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Introduction to bacteriology and bacteria. Phytobacteriology and diagnosis of bacterial diseases of plants. Disease and symptoms caused by plant pathogenic bacteria. Epidemiology. Damage and losses caused by bacterial plant diseases. Prevention and control of bacterial pathogens and diseases. Examples of bacterial diseases of cultivated and wild plants. The Second Edition of this bestseller brings together basic plant pathology methods published in diverse and often abstract publications. The Second Edition is updated and expanded with numerous new figures, new culture media, and additional methods for working with a greater number of organisms. Methods are easy to use and eliminate the need to seek out original articles. This reference allows for easy identification of methods appropriate for specific problems and facilities. Scientific names of pathogens and some of their hosts are updated in this edition. The book also acts as a research source providing more than 1,800 literature citations. The Second Edition includes chapters on the following:  
Sterilization of culture apparatus and culture media  
Culture of pathogens with detailed techniques for 61 fungi and selected bacteria  
Long-term storage of plant

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pathogens Detection and estimation of inoculum for 28 soilborne fungal pathogens and 5 bacterial genera-15 methods for airborne inoculum and 13 methods for seedborne pathogens Establishment of disease and testing for disease resistance Work with soil microorganisms Fungicide evaluation Biological control Bright-field microscopy

This book is part of the Plant Pathology in the 21st Century Series, started in the occasion of the IX International Congress of Plant Pathology, Torino, 2008. In conjunction with the Xth International Congress of Plant Pathology, held in Beijing in August 2013. Although deriving from a Congress, the book will not have the format of traditional Proceedings, but will be organized as a resource book. It will be based on invited lectures presented at the Congress as well as by other chapters selected by the editors among offered papers. This book will cover a topic very important in the field of plant pathology, dealing with detection and diagnostics. This field of research is continuously moving forwards, due to innovation in techniques. The application of new detection and diagnostic technologies are relevant to many applied fields in agriculture. The different chapters will provide a very complete figure of the topic, from general and basic aspects to practical aspects. Phytoplasma-associated diseases are a major limiting factor to quality and productivity of many ornamentals, horticultural and other economically important agriculture crops worldwide. Annual losses due to phytoplasma diseases in many crops vary, but under the pathogen favorable conditions they always lead to disastrous

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consequences to farming community. As there is no effective cure for phytoplasma diseases, the management options emphasize on their exclusion, minimizing their spread by insect vectors and propagation materials and on development of host plant resistance. The phytoplasma associated plant diseases have a history of more than 50 years. Phytoplasmas have undoubtedly infected plants and cause diseases for centuries before they are described and proven to be the causal agents. But important progress related to identification of phytoplasmas only began after 1980's. Phytoplasmas have emerged as the most serious constraints in the production of several crops all around the world during last four decades. Phytoplasmas constitute a major limiting factor to quality and productivity of cereals, horticultural, ornamentals and many other economically important crops all over the world. Annual losses due to phytoplasma diseases may vary, but under the pathogen favorable condition, phytoplasma disease may lead to disastrous consequences for farming and industry community. The scientific literature concerning phytoplasma occurrence, characterization, diagnosis, detection, and management is growing at a fast pace. Significant advancement in the last decades on diagnostic, biological and molecular properties, epidemiology, host-pathogen-insect interactions as well as management of phytoplasmas has been made. Till date, no authentic compilation is available to know the progress of phytoplasmas characterization major crops all over the world. The planned book will compile all the updated information

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available information on phytoplasmas by distinguished experts in the form of edited book entitled “Characterization and epidemiology of phytoplasma associated diseases”. The book covers recent and update information on emerging and re-emerging phytoplasma diseases affecting important crops in tropics and subtropics. It provides comprehensive information on disease distribution, occurrence, and identification of the phytoplasmas including the recent approaches for diagnostics, transmission, and information about losses and geographical distribution along with and management aspects. This volume contains 11-12 chapters contributed by the experienced and recognized experts working on different group of phytoplasmas affecting major crops all over the world. The information on various topics is at advanced as well as comprehensive level and provides the period wise developments of phytoplasma research. The book covers major chapters on an up to date progress of phytoplasma research, and then phytoplasma diseases associated with vegetable, pulse, oils crops, cereals, sugar crops, fruit crops, ornamentals, medicinal plants, palms species, forest tress and weeds. We have covered historical background, geographical distribution, identification and characterization, genetic diversity, host pathogen interaction and management aspects of important phytoplasma diseases infecting our major agricultural crops. The information on various topics is advanced as well as comprehensive, and provides thought provoking ideas for planning novel research ideas for future. This book will be useful to everyone

