

BHOJWANI, S. S., DHAWAN, V., COCKING, E. C.: *PLANT TISSUE CULTURE: A CLASSIFIED BIBLIOGRAPHY*. — Elsevier Sci. Publ., Amsterdam—Oxford—New York—Tokyo 1986. 789 pp. Hardcover US \$ 194.—; Dfl. 485.—.

"The idea of preparing the bibliography was conceived soon after completing the book entitled *Plant Tissue Culture, Theory and Practice* in 1982" (see also review in this Journal) is written in the preface to this book. Similar as in the book mentioned, also here the authors have accomplished a difficult task — a work which is in the field of plant tissue culture highly actual and necessary. They arranged an inexhaustible flood of literature on plant-tissue culture into groups according to the topics dealt with. This, for the first time, makes possible an easy orientation not only in special fields but in all domains of theoretical study and practical utilization of plant explants, including Gymnosperms.

127 journals were surveyed; standard journals of botany were scrutinized from the first volume, the periodicals on related fields were covered for the period that was thought to be relevant (*e.g.* mostly around 1960) up to 1984—1985. About 12 000 citations with complete titles have been arranged under 26 subject heads; chapter 27 lists relevant books and proceedings of conferences. An explosion of literature on plant tissue culture has been since 1970 (within 1981—1985 4300 articles were published). The maximum number of papers concerns the problems of Physiology and Biochemistry, Micropropagation, Regeneration, Protoplast Research, Anther and Pollen Culture and Production of Industrial Compounds.

As a compilation of this type cannot be complete, it is proposed to publish a supplement after 2 years. To fulfil this task the authors seek the co-operation of the readers — they are asked to provide them by a list of contributions which may have been omitted in this volume.

Not only the authors but also the Elsevier Science Publishers are to be given credit for providing an excellent aid to plant tissue culture scientists, as well as to workers in agricultural and biotechnological practice.

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