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BOOK REVIEW

WATLING, R.; FRANKLAND, J.C.; AINSWORTH, A.M.; ISAAC, S. & ROBINSON, C.H. - Tropical Mycology: Volume 2, Micromycetes. Wallingford, CABI Publishing, 2002. 204 p. illus. ISBN 0 85199 543 8

Tropical mycology is attracting increasing interest, as the key role of fungi in tropical ecosystems and as pathogens becomes appreciated. This book is the second of two complementary volumes (Volume 1 covers Macromycetes) developed from papers presented at the British Mycological Society's symposium held in Liverpool in April 2000. It describes the ecology, biology, economic dimensions and systematics of tropical Micromycetes. The contents include: reasons for and protocols of study of tropical fungi; biocontrol and chemistry; insect and human fungal interactions; ecological groupings and plant pathological studies. Written by leading experts in their field the papers have been thoroughly edited and revised.

The book will appeal to mycologists, tropical ecologists and those concerned with biodiversity studies.

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