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interested in mollicutes, phytoplasma, spiroplasmas, plant pathology, disease control and plant biology and serve as an exhaustive and up-to-date compendium of references on various aspects of different groups of phytoplasmas affecting important crops worldwide. Contains extended idea-oriented essays on topics of current and future interest and importance in the area of plant pathology. These essays include: the role of oxygen radicals in plant disease development; and population structure of plant pathogenic fungi and bacteria.

Morphology and structure of plant viruses; Biological activity of plant viruses; Transmission of plant viruses; Host-virus relations; Genetics of plant viruses; Crop protection test; Nomenclature and taxonomy of plant viruses; Control of plant virus diseases; Bacteriology; General characteristics of plant pathogenic bacteria; The classification of phytopathogenic bacteria; Types of symposium; Isolation of the pathogen; Identification of the pathogen; Inoculation tests to determine the host range; Maintenance and preservation of bacterial cultures; Serology; Bacteriophages; The fate of the pathogen in the plant, the plant's defence mechanisms against bacterial infection; Spread of the pathogen in the field; Control of plant pathogenic bacteria; Some examples of bacterial diseases; Die-back of shoots; Soft rots; Wilts; Proliferation of tissues; Mycology; General characteristics of fungi; Systematic mycology; Isolation of phytopathogenic fungi; Media used for the cultivation of fungi; Principles for breeding plants resistant to phytopathogenic fungi; Variability and specialization of

pathogens; Detection and identification of biotypes and races; Infection process of fungi; Disease resistance of host plant; Methods of artificial inoculation; Methods of determining disease resistance; Typical fungus diseases; Phycomycetes; Ascomycetes; Plasmodiophoromycetes; Basidiomycetes; Deuteromycetes (fungi imperfecti).

Morphological, biological, biochemical and physiological characteristics have been used for the detection, identification and differentiation of fungal pathogens up to species level. Tests based on biological characteristics are less consistent. Immunoassays have been shown to be effective in detecting fungal pathogens present in plants and environmental samples.

Development of monoclonal antibody technology has greatly enhanced the sensitivity and specificity of detection, identification and differentiation of fungal species and varieties/strains. Nucleic acid-based techniques involving hybridization with or amplification of unique DNA have provided results rapidly and reliably. Presentation of a large number of protocols is a unique feature of this volume.

Around the globe, besides fungal and bacterial diseases, both virus and viroid diseases have acquired greater importance in the realm of plant pathology and call for effective management measures as they are responsible for heavy yield losses and are a matter of vital importance and concern to farmers, horticulturists, gardeners and foresters. Understanding disease epidemiology is of vital importance for formulating viable disease

management practices in a given agro-ecosystem.

The development and progress of plant disease epidemics are variable from region to region.

Epidemiology is not a static process, but rather a dynamic course that varies with a change in the ecology, host, vector and virus systems.

Plant pathogens, the causal agent of infectious plant diseases, influence our lives more than just as an economic impact through yield lost. The study of plant pathogens has given rise to the development of new sciences, new technologies for plant breeding, and the agrochemical industry for pesticide developments. Yet, all our actions and efforts to suppress or eradicate them constantly pressures these various organisms to evolve and adapt for survival. Therefore today, when facing climate changes, accelerated transport of plants and plant products, and world population growth, we have to ask *quo vadis* phytopathology. Like Alice in Wonderland “If we wish to go anywhere we must run twice as fast as that” so we need to constantly broaden our knowledge. However, today’s literature abounds with knowledge about plant pathogens. Hence, this book intends to present to the reader all the latest material and knowledge about plant pathogens, changes or refinements in plant disease epidemiology, and new approaches and materials used for plant pathogen control. Hopefully, this book will be of interest to those working within the field

and looking for an up-to-date introduction. We hope it also interests students and thereby, will influence the future development of phytopathology and our better coexistence with plant pathogens.

