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VIRULENCE INVESTIGATION OF PUCCINIA RECONDITA F. SP. TRITICI AND SCREENING OF WHEAT MATERIAL FOR SPECIFIC RESISTANCE

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Summary

In this paper are presented summarized data on identified virulences of *Puccinia recondita f. sp. tritici* and on sources of resistance in Yugoslavia during 1975–1979.

For analysis of rust population have been firstly used international differential near isogenic wheat lines — Lr. 2A, Lr. 2D, Lr. 3, Lr. 10, Lr. 16, Lr. 17 and Lr. 18. The high frequency of virulences in all isolates, on these lines clearly indicated the necessity of introducing new differentials for the analysis of this kind.

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Virulence frequencies of the mixed cultures from 1974 has served as a base for introduction of new differential genotypes. Thirteen additional experimental wheat varieties and lines were chosen and used for the analysis of rust samples in 1975—1979. Quite good results of virulence frequencies on seedlings and satisfactory field resistance have been achieved. Along with this set of differentials, the last year have been included three additional sets, one of which as check with standard Lr. genes. A pronounced differential characteristics have been desplayed on wheat lines with Lr. genes 10, 15, 21, 23, 24 and 25, as well as on the varieties Tobari 66 (Lr. 1, 2D) and Waldron (Lr. 1, 2A, 10).

In the same period many wheat entries from Intern. Wheat Rust Nurseries have been tested each year with leaf rust under heavy epidemics.

The best resistant ones have been classified in five groups, according to their resistance and feasibility for breeding.

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BIOLOGICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES OF PHOMOPSIS SP. (DIAPORTHE SP.) IN SUNFLOWER

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Summary

Much work has been done in last few years on *Phomopsis sp.* (*Diaporthe sp.*), one of the most destructive parasites of sunflowers in Yugoslavia. This report presents the results of a two-year investigation on some aspects of the epidemiology of the fungus.

The development of the fungus on PDA was successful in a wide range of temperatures (between 7–30°C), with an optimum of about $25-27^{\circ}$ C (Tab. 1).

It was concluded on the basis of the results of inoculation in greenhouse conditions that the usual infection sites are mature leaves, leaf petioles and especially the damaged tissue on sunflower stem underneath the base of the leaf petiole (Tab. 2). First symptoms of the disease appear regularly on the basal parts of plants at the beginning of flowering stage. Besides the suitable microclimatic conditions in these places, that phenomenom could be explained by the sensitivity of senecent tissue of plants to the parasite. The growth period between buddings and flowering is most suitable for attacks by the fungus. However the disease in successfuly controlled by two treatments with systemic fungicides during that period.

Although the parasite can be transmitted from one year to another by seed and volunteer plants, perithecia are the main source of infection. A small number of perithecia forms in fall on plant residues. The fungus is capable of producing perithecia in winter, in infected plant residues are exposed to room temperature in a growth chamber. In 1982. first mature perithecia were observed in early May; in 1983, they were observed a month earlier, because of higher temperatures (Table 3). Perithecia form on plant residues throughout the sunflower growing season, but most intensively during and after long rain spells (May-June).

Ascospores are released from mature perithecia in wet conditions and at temperatures above 10°C. They are being released for a relatively long period of time (17 days) under optimal condition for the fungus (most chamber, 25°C). The dynamics of ascospore release is shown in Graph 1. In field conditions, the released ascospores are disseminated by wind (Graph. 2).

There exist large differences in the intensity of infection among sunflower crops sown at different dates, although first symptoms appear regulary at the beginning of the stage of flower. Disease attack is in corelation with the number of rainy days, which overlaps with the highest population of ascospores in the air, in the period between budding and flowering.

CULTURES GROWTH AND REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS FORMATION OF PLEOSPORA HERBARUM (PERS. EX FR.) RABENH. AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES AND pH VALUES

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Summary

The influence of temperature ranging between 1 and 40°C and of pH values varying from 3.8 to 9.0 on the initiation of growth of cultures and formation of reproductive organs of P. herbarum was evaluated in this investigation.

