilled water dissolve the following chemicals and add 2 ml of soil extract .

NaNO <sub>3</sub>	160 mg	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	35 mg	Chelaton III	600 mg
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	17,5 mg	Na <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub>	11,63 mg	Na <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	0,00705 mg
TRIS	200 mg	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	20 mg	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	0,0392 mg
MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	153,6 mg	Fe <sup>3+</sup> -citrate	3 mg	CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0,0183 mg
CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	0,0156 mg	Citric acid	3 mg	MnCl <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	0,283 mg

**Soil extract:** 1/3 of 6 litre flask fill with garden or leaf soil (not too great humus or clay content), and deionized water until it stands 5cm above the soil. Sterilize by heating in a steamer one hour, twice in a 24h interval. Separate the decanted ext ract by centrifugation. Fill into small containers, autoclave 20 minutes/1 atmosphere; store in refrigerator.

**No.6.** = *Hydrodictyon medium*, POCOCK (1960):

In 2700 ml distilled water dissolve the following chemicals and add 300 ml of soil extract (pH=7-7,3).

KNO <sub>3</sub>	50 mg	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	50 mg	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	200mg
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	50 mg	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	70 mg	FeCl <sub>3</sub>	10 mg

**Soil extract:** see above.

**No.7.** = *Porphyridium medium*, BRODY & EMERSON (1959): modif. PEKÁRKOVÁ (p.c.)

Mix **Solution 1** with 0,5 ml of **Solution 2** and 0,5 ml of **Solution 3** and autoclave.

Solution 1 (1000 ml)		Solution 2 (250 ml)	
KCl	4,00g	Fe-EDTA	4,6 g
NaCl	3,13g	Solution 3 (1000 ml)	

KNO <sub>3</sub>	1,24g	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	3,09 mg
MgSO <sub>4</sub>	2,50g	MnSO <sub>4</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	1,20 mg
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	0,66g	CoSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	1,40 mg
Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	0,17g	CuSO <sub>4</sub> .5H <sub>2</sub> O	1,24 mg
KJ	0,05g	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	1,43 mg
KBr	0,05g	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	1,84 mg

**No.8.** = *Spirulina medium*, SCHLÖSSER (1982):

Autoclave **Solution 1** and **Solution 2** separately, mix after cooling, add 5 ml of sterile **Microelements solution** and 6g of vitamin B12.

<b>Solution 1 (500 ml)</b>		<b>Microelements solution</b>		
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	13,61g	dist. H <sub>2</sub> O		981ml
Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	4,03 g	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.1% sol.	1.0ml
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	0,50 g	MnSO <sub>4</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	0.1% sol.	2 ml
<b>Solution 2 (500 ml)</b>		H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	0.2% sol.	5 ml
NaNO <sub>3</sub>	2,50g	Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	0.02% sol.	5 ml
K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1,00g	Na <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.02% sol.	5 ml
NaCl	1,00g	CuSO <sub>4</sub> .5H <sub>2</sub> O	0.0005% sol.	1 ml
MgSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	0,20g	FeSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O		0,7g
CaCl <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	0,04g	Chelaton III		0,8g
FeSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	0,01g			
Chelaton III	0,08g			

### **B. Conditions for maintenance of mosses, liverworts and ferns and nutrient solutions**

Liverworts, ferns and duckweeds are maintained in 250 ml Erlenmayer's flasks on agar medium in the air conditioned room at 15°C. They are irradiated by fluorescent tubes (white) with regime 8h light/16h dark.

**Medium M** = for *mosses* and **Medium JKL** = for *liverworts* and *ferns*, BASLEROVÁ & DVOŘÁKOVÁ (1962):

Chemicals	Stock solutions	<b>M</b> (1000 ml)	<b>JKL</b> (1000 ml)
NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	1,0 M	1,5 ml	2,50 ml
KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	1,0 M	0,5 ml	0,75 ml
MgSO <sub>4</sub>	1,0 M	0,5 ml	0,40 ml
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	1,0 M	0,2 ml	1,00 ml
FeCl <sub>2</sub>	0,1 M	0,2 ml	0,16 ml

