

Book Review

Karssen G. 2002. The Plant Parasitic Nematode Genus *Meloidogyne* Göldi, 1872 (*Tylenchida*) in Europe. Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, 160 pp., ISBN 90-04-12790-9.

The genus *Meloidogyne* Göldi, 1872, or root-knot nematodes, represent a relatively small but economically important group of obligate plant parasites. They are distributed worldwide, and more than eighty nominal species have been described so far. Twenty species have been detected in Europe, from them some are on quarantine lists.

This book is a synthesis of our knowledge of European root-knot nematode species, from taxonomical point of view. Contents include:

1. Introduction.
2. Historical notes on the genus *Meloidogyne* Göldi, 1872.
3. Revision of the European root-knot nematodes. I. On dicotyledons.
4. Revision of the European root-knot nematodes. II. On monocotyledons.
5. Revision of the European root-knot nematodes. III. On mono- and dicotyledons.
6. Root-knot nematode perineal pattern development: a reconsideration.
7. Summary.
8. Appendix I. Nominal species.
9. Appendix II. Identification keys to European root-knot nematodes.

In my opinion the book will be a basic publication not only for plant nematologists, but also for plant protection service in all European countries.

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