Soilborne microbial plant pathogens including oomycetes, fungi, bacteria and viruses cause several economically important destructive diseases and the symptoms of infection can be recognized only after the pathogen has invaded many tissues primarily vascular tissues of susceptible plants. This condition places formidable challenges in investigating different aspects of host-microbial pathogen interactions. Early detection of infection and precise identification, differentiation, and quantification of the microbial plant pathogens in plants, soil and water sources are essential requirements for development of effective tactics to reduce the incidence and spread of the diseases caused by them. As the microbial plant pathogens differ in their virulence and sensitivity to the environment and chemicals applied, it is imperative to assess the extent of variability in the concerned pathogens. This first volume of a two-volume set introduces disease-causing microorganisms including oomycetes, fungi, bacteria, and viruses found in soils. It focuses on the biology, detection, and identification of soilborne bacterial, fungal, and viral plant pathogens. This volume discusses various techniques based on biological, immunological and

genetic properties of the pathogens indicating their advantages and limitations for selecting the appropriate technique to fulfill the requirements.

Features: Presents techniques useful for detection, identification, quantification of microbial plant pathogens in plants, soil, and irrigation water from waterbodies. Highlights subversive activities of viruses, resulting in the breakdown of host defense systems. Discusses RNA silencing in infected plants by viruses and posttranscriptional gene silencing (PTGS) functioning as an endogenous mechanism in plants against virus infection. Presents information on methods of assessment of genetic variability and sensitivity of microbial plant pathogens to chemicals and adverse environmental conditions.

This volume focuses on integrated pest and disease management (IPM/IDM) and biocontrol of some key diseases of perennial and annual crops. It continues a series originated during a visit of prof. K. G. Mukerji to the CNR Plant Protection Institute in Bari (Italy), in November 2005. Both editors aim at a series of five volumes embracing, in a multi-disciplinary approach, advances and achievements in the practice of crop protection, for a wide range of plant parasites and pathogens. Two volumes of the series were already produced, dedicated to general concepts in IPM and to management and biocontrol of nematodes of grain crops and vegetables. This Volume deals, in particular, with diseases due to

bacteria, phytoplasma and fungi. Every day, in any agroecosystem, farmers face problems related to plant diseases. Since the beginning of agriculture, indeed, and probably for a long time in the future, farmers will continue to do so. Every year, plant diseases cause severe losses in the global production of food and other agricultural commodities, worldwide. Plant diseases are not limited to episodic events occurring in single farms or crops, and should not be regarded as single independent cases, affecting only farms on a local scale. The impact of plant disease epidemics on food shortage ignited, in the last two centuries, deep cultural, social and demographic changes, affecting million human beings, through i. e. migration, death and hunger.

Studies on molecular biology of pathogens, infection process and disease resistance, have provided information essentially required to understand the vulnerable stages at which the pathogens can be tackled effectively and to adopt novel strategies to incorporate disease resistance genes from diverse sources and /or to induce resistance of cultivars with desirable agronomic attributes using biotic or abiotic agents. The nature of interaction between the gene products of the pathogen and plant appears to determine the outcome of the interaction resulting in either disease progression or suppression.

Transgenic plants with engineered genes show

promise for effective exploitation of this approach for practical application. Research efforts during the recent years to sequence the whole genomes of the pathogens and plants may lead to development of better ways of manipulating disease resistance mechanisms enabling the grower to achieve higher production levels and the consumer to enjoy safer food and agricultural products. Experimental protocols included in appropriate chapters will be useful for researchers and graduate students.

Studies of the interactions between plants and their viral, bacterial and fungal pathogens are of major importance in plant and crop production. More than 10% of potential agricultural yield is lost to these organisms annually worldwide, and major epidemics can cause significant local economic and environmental damage. Molecular Plant Pathology addresses the underlying molecular principles of plant/pathogen interactions, in a readily-accessible textbook format.