## 1. Basal Medium (= ES "Erddekot + Salze")

	stock solution [g/100 ml]	nutrient solution [ml]
KNO <sub>3</sub>	1	20
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	0.1	20
MgSO <sub>4</sub> · 7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.1	20
soil extract *		30
micronutrient solution **		5
distilled water		905

\* Preparation of soil extract: Fill a 6 liter flask one third with garden or leaf soil of medium, but not too great humus content which does not contain fertilizers or plant protective agents. Success of soil extract depends on selection of suitable soils. Those with high clay content are usually less satisfactory. Add deionized water until it stands 5 cm above the soil and sterilize by heating in a steamer for one hour twice in a 24 h interval. Separate the decanted extract from particles by centrifugation. Fill into small containers of stock solution each of a size appropriate to making a batch of media, autoclave for 20 min at 121 °C and store in the refrigerator.

\*\* Preparation of the micronutrient solution:

	stock solution [g/100 ml]	applied solution
ZnSO <sub>4</sub> · 7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.1	1 ml
MnSO <sub>4</sub> · 4H <sub>2</sub> O	0.1	2 ml
H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	0.2	5 ml
Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · 6H <sub>2</sub> O	0.02	5 ml
Na <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.02	5 ml
CuSO <sub>4</sub> · 5H <sub>2</sub> O	0.0005	1 ml
distilled water		981 ml
FeSO <sub>4</sub> · 7H <sub>2</sub> O		0.7 g
EDTA (Titriplex III, Merck)		0.8 g

Autoclave the components separately in two solutions which are united after cooling.

Solution I: 881 ml distilled water + stock solutions of salts without FeSO<sub>4</sub> + 0.4 g EDTA

Solution II: 100 ml distilled water + 0.7 g FeSO<sub>4</sub> + 0.4 g EDTA

The following modifications of the Basal Medium proved suitable for many strains:

a) **Basal Medium with Beef Extract:** [Medium 1](#) with 0.1 % beef extract. (= ESFI. "Erddekot + Salze + Fleisch)

b) **Basal Medium with Peptone:** [Medium 1](#) with 0.1% proteose-peptone. (= ESP "Erddekot + Salze +Peptone")

c) **Basal Medium with 10 % Euglena Medium and Vitamins:** [Medium 1](#) plus 10 % Euglena Medium (medium 9) and the vitamins B<sub>1</sub> (5 x 10<sup>-4</sup> g/l) and B<sub>12</sub> (5 x 10<sup>-6</sup> g/l), added in sterile solution after autoclaving. (= +V "Erddekot + Salze + Euglena gracilis Medium + Vitamine)

d) **Acidified Basal Medium (= ES + H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>):** [Medium 1](#) plus 1% conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

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## 2. Spirulina Medium (=Spir.)

(modified from S. Aiba and T. Ogawa 1977)

Solution I:

NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	13.61 g
Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	4.03 g
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	0.50 g
distilled water	500.0 ml

Solution II:

NaNO <sub>3</sub>	2.50 g
K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1.00 g
NaCl	1.00 g
MgSO <sub>4</sub> · 7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.20 g
CaCl <sub>2</sub> · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.04 g
FeSO <sub>4</sub> · 7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.01 g
EDTA (Titriplex III, Merck)	0.08 g
micronutrient solution (see medium 1)	5.0 ml
distilled water	500.0 ml

Autoclave solutions I and II separately, unite after cooling and add 5 x 10<sup>-6</sup> g/l vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in sterile solution, if required.

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## 3. Soil Water Media

These media have great advantages for many purposes so long as axenic culture is not required, e.g. for the cultivation of species of which nutrient requirements are not known, or to obtain morphologically normal growth.

Preparation: Place 1-2 cm of garden soil (E = garden soil. Modified M = loamy soil; T = peat; S = sand) in the bottom of a test tube (or bottle). The appropriate quality of soil is indicated under medium 1, preparation of soil extract. Fill up with distilled or deionized water until the container is 3/4 full and cover with cotton plug. Steam (not autoclave) for 1 h on two consecutive days.

A variety of modifications can be made adding additional materials and using different types of soil. The following have proved especially suitable:

**a) Soil Water Medium with  $\text{CaCO}_3$  (=CaE "Calcium + Erdwasser")**

A small pinch of powdered  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is placed in the bottom of the tube before soil is added.

