

BOOK REVIEW

MALADIES OF HEVEA IN MALAYSIA

B. SRIPATHI RAO, Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia (1975). 108 pages.

This volume, published in 1975, is by B. Sripathi Rao, adapted from *Maladies of Hevea in Malaya* R. N. Hilton, published in 1959. The new volume published in Malaysia, is a poorer quality paper than the first volume, so that some at least of the colour drawings lose their vividness.

However, there have been many improvements in the format of the book, and in the text. The volume opens with a short Introduction, followed by a short chapter on Outlines of Plant Protection and these sections are improvements on the first part of the 1959 volume.

The names of the causal organisms have been brought up to date, and some sections on individual diseases and other conditions not given in the first volume have been added.

The Index to the new volume is much more comprehensive than the index in the first volume, and this is a considerable advantage. The coloured illustrations, even though less vivid than in the first volume, are still superb.

The first (1959) publication, and this new 1975 volume, were published to serve as recognition manuals for the practical planter and to indicate to him general principles of disease control. In addition, extension workers and others will also find the book useful.

One of the omissions which makes the 1975 volume of limited value to professional workers is the complete absence of references to other papers on any of the diseases and conditions, even those given in the Index to the first volume having been deleted. This deficiency is particularly unfortunate in view of the very general nature of the text.

The book, however, can be recommended to all growers of rubber, and to others interested in this crop. The volume consists of 108 pages, and includes information on 40 diseases and conditions, each one with a superb illustration, and with the sections conveniently divided into root diseases, panel diseases, stem and branch diseases, leaf diseases, as well as maladies of nonparasitic origin (including brown bunt and other conditions), and physical injuries.

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