

Boev S. 2000. Spravochnik Za Bolesti Po Kulturnite Rasteniya
[Compendium on Diseases of Cultivated Plants]. Publish Say-Set-Eko, Sofia,
304 pp. ISBN 954-749-014-1 (In Bulgarian).

Plant protection specialists, agronomists, extension officers and students will find this book very helpful in recognizing more than 1200 abiotic and infectious diseases of 113 plants cultivated in Bulgaria and in the Black Sea basin.

In "Preface" and in "Introduction" the author explains the scope of the book. The main part of the book titled "Symptoms of diseases" (p. 11–108) allows to diagnose diseases of various groups of plants: cereals, vegetables, technical, forage, orchard trees, vine, ornamental, medicinal and others. Host plants are arranged by Bulgarian name in an alphabetic order supported by scientific Latin names. Diseases of each plant are arranged according to symptoms and attacked parts above ground (stem, leaves, fruits etc.) or below ground (root, tubers etc.). Scientific names of causative agents of diseases are always given.

Part 2 "Pathogenic viruses and phytoplasms" (p. 109–119) broadly considers phytopathogenic viruses while phytoplasms are poorly considered.

Part 3 "Phytopathogenic bacteria and actinomycetes" (p. 120–133) contains brief characteristic of practically all bacteria infecting plants and only one actinomycete species – *Streptomyces scabies*.

Part 4 "Phytopathogenic fungi" (p. 134–214) covers all important genera and species of pathogenic fungi. At each fungus species are given: teleomorph or anamorph names, growth characteristic on cultural medium and morphological features of conidiospores, phialids etc.

Part 5 "Parasitic plants" (p. 215) mentions four species of *Cuscuta*, two species of *Orobanche*, and *Viscum album*.

Part 6 "Chemical means used against main groups of plant diseases" (p. 217–221) contains practical recommendations on use of listed fungicides against main pathogens or plant disease categories.

Glossary of specific terms (p. 222–229) and list of over 530 references cited (p. 230–245) help to find more information on each pathogen or plant disease.

Of practical value are illustrations – 223 color and 67 black and white – indicating most characteristic symptoms of diseases and pathogens.

Jerzy J. Lipa
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