**b) Soil Water Medium with  $\text{NH}_4\text{MgPO}_4$  (=NH4E)**

A small pinch of  $\text{NH}_4\text{MgPO}_4$  is placed in the bottom of the tube before soil is added.

**c) Soil Water Medium with Pea (= ErbsE)**

1/8 of a garden pea, soaked 12 h before, is placed in the bottom of the tube before soil is added.

**d) Soil Water Medium with Barley (=GerstE)**

1/2 of a barley corn previously soaked for 12 h, is placed in the bottom of the tube before soil is added.

**e) Soil Water Medium with Wheat (=WeizenE)**

1/2 of a wheat corn previously soaked for 12 h, is placed in the bottom of the tube before soil is added.

**f) Soil Water Medium with Pea (= ErbsMS)**

1/8 of a garden pea, soaked 12 h before, is placed in the bottom of the tube before soil (loamy soil (M) and

**g) Soil Water Medium with Pea (= ErbsS)**

1/8 of a garden pea, soaked 12 h before, is placed in the bottom of the tube before soil (sand, S) is added.

**4. Beggiatoa Medium (=B)**

	stock solution	nutrient solution
	[g/100 ml]	[ml]
$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$	0.4	20
$\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4$	0.1	10
$\text{CaSO}_4$	saturated solution	20
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.1	10

Na-acetate	1	10
asparagine	1	50
micronutrient solution (see medium 1)		5
distilled water		875

Sterilize for 1 h in a steamer or autoclave if axenic culture is desired. Autoclave soil extract separately and unite after cooling. Add vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (5 x 10<sup>-6</sup>g) in sterile solution.

### 5. Seawater Medium (= SWES "Seewasser + Erddekot + Salze")

	stock solution	nutrient solution
	[g/100 ml]	[ml]
KNO <sub>3</sub>	1	20
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	0.1	20
MgSO <sub>4</sub> · 7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.1	20
soil extract (see medium 1)		30
micronutrient solution (see medium 1)		5
filtered seawater		905

Sterilize for 1 h in a steamer or autoclave if axenic culture is desired. Autoclave soil extract separately and unite after cooling. Add vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (5 x 10<sup>-6</sup>g) in sterile solution.

#### a) Seawater Medium with Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> (= SWES + Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>)

Add 50 ml of a saturated solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> x 5 H<sub>2</sub>O to [medium 5](#).

#### b) Seawater Medium with Selenite (= SWES + Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>)

Add 0.25 ml stock solution Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub> (2.36 mg / 500 ml) to 100 ml of [medium 5](#).



## **Name: BG11 (Blue-Green Medium)**

**Description:** Freshwater algae and protozoa

### **Stock per litre**

(1) NaNO<sub>3</sub> 15.0 g

### **Stocks per 500 ml**

(2) K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> 2.0 g

(3) MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O 3.75 g

(4) CaCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O 1.80 g

(5) Citric acid 0.30 g

(6) Ammonium ferric citrate green 0.30 g

(7) EDTANa<sub>2</sub> 0.05 g

(8) Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> 1.00 g

### **(9) Trace metal solution per litre**

H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> 2.86 g

MnCl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O 1.81 g

ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O 0.22 g

Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O 0.39 g

CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O 0.08 g

Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 0.05 g

### **Medium**

Stock solution 1 100.0 ml

Stock solutions 2 - 8 10.0 ml each

Stock solution 9 1.0 ml

### **Method**

Make up to 1 litre with deionized water. Adjust pH to 7.1 with 1M NaOH or HCl. For agar add 15.0 g per litre of \*Bacteriological Agar (Oxoid L11). Autoclave at 15 psi for 15 minutes.

**Supply** \* Unipath Ltd, Wade Road, Basingstoke, Hants RG24 0PW, UK

**Ref** Stanier, R.Y., Kunisawa, R., Mandel, M. & Cohen-Bazire, G. (1971) Purification and properties of unicellular blue-green algae (Order Chroococcales).

