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FOREWORD

The intensity and complexity of crop pests and diseases have increased with the needs of intensive agriculture and commercialization. To augment such situation, more inputs like irrigation, pesticides and fertilizers, etc. have been used, which led to several other problems such as resurgence of pests, resistance to pesticides, more virulent strains of pathogens and nematodes. Therefore, the present day need is to use ecologically sound and yet economically viable Integrated Pest Management strategy. A large number of crop protection options are available in literature which are otherwise scattered over a number of journals and periodicals.

The Editors have made a timely effort to compile all available information on *Dynamics of Crop Protection and Climate Change* that includes 19 chapters, each of which is focused on biotic management facing climate change in recent years. The compilation would not only serve as a reference book but could also guide for shaping future research in the area of Plant Protection, believing that the effort would help in achieving the most cherished goal of ecologically and economically sustainable agriculture.

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