

## **Foreword**

This special issue is based on the review papers presented at the International Symposium on Induced Resistance to Plant Diseases, held in Corfu from 22nd to 27th May, 2000. Although systemic effects have been reported for more than 100 years it was the work done in the mid 20th century that has lead to the present enormous interest in systemic resistance. The initial intriguing effects revealed in laboratory experiments have been developed so that the basis of the resistance and the nature of the signals effecting that are now well understood. Equally important, it is now clear that these phenomena are effective in the field and now make major contributions to disease control. The issue does not attempt to present a complete overview of the entire subject. The papers concentrate on resistance to fungi, bacteria and viruses, though do not ignore completely the importance of systemic resistance to insects. I would like to thank all the authors for their enthusiasm and promptness in which they prepared their excellent papers. This made my job very easy and has enabled us to produce the issue promptly. I would also like to thank Dr Eris Tjamos, who organised the meeting in Corfu, and the Scientific Committee (Joe Kuć, Kees van Loon, Ray Hammerschmidt, Sadik Tuzun, Jean-Pierre Métraux and Joseph Kloepper) who conceived the programme. It is a policy of EJPP to publish Special Issues on topical plant pathology subjects and I would welcome any suggestions for future issues.

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