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Cover photograph (Copyright © 2013, American Society for Microbiology. All Rights Reserved.): *Paenibacillus dendritiformis* morphotype C is a long and straight, rod-shaped, motile bacterial species that forms complex colonies when grown on agar plates. Starting from a circular inoculation, the hyperflagellated cells swarm outwards, in a unique back-and-forth periodic motion, forming curly branches with a well-defined handedness. The patterns formed reflect the various intricate interactions between these social bacteria but depend on the environmental conditions. The image shows a colony that grew on a soft agar with poor nutrients. These conditions led to a special transition in the size of the curls: large at the interior, then small at the edges. (Photo courtesy of Avraham Be'er.) (See related article on page 2709.)