

Siddiqi M.R. 2000. *Tylenchida: Parasites of Plants and Insects*, 2nd Edition. CABI Publishing, Wallingford. 833 + XVII pp., ISBN 0851992021.

Tylenchida represent a major group of nematodes that are parasites on plants and insects. Since 1986, Siddiqi's "Tylenchida: Parasites of Plants and Insects, 1st Edition" has served as a standard reference book for nematologists working with phytophagous, myceliophagous and insects parasitic tylenchids. Now, in the end of 2000, the second edition of this important book was issued. This publication incorporates in particular the extensive systematic literature published recently. For example, a number of valid *Tylenchida* species increased from about 2,200 in first edition to over 2,800 in the second edition, and this increase has resulted in an expansion of the number of pages from 645 to 833.

Contents include: Introduction, Historical Review and Techniques (Chapter I); Morphological characters and Taxonomic Methods (Chapter II); Order *Tylenchida*: origin and phylogeny, outline classification of *Tylenchida*, diagnosis and relationship of *Tylenchida*, and key to suborders of *Tylenchida* (Chapter III); Suborder *Tylenchina* (Chapter IV); Infraorder *Anguinata* (Chapter V); Suborder *Hoplolaimina* (Chapter VI); Superfamily *Dolichodoridea* (Chapter VII); Suborder *Criconematina* (Chapter VIII); and Suborder *Hexatylinea* (Chapter IX). The last parts of the book are References and Index of Taxa.

Siddiqi's classification is essentially identical with the previous one from 1986, and changes are only minute. Siddiqi has not incorporated much into his classification of that what had been proposed in the "Reappraisal of *Tylenchina*" by Maggenti, Luc, Raski, Fortuner and Geraert (1987–1988). In the book some inaccuracies in details can be found, too.

Notwithstanding imperfections that not all details will be generally accepted, this up-dated second edition of Siddiqi's book is fundamental publication for everyone working with *Tylenchida*.

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