The diagnosis and identification of plant pathogens provides the basis of plant pathology and phytomedicine. The Executive Committee of the EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR PLANT PATHOLOGY (EFPP) had no problem to identify this actual th topic as topic for the 4th Symposium, which was held from September 8 to the 12th at the University of Bonn. It was suggested to have introductory papers and papers on actual research

on recently identified topics. The development of diagnosis and pathogen identification is very important to keep plants healthy and to provide a successful and efficient disease control. On the other hand the most important task of the EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR PLANT PATHOLOGY is to improve the international communication, especially in the European hemisphere. Another important duty is to provide the contact between all associated societies - of specific importance seems to be the contact to societies and colleagues from eastern European countries. Times have changed and gratefully we are obliged to hold the contact to our colleagues from the east. During the last meeting we could hold this contact to a certain extent and this should be a premise for the future. th During 1998 the EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR PLANT PATHOLOGY will join the 7 International Congress of Plant Pathology held at Edinburgh from August 9-14, 1998. th The 5 Symposium of the EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR PLANT PATHOLOGY will be arranged by our Italian colleagues.

Fungal plant pathogens can threaten food security, economic prosperity and the natural environment. Changing factors such as pesticide usage, climate change and increasing trade globalization can bring new opportunities to plant pathogens, and new challenges to those attempting to control their spread. Covering the key techniques used when

working with fungal plant pathogens, this practical manual deals with the recognition of disease symptoms, detection and identification of fungi and methods to characterize them, as well as curation, quarantine and quality assurance. It is unique in its practical focus, providing an overview of both traditional and emerging methods and their applications, and detailed protocols on techniques such as microscopy, antibody detection using ELISA methods and lateral flow devices, molecular methods using PCR and fingerprinting and preservation techniques including freeze drying. For postgraduate and advanced undergraduate students of mycology and plant pathology *Fungal Plant Pathogens* provides an invaluable guide to investigating fungal plant diseases and interpreting laboratory findings. It is also a useful tool for extension plant pathologists, consultants and advisers in agriculture, horticulture and the food supply chain

Significant advancements have been made in pathogen detection technologies during the last decade. Indexing of plants and plant parts for the presence of specific pathogens has been most effective in some instances for avoiding and/or controlling disease. The new technologies for detecting low levels of pathogens will increase the value of indexing as a tool for plant disease control. Providing an overview of the status of detection technology, this volume is directed not only to scientists and students interested in detection technology, but also to those interested in

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formulating and implementing disease control and quarantine regulations. This book provides a conceptual framework which presents the current scientific literature, state-of-the-art assessments, and speculations on future developments and requirements of pathogen indexing methods. Chapters cover the different pathogen groups, review current practices in areas where detection technology has become important, and provide perspectives on how indexing technologies can be applied, how well it has worked, and which problems remain. Statistical treatment of detection limits, sampling strategies, risk assessment, cost, standardization, and quality control are also covered.

Healthy seeds and propagules are the basic requirement for producing good grains, fruits and vegetables needed for human survival and perpetuation. Dispersal of microbial plant pathogens via seeds and propagules has assumed more importance than other modes of dispersal, as infected seeds and propagules have the potential to become the primary sources of carrying pathogen inoculum for subsequent crops. Several diseases transmitted through seeds and propagules have been shown to have the potential to damage economies as a result of huge quantitative and qualitative losses in numerous crops. Hence, it is essential to rapidly detect, identify and differentiate the microbial plant pathogens present in seeds and propagules precisely and reliably, using sensitive techniques. *Microbial Plant Pathogens: Detection and Management in Seeds and Propagules* provides a comprehensive resource on seed-borne and propagule-borne pathogens. Information on the biology of microbial pathogens, including genetic diversity, infection process and survival mechanisms of pathogens and epidemiology of diseases caused by them, are discussed critically and in detail to highlight weak links in the life cycles of the pathogens. Development of effective disease management systems,