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## **Name: EG (Euglena Gracilis Medium)**

**Description:** Freshwater algae and protozoa

### **Stock per litre**

#### **(1) CaCl<sub>2</sub> stock solution**

CaCl<sub>2</sub> 1.0 g

### **Medium per litre**

Sodium acetate trihydrate 1.0 g

\*"Lab-Lemco" powder (Oxoid L29) 1.0 g

\*Tryptone (Oxoid L42) 2.0 g

\*Yeast extract (Oxoid L21) 2.0 g

CaCl<sub>2</sub> stock solution (1) 10.0 ml

### **Method**

Add constituents above and make up to 1 litre with deionized water. For agar add 15 g per litre \*Bacteriological Agar (Oxoid L11). Autoclave at 15 psi for 15 minutes.

**Supply** \* Unipath Ltd, Wade Road, Basingstoke, Hants RG24 0PW, UK

# Name: SE (Soil Extract)

**Description:** Constituent of several CCAP media

## Preparing the soil

Site selection for a good soil is very important and for most purposes a soil from undisturbed deciduous woodland is best. Sites to avoid are those showing obvious signs of man's activity and particular care should be taken to avoid areas where fertilizers, crop sprays or other toxic chemicals may have been used.

A rich loam with good crumb structure should be sought. Stones, roots and larger invertebrates should be removed during an initial sieving through a 1 cm mesh. The sieved soil should be spread to air dry and hand picked for smaller invertebrates and roots. It should be turned periodically and picked over again. When dry it may be sieved through a finer mesh (2-4 mm) or stored as it is prior to use.

## Methods

Two slightly different preparations are used at the CCAP, as follows:

### SE1 (Soil Extract 1)

Used in media for marine algae

Soil is prepared as above. Air-dried soil and twice its volume of supernatant distilled water are autoclaved together at 15 psi for 2 hours and left to cool. The supernatant is then decanted and filtered through Whatman No 1 filter paper, then distributed to containers in volumes suitable for making up batches of media. The aliquots and their containers are autoclaved for an appropriate length of time (eg 1 litre or less for 15 minutes) and are then kept in a cool place (eg a refrigerator) until required.

### SE2 (Soil Extract 2)

Used in media for freshwater and terrestrial protozoa

Soil is prepared as above. 105 g of air-dried sieved soil and 660 ml of deionized water are placed in a 1 litre bottle and autoclaved once at 15 psi for 15 minutes, then again after 24 hours. The contents of the bottle are left to settle (usually for at least a week) and then the supernatant is decanted and filtered. The final pH should be 7.0 - 8.0.

## Notes for preparing the culture media

All solutions should be made up with **glass distilled water**. Media are usually prepared from **stock solutions** of macronutrients, trace metals, and vitamins which are added to a large proportion of volume of water in order to avoid precipitation.

Media may be used as liquid or solidified by 1.0-1.5 % agar. In the list of media below, an "Ag"

**that the strain is cultivated on an agarized medium** in the SAG culture collection. For axenic cultures, agarized media are preferred over liquid-ones because with handling of agarized media transfer it is easier to minimize contamination risks. Before sterilization the agar has to be dissolved in a steamer. Test tubes should be filled with approx. 10 ml of the hot medium, closed and autoclaved at 121° C for 15 min. They may be stored for several weeks, after cooling, in a refrigerator. Solid media for **cyanobacteria**: autoclave agar dissolved in water and a double strength solution of salts **separately**, then mix both solutions after cooling to 50° C to give a final agar concentration of 1.0 %.

#### **Note on biphasic soil-water media**

Biphasic soil water-media may be **advantageous for healthy growth over long periods of time** for non-axenic strains, in particular for filamentous green algae and euglenoids. The **addition of soil extract often helps to achieve the typical morphology best** (e.g. in coccoid green algae) and the cells on the same medium without soil extract tend to accumulate starch or oil droplets. Some strains (e.g. some colorless euglenoids) cannot be grown in defined media, but only in soil-water media. Important criteria for the selection of soil include that it must not contain artificial or natural microorganisms and dung, just old garden soil with a little sand, soil from mature compost or decayed leaves is well suited. The **limitation of soil-water media** is that they are not suited to maintain axenic cultures because they cannot be autoclaved. Instead, soil and water are only cooked in a steam pot repeatedly so that bacteria which are needed to supply the water phase with nutrients by their slow decomposition of organic compounds in the soil can survive. In biphasic soil-water media the growth of bacteria is promoted by the addition of organic matter, e.g. one eighth of a pea or half a wheat corn, to a constant nutrient supply.