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BOOK REVIEW

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No editorial office or publisher should ever allow the appearance of a publication in which plant or animal names in the respective language are not accompanied by their standard scientific names in Latin, completed with the proper author's name. Unfortunately, these shortcomings are so frequent in the literature that good multilingual dictionaries of names of organisms are welcomed in every scientific library and laboratory.

The names of 1599 European species of trees and shrubs and the respective families, in English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish and Russian accompany their Latin scientific names in a new dictionary. Synonyms are supplemented for each species as well as abbreviations of the respective family and geographic distribution. The grammatical gender of names is also indicated. Obsolete and dialectical names are not included.

The introductions in all national languages (why not in Latin?) open the volume. They are completed with lists of abbreviations. The list of included plant genera arranged according to the botanical system of Flora Europaea follows. The main body of the volume is the alphabetical list of species in Latin with their names in the seven languages. Further on, alphabetical lists according to these languages are presented. Very useful is the list of abbreviations of authors' names (*Index nominum auctorum*) with their full names, and birth and death dates. The list of literature sources used for dictionary compilation closes this useful volume.

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