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based on the principles of exclusion and eradication of pathogens and immunization of crop plants to enhance the levels of resistance of cultivars to diseases, has been effective to keep the pathogens at bay. The need for production of disease-free seeds/propagules has been emphasized to prevent the carryover of the inoculum to the next crop or introduction of the pathogens to other locations. Effectiveness of adopting simple cultural practices and development of cultivars resistant to diseases through traditional breeding methods or biotechnological approach have resulted in reducing the pathogen inoculum and disease incidence. Although application of different chemicals may reduce the disease incidence effectively, biological management of crop diseases, employing potential biological control agents have to be preferred to preserve the agroecosystems. Greater efforts have to be made to integrate compatible strategies to enhance the effectiveness of diseases management systems. Protocols appended at the end of relevant chapters form a unique feature of this book to enable the researchers to fine-tune their projects. This 2 volume set provides comprehensive and updated information about the economically-important groups of microbial plant pathogens carried by seed and propagules. Graduate students, researchers and teachers of plant pathology, plant protection, microbiology, plant breeding and genetics, agriculture and horticulture, as well as certification and quarantine personnel will find the information presented in this book useful.

Investigations on various aspects of plant-pathogen interactions have the ultimate aim of providing information that may be useful for the development of effective crop disease management systems. Molecular techniques have accelerated the formulation of short- and long-term strategies of disease management. Exclusion and eradication of plant

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pathogens by rapid and precise detection and identification of microbial pathogens in symptomatic and asymptomatic plants and planting materials by employing molecular methods has been practiced extensively by quarantines and certification programs with a decisive advantage. Identification of sources of resistance genes, cloning and characterization of desired resistance genes and incorporation of resistance gene(s) into cultivars and transformation of plants with selected gene(s) have been successfully performed by applying appropriate molecular techniques. Induction of resistance in susceptible cultivars by using biotic and abiotic inducers of resistance is a practical proposition for several crops whose resistance levels could not be improved by breeding or transformation procedures. The risks of emergence of pathogen strains less sensitive or resistant to chemicals have been reduced appreciably by rapid identification of resistant strains and monitoring the occurrence of such strains in different geographical locations.

Pulses have played a major role in human diet and are considered a rich source of proteins. But, the major constraints in achieving the yield of pulses are the occurrences of various diseases and pests. Hence, there is a need to understand major fungal pathogens and their management strategies for sustainable agriculture. The major pulse crops in India and other Asian countries are bengal gram, pigeon pea, black gram, green gram, lentil and peas, which are attacked by several pathogens that cause considerable crop damage. Bengal gram is affected mainly by wilt (*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *ciceri*), blight (*Mycosphaerella pinodes*) and rust (*Uromyces ciceris-arietini*). The main diseases of pigeon pea are wilt (*Fusarium oxysporum*) and *Phytophthora* stem blight (*Phytophthora drechsleri* f. sp. *cajani*). Powdery mildew (*Erysiphe polygoni*) and rust (*Uromyces vicia-fabae*) are the most important diseases

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affecting the production of pea. This volume offers details like symptoms, distribution, pathogens associated, predisposing factors and epidemiology, sources of resistance and holistic management of diseases with particular reference to those of economic importance. Several minor diseases of lentil, green gram and of black gram are discussed with their detailed and updated information. This volume provides pooled information regarding the management of major fungal phytopathogens affecting pulses.

This book is the second of the 3-volume Innovative Approaches in Diagnosis and Management of Crop Diseases, which provides an abundance of new research and information on major diseases of various crops along with new techniques and technology for the detection of plant pathogens along with appropriate management strategies. Divided into three volumes and with chapters written by renowned and expert scientists working in different areas of plant pathology, the volumes cover important diseases of crops, incited by bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroids, phytoplasma, and nematodes. It addresses these disease challenges to commercial field and horticultural crops and their management. Innovative Approaches in Diagnosis and Management of Crop Diseases: Volume 2 focuses on recent advances in diagnosis, detection, and management of diseases of specific crops, such as cotton, sesame, rice, wheat, millet, maize, field pea and pigeonpea, ginger and turmeric, guava, aonla, and vegetable cruciferous crops. Key features: Presents diverse research of leading plant pathologists on detection, diagnosis, and management of crop diseases Shares innovative and emerging techniques for diagnosis and management of major plant diseases Covers a vast array of important crops and their diseases Volume 1 of this multi-volume set focuses on the Mollicute class of bacteria. It looks at the detection, diagnosis, and

