
Editorial

Part of this volume of the *Journal of Helminthology* contains the first comprehensive coverage of the 'Biosystematics of Entomopathogenic Nematodes', which evolved from a workshop held at the Institute of Parasitology (IIP), St Albans, Hertfordshire, during March 1996. It was made possible by an initiative of the EU termed COST (European Cooperation in the Field of Science and Technical Research). COST began in 1971 and is a framework for research and development cooperation in Europe. Its aim is to coordinate precompetitive and fundamental research or activities of public interest, related to research priorities at individual national levels. Today, 25 European countries and the European Commission participate in COST. More than 120 COST Actions are in progress in 15 research fields, ranging from agriculture and biotechnology to fluid dynamics. The actions have played a pioneering role in stimulating scientific cooperation in new research sectors using an approach that depends on activities initiated by the participants at national levels. The publishers, CAB International and I are delighted to have the opportunity of publishing this keynote paper on entomopathogenic nematodes.

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