

Book Review

Duveiller E., Dubin H.J., Reeves J., McNab A. (rds.) 1998. Helminthosporium Blight of Wheat: Spot Blotch and Tan Spot. CIMMYT, UCL, BADC, Mexico 376 pp. ISBN 970-648-001-3.

This book presents the Proceedings of an International Workshop held by CIMMYT at its headquarters in El Batan, Mexico from 9 to 14 February, 1997. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Belgian Administration for Development and Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium and attended by 54 specialists from 21 countries, including China, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan and Hungary.

This workshop was a response to increasing incidence of helminthosporium blight of wheat: spot blotch, caused by *Bipolaris sorokiniana*, and tan spot, caused by *Pyrenophora tritici-repentis*. Fifty seven papers were presented at the workshop covering the following topics: pathogen variability, disease scoring, effect of cropping practices, chemical and cultural control, breeding strategy and multilocation testing.

Out of several positive outcomes of this workshop is clearing of nomenclature used for *Helminthosporium* spp. fungi causing leaf blight. H. Maraité (Belgium) presented a clear overview on evolution of nomenclature of *Helminthosporium sativum* Pammel, King & Bakke to *Cochliobolus sativus* (Ito & Kurib.) Drechsler ex Dastur, anamorph *Bipolaris sorokiniana* (Sac.) Shoem, and *Helminthosporium tritici-repentis* Drechsler to *Pyrenophora tritici-repentis* (Died.) Drechsler, anamorph *Drechslera tritici-repentis* (Died.) Shoem.

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