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Book review

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This handbook, written in Hungarian, mainly aims at surveying the rapidly expanding literature on plant viruses, and especially their transmission by vectors, for the benefit of Hungarian plant pathologists, biologists and crop protectionists. It is the first Hungarian textbook dealing with plant viruses. For that matter it starts with short chapters on the various aspects of general plant virology, each followed by a limited list of well-chosen recommended literature.

The main part of the book concerns virus transmission. After an introductory chapter on transmission and distribution of phytopathogenic viruses other chapters discuss the factors influencing relationships between viruses and their hosts and insect vectors, virus transmission by insect vectors and nematodes, other ways of transmission and distribution, viruses and mycoplasmas, and methods of studying virus-vector relationships.

The book contains an enormous amount of information, partly assembled into tables and extensive lists of vectors and the viruses they transmit. This is also reflected in the extensive list of references.

The book has been very well printed on high quality paper with many well-selected illustrations, photographs and drawings, most of them earlier published. In the author's home country this book will certainly meet a need.

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