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BOOK REVIEW

MARCELLE, R. (ed.): **Environmental and Biological Control of Photosynthesis**. — Dr. W. Junk b. v., Publishers, The Hague 1975. 408 + 8 pp., 154 figs., 6 fotogr. Dfl. 110.—

The book presents the proceedings of a symposium held in the "Limburgs Universitair Centrum" in Diepenbeek, Belgium, on August 26 to 30, 1974. It contains 38 papers, 11 of which deal with problems concerning the "Crassulacean Acid Metabolism", and the Author and Subject Indexes.

In organizing the symposium Dr. R. Marcelle had a distinct purpose in view: to bring together this minor group of scientists who study photosynthesis not only with environmental factors in view, but also with due regard to "internal", biological or genetic factors, to the changes that occur in a plant during ontogenesis and often produce decisive control of photosynthesis. This clearly defined objective is also the main advantage of the publication. As Dr. Marcelle states in the preface, he was well aware that the limited scope of the symposium would necessarily result in a biased selection of the participants, reflecting his own field of interest. Accordingly, the selection of the problems discussed and published in this volume may give the impression of being inadequate. A closer inspection, however, will show the reader that the selection was, on the whole, fortunate and that the book presents a comprehensive unified account of recent information about the environmental and biological control of photosynthesis and related topics.

I am sure that the publication will be favourably accepted and widely used in photosynthesis laboratories. Clear print on glossy paper and a handy format are additional assets of this book. The paperback edition has obviously reduced its price which, nevertheless, will still limit its circulation among individual readers.

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