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management of phytoplasma diseases and viroids, CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing in plants for virus resistance, next-generation sequencing technologies, and more, while Volume 3 reviews the advances in the uses of nanomolecules and biocontrol agents. Diagnosis and management of biotic stresses play a pivotal role in efficient agriculture production, and together, these volumes of Innovative Approaches in Diagnosis and Management of Crop Diseases provide informative reviews of crucial research to effectively advance the detection, diagnosis, and management of crop diseases. This book offers a collection of information on successive steps of molecular 'dialogue' between plants and pathogens. It additionally presents data that reflects intrinsic logic of plant-parasite interactions. New findings discussed include: host and non-host resistance, specific and nonspecific elicitors, elicitors and suppressors, and plant and animal immunity. This book enables the reader to understand how to promote or prevent disease development, and allows them to systematize their own ideas of plant-pathogen interactions. \* Offers a more extensive scope of the problem as compared to other books in the market \* Presents data to allow consideration of host-parasite relationships in dynamics and reveals interrelations between pathogenicity and resistance factors \* Discusses beneficial plant-microbe interactions and practical aspects of molecular investigations of plant-parasite relationships \* Compares historical study of common and specific features of plant immunity with animal immunity

Plant pathology is the study of diseases in plants that are caused by pathogens. It encompasses the studies of pathogen identification, disease etiology, plant disease epidemiology, economic impact, etc. Pathogens that cause diseases in plants are fungi, viruses, bacteria, protozoa, etc. Effector proteins, cell wall-degrading enzymes and toxins are the prominent methods of pathogenic infection. Some of the

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severe plant diseases include citrus canker, rice blast, soybean cyst nematode, etc. This book discusses the fundamentals as well as modern approaches of plant pathology. It strives to provide a fair idea about this discipline and to help develop a better understanding of the latest advances within this field, particularly with respect to disease detection and identification. Students, researchers, experts and all associated with botany and agriculture science will benefit alike from this book.

The book makes a modest attempt to highlight the major achievements. The first chapter highlights the status of plant pathology in India before 1905 and sets the stage for an overview of the developments made in the last 100 years. Chapters on significant achievements and current status of knowledge has been contributed by leading experts on mycology, bacteriology, virology and nematology, and also on epidemiological research, fungicide research, biological control, host plant resistance against pathogens and on the application of biotechnological approaches for management of plant diseases. This covered the major broad areas of research in plant pathology. Besides, non conventional chapters encompassing the areas of international co-operation, policy issues and uncommon opportunities are also included along with the role of professional societies of plant pathology in India. Though the volume by no way is a complete account of the vast ocean of information available on various aspects of the subject, it is anticipated that the diverse areas covered in this volume will serve as a roadmap for the younger generation of plant pathologists and policy makers alike who have greater challenges ahead to resolve the pathological problems for augmenting production, ensuring bio-security and facilitating trade in under the changing global trade regime.

Most branches of science have what might be termed a 'core area' which is both related to and helps to integrate peripheral topics to form the overall subject area. Without this central link, the subject is simply a collection of disparate, albeit generally related topics. What genetics is to plant breeding, epidemiology is to the subject of plant pathology and, no matter what individual topic is considered, it is always possible to recognize the interaction with and relationship to epidemiological factors. Broadly speaking, until the 1950s, plant pathology was considered as the applied side of mycology and, indeed, the British Society of Plant Pathology was spawned from its mentor, the British Mycological Society, with considerable help from The Association of Applied Biology. However, with the exploding world population and the growing demand for food, plant pathologists became increasingly aware of the need for a more considered, measured, precise and even holistic approach to their subject and, particularly, to plant disease management. Looking back over 40 years of teaching and research in plant pathology, it was very clear that the 'core' of the subject was epidemiology and that this 'new' study was developing a very distinct identity which was rapidly being recognized in its own right. The 'shotgun' approach to plant disease 'control' was quickly perceived to be too inexact and almost every aspect of the subject was

being reviewed, refined and advanced.

