

Book Review

S.S. Izhevskii. 2003. Slovar-Spravochnik po Biologicheskoy Zashchite Rastenii ot Vrediteley [Dictionary-Guide on Biological Protection of Plants Against Pests]. Academia, Moskva, 206 pp. [In Russian]

This is a very comprehensive specialized dictionary that will be welcomed by plant protection specialists. Of special value will be to those who work with insects and mites, as it has the following subtitle: "Biology, Ecology, Application of Beneficial Insects and Mites".

The author is an internationally recognized specialist in biological control of pests and quarantine regulations. He also has a teaching experience so he arranged the book in such a way that it can be recommended as a textbook for the university students.

In "Introduction" (p. 3–6) the author provides some general information on studies of beneficial insects in the world and in Russia. He also stresses the aim and the scope of dictionary that contains over 1200 Russian and English common and scientific names, terms and definitions.

The dictionary is arranged according to Russian words but always with corresponding English terms in parentheses. With over 1200 entries the book well covers the complete field of biological plant protection, ecology and biocenology.

Naturally, the dictionary is primarily addressed to persons with knowledge of Russian language. However, it will be also very useful to persons with knowledge of English language, as it contains two indexes: "Index of Latin names" (p. 177–184) and index "English-Russian dictionary index" (p. 185–206).

I strongly recommend this book to all persons active in plant protection and this has been foreseen by the publisher as book is printed in 20,000 copies.

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