

Book Reviews

B. Weischer, D.J.F. Brown. 2000. An introduction to Nematodes: General Nematology. Pensoft Publishers, Sofia, 202 pp., ISBN 954-642-087-5

Two eminent nematologists have pooled their expertise in preparing this introduction to nematodes.

The book is presented in the style of a short university course, as 11 lectures, which the authors suggest, can be adapted as appropriate to local circumstances by the individual Lecturer. The titles of the Lectures are: 1. Nematode parasites of humans; 2. Nematode parasites of warm blooded animals, fish and invertebrates; 3. Nematode parasites of plants; 4. Disease complexes and economy; 5. Structure and organisation of nematodes; 6. Reproduction of nematodes; 7. Nematode evolution; 8. Evolution of parasitism; 9. Control of parasitic nematodes of humans; 10. Control of parasitic nematodes of animals; and 11. Control of plant parasitic nematodes. Each chapter is well illustrated with figures and photos, and supported by a short list of suggested additional reading concerning the topic of the chapter.

Obviously, the authors have had to make difficult decisions as to the contents of their book. It was a subjective thing, but after reading the book the reader, student or professionalist, have a lot of new knowledge of nematodes. Therefore, in my opinion, the book is a good source of knowledge for all people interested in nematodes.

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