The present book “Detection and Diagnosis of Plant Diseases” deals with actual practical trends in modern Plant Pathology. It furnishes protocol on recent advances in bio-chemicals, biotechnological methods and aims to cover many important aspects such as Plant Pathology, Microbiology, Agricultural Microbiology, Biochemistry and Molecular biology. This book is designed to meet the practical requirement of graduate and post-graduate students studying Plant Pathology, Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry courses by providing a readymade solution to the most of common experiments prescribed by any Indian University. Beside the latest technological development given in the book can be of interest to researchers and scientists. Most attention is given to the principal and theory behind various protocols that are expanding in details to aid understanding. It contains fifteen chapters emphasized on good laboratory practices in introduction to Plant Pathology as well as Microbiological equipments, isolation of plant pathogens from plants samples and soil samples, evaluation of fungicide toxicity by various methods, plant diseases diagnosis; field and laboratory diagnosis and important serological and molecular techniques, important biochemical methods, preparation of buffer solutions and at last is various important information related to agriculture

graduate and post graduate students.

Using molecular methods for plant disease diagnosis provides diagnosticians with a number of advantages over more traditional methods. They can allow the identification of morphologically similar species, for example, or the detection of infection prior to symptom formation. Not only can molecular tools help by increasing the efficacy, accuracy and speed of diagnosis; their common technological basis provides further benefits, especially where resources are limited and traditional skills are hard to sustain. This book provides protocols for nucleic acid-based methods currently applied to plant pathogen detection and identification. It takes the practitioner through the full range of molecular diagnostic and detection methods and, as these generic techniques are appropriate for use on any target with minimal modification, also provides a useful resource for students of plant pathology and plant pathologists. Beginning with the background and future directions of the science, it then addresses DNA barcoding, microarrays, polymerase chain reactions (PCR), quality assurance and more, forming a complete reference on the subject.

As a plant pathologist, I am interested in exploring new technologies to study plant-microbe interactions as well as improving crop disease management. Recently, the CRISPR/Cas (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats/CRISPR-

associated protein) system has emerged as a powerful technology with versatile applications in basic and applied research in medicine and agriculture. The goal of my dissertation project has been focused on improving and applying the CRISPR/Cas toolkit to facilitate efficient genome editing of fungal plant pathogens as well as sensitive and reliable diagnosis of plant diseases. The success of CRISPR/Cas9-based multiplex genome editing in the rice blast fungus and development of Cas12a-based diagnostics for citrus greening pathogen and phytoplasmas highlighted in my study demonstrate the utility and broad application of CRISPR/Cas technologies in plant pathology and disease management. The first objective of my research was to generate an online tool to aid in the design and selection of specific guide RNA (gRNA) spacers for genome editing of plant pathogens. The use of highly specific gRNAs is required to prevent unintended off-targeting effects. The CRISPR-PLANT v2 gRNA prediction pipeline was used for the genome-wide prediction of highly specific gRNA spacers for fifteen genomes of bacterial, oomycete, and fungal plant pathogens. Of the gRNAs predicted across these genomes, over 90% of the gRNA spacers belong to the highly specific classes of gRNA spacers and exhibit genome-wide targetability. The resulting gRNA spacer database and CRISPR-Pathogen webtool will be available to

the plant pathology and microbiology research communities to facilitate the design of specific gRNAs and application of CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing in microbial plant pathogens. My second objective was to utilize the CRISPR/Cas9 system to improve the efficiency of single and multiplex genome editing in fungal plant pathogens. *Magnaporthe oryzae* is the causal agent of rice and wheat blast diseases and poses a major threat to rice and wheat production worldwide. As described in Chapter 3, CRISPR/Cas9-mediated multiplex genome editing in *M. oryzae* was successfully achieved using the polycistronic tRNA-gRNA (PTG) strategy. Upon creation of double stranded breaks (DSBs) by Cas9, targeted gene mutation in *M. oryzae* was created via either non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) or homology-directed repair (HDR) depending on the targeted loci. In absence of donor templates, Cas9-induced DSBs frequently triggered genomic rearrangement, leading to the loss of PCR-based amplification of target sites. By providing donor templates, however, HDR-mediated precise genome editing was achieved at the efficiency up to 100% when targeting a single locus. The PTG-based multiplex genome editing via HDR also successfully generated double and triple gene mutants. Interestingly, the HDR and NHEJ editing frequencies in *M. oryzae* appear to be dependent on genomic location of target sites and are likely influenced by

