Focus

<u>Beauveria bassiana</u> is endophytic but not pathogenic in <u>Bt</u> transgenic and non-transgenic corn, report L. C. Lewis and associates at USDA-ARS Corn Insects & Crop Genetics Research Unit, Ames, Iowa. (Crop Sci. 41:1395-1400, 2001)

Wood-rotting <u>Fomitopsis palustris</u> gets biochemical energy by oxidizing glucose to oxalate, report E. Munir and associates at Kyoto University, Japan. (Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA 98:11126-11130, 2001)

To control barley net blotch, fungicides are applied on seeds, at the boot stage, and near ear emergence, report B. El Yousfi and associates at the Institut de la Recherche Agronomique, Settat, and Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II, Rabat, Morocco. (Field Crops Res. 73:35-46, 2001)

Homology-dependent silencing can control nepoviruses such as <u>Tomato ringspot virus</u>, report F. Sun and associates at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre, Summerland, BC, Canada. (Can. J. Plant Pathol. 23:292-299, 2001)

Tank mixtures of demethylation inhibitors plus two strobilurins and polyoxin B controlled nectarine powdery mildew better than each component alone, reports M. Reuveni at the University of Haifa, Katzrin, Israel. (Crop Prot. 20:663-668, 2001)

Water stress before or after inoculation of pine with <u>Sphaeropsis sapinea</u> enhances canker development, report E. Paoletti and associates at Istituto per la Patologia degli Alberi Forestali, Firenze, Italy. (For. Pathol. 31:209-218, 2001)

Faba bean necrotic yellows virus is detected by tissue blot immunoassay and dot blot tests using bacterially expressed capsid-protein polyclonal antibodies, report S. G. Kumari and associates at ICARDA, Aleppo, Syria, and BBA in Braunschweig, Germany. (J. Phytopathol. 149:543-550, 2001)

Harknessia lythri, a new pathogen on purple loosestrife with biocontrol potential,
was described by D. F. Farr and A. Y. Rossman of the USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland.
(Mycologia 95:997-1001, 2001)

Systemic resistance in rose to <u>Diplocarpon rosae</u> and <u>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</u> was induced by dipping shoots in acibenzolar-S-methyl, report Y. Suo and D. W. M. Leung, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. (J. Plant Dis. Prot. 108:382-391, 2001)

High Chryseobacterium populations in wheat rhizosphere favor 2,4-diacetylphloroglucinol-producing pseudomonads to suppress take-all, report B. B. M. Gardener and D. M. Weller, USDA-ARS, Pullman, Washington. (Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 67:4414-4425, 2001)

Transgenically expressed T-Rep of $\underline{\text{Tomato yellow leaf curl sardinia virus}}$ inhibits transcription and replication in $\underline{\text{Nicotiana}}$, report A. Brunetti and associates at ENEA, Rome, and Istituto di Fitovirologia Applicata, CNR, Turin, Italy. (J. Virol. 75:10573-10581, 2001)