flanking repetitive sequences and transposable elements. The resulting CRISPR/Cas9 tools and strategies from this study are expected to aid in the efficient genome editing and functional genomics analysis for *M. oryzae* and other fungal species. My third objective was to adapt the Cas12a-based method to enable highly sensitive and specific detection of pathogen nucleic acids for rapid and accurate diagnosis. As illustrated in Chapters 4 and 5, the citrus greening pathogen (*Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*) and purple potato top (PPT) phytoplasma were selected as target pathogens. The Cas12a-based DETECTR (DNA endonuclease-targeted CRISPR trans reporter) assay enabled highly specific and sensitive detection of CLAs and Group VI phytoplasmas known to cause PPT from the infected samples. The DETECTR assay couples isothermal amplification and Cas12a trans-cleavage of fluorescent reporter oligos and enables detection of pathogen nucleic acids at the attomolar level. The DETECTR assay was able to accurately detect the presence of pathogen nucleic acids across all infected samples and was shown to be highly specific across closely related species. The improvement in detection sensitivity and flexibility of the DETECTR technology, positions the DETECTR assay as a suitable tool for early detection of pathogen nucleic acids. Furthermore, the DETECTR strategy allows flexibility to capture assay outputs

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with fluorescent microplate reader or lateral flow assay for potentially high-throughput and/or field-deployable disease diagnostics.

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This invaluable resource introduces the eleven types of organism that cause plant disease, ranging from higher plants to viroids and describes examples of cash and staple crop diseases that have caused human catastrophes. Early chapters cover serological and molecular techniques for the diagnosis of plant pathogens, epidemiology, methods for estimating disease severity and its effect on crop yields and techniques for limiting inoculum. Later chapters are concerned with colonisation of the plant and symptom development and the underlying biochemical and genetic factors that control these events. Finally, the control of plant disease using a variety of techniques including genetic modification is discussed. Modern diagnostic techniques Epidemiology and the measurement of disease severity The biochemistry and molecular biology of plant disease Control through cultural, biological, genetic and molecular techniques A wealth of examples and applications including full colour photographs

Microbial plant pathogens causing qualitative and quantitative losses in all crops are present not only in the infected plants, but also in the environmental

comprising of soil, water and air. The vectors present in the environment spread the microbial pathogens to short and/or long distances. Detection of microbial pathogens rapidly and reliably by employing suitable sensitive applicable for different ecosystems. The pathogens have to be identified precisely and differentiated and quantified to plan appropriate short- and long-term strategies to contain the incidence and spread of diseases induced by them. This book aims to present all relevant and latest information on the detection techniques based on the biological, biochemical, immunological and nucleic acid characteristics of microbial pathogens presents in the host plants, as well as in the natural substrates that support the survival and perpetuation of the pathogens.

This book is based on EU-funded project PLANTFOODSEC, covering intentional and unintentional threats to plant biosecurity and to food safety areas. Biosecurity is a strategic and integrated approach for analysing and managing relevant risks to human, animal and plant life and health, and associated risks to the environment. Interest in biosecurity has risen considerably over the last decade in parallel with the increasing trade in food and plant and animal products; higher levels of international travel; new outbreaks of transboundary diseases. Although most diseases outbreaks have natural causes or are the result of inadvertent

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introductions of pathogens through human activities, the risk of a deliberate introduction of a high consequence plant pathogen cannot be excluded. Vigilance is required to identify, prevent and manage new and emerging issues that could impact on production capacity, plant biosecurity or food safety and food chain resilience. /div

The diagnoses of plant disease;the microscope;the autoclave;the preparation of media for fungal and bacterial growth ;detection of fungal pathogens in infected plant tissues;detection of bacterial pathogens in infected tissues;koch's postulates;inoculation techniques;the diagnosis of a nematode problem;viruses and plant virus diseases;mycoplasma asagent of plant disease.

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infection and revealed the up-regulation of genes associated with hormonal response, transcription factors, and signaling genes. Although phytoplasmas remain the most poorly characterized pathogens, recent studies have identified virulence factors that induce typical disease symptoms and have characterized the unique reductive evolution of the genome. Reviewing the advances in cultivation in axenic media together with the perspectives for future research to reduce the global incidence of these pathogens and the associated agricultural losses, the book is a valuable resource for plant pathologists, researchers in agriculture and PhD students.

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