The optimum temperature for the beginning of growth as well as for the reproductive organs formation of the cultures was 25° C, the minimum and maximum ones ranging between 1—5°C and 30—35°C, respectively.

At the optimum temperature, cultures started their growth on the first day after sowing on the medium; at the maximum temperature the growth began on the third day, and at the minimum temperature at the seventh day.

Perithecia were formed at temperatures varying between 15 and 25°C; however, this process was more abundant and faster (after 10 days) at temperatures ranging between 20 and 25°C. Maturation of perithecia was only possible at lower temperatures — from 5 to 15°C. Under such conditions, ascus formation took first place at 10°C — after 23 days; ascospore formation took place 97 days after the perithecia were exposed to the effect of lower temperatures.

Conidia were formed at temperatures from 10 to 25°C, however, this phenomenon was most rapid and abundant at temperatures varying between 20 and 25°C (after 5 days already).

Growth of *P. herbarum* cultures and formation of reproductive organs occured on media of different pH values — from extremely acid (3.8) to moderately alkaline (9.0). The optimum medium for culture growth was highly acid (4.9), whereas for the formation of conidia and perithecia was neutral (7.0). Increase in acidity and alkalinity affected more adversely perithecial than conidial formations.

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EFFECT OF CROP STAND ON WATER STATUS IN SOIL AND PLANTS AND ON THE OCCURENCE OF FUSARIUM ROT OF CORN STALKS;

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Summary

Fusarium stalk rot is the most important disease of corn in Yugoslavia. It occurs regularly, year after year, but its intensity oscillates in dependence of a number of factors. In dry years, the intensity of the diseases may be desisively affected by certain agricultural practices. One of them is the stand of corn crop.

We conducted a five-year (1976—1980) small-plot trial in field conditions to study the effect of soil and plant water status, brought about by different stands, on the intensity of occurrence of fusarium stalk rot of corn. The disease intensity was found to depend primarily on soil and plant regimens in certain phenophases. Tasseling, pollen shedding, and the end of flower were the most critical phenophases regarding the plant provision with water and the occurrence of fusarious stalk rot. A water shortage during these phenophases affects the vitality of corn plants and intensifies the disease attack.

As a rule thick stands suffer more severe soil and plant water deficits in dry years which directly intensify the disease. The majority of the examined indicators of water regimen in plants indicated reliably the water status in corn leaves. The values of actual evapotranspiration were not suitable for the analysis of plant provision with water in the course of the growing season.

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SPORULATION AND VIABILITY OF FUSARIUM GRAMINEARUM GROWN ON LIQUID MEDIA AND DEVELOPMENT OF ROT ON INFECTED STALK

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Studies were conducted to test F. graminearum on several liquid mediums for spore production and to determine the need for aeration.

Sucrose — basal mineral salt medium (SBMS) plus yeast extract both in shake and still culture was the best medium tested for rapid spore production of F. graminearum. The number of viable spores decreased significantly after 12 days.

Significant differences between stalk rot resistance of hybrids were determined by artificial inoculation of plants with spores produced on SBMS plus yeast extracts.

In susceptible hybrids the pathogen spread even up to the third internode, but did not significantly increase the severity of natural rot and lodging.

THE LARVAL POPULATION DENSITY OF *ELATERIDAE* (COLEOPTERA) ON DIFFERENT CROPS IN THE REGION OF VOJVODINA

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Summary

In the region of Vojvodina (the northeastern part of Yugoslavia) the investigations have been made for several years on the effect produced by different cultivated plants and pastures on the density of larval population of *Elateridae*. The investigations were chiefly made on the chernozem and chernozem meadow soil, in which Agriotes ustulatus Schall. was the dominant species.

After having grown some crops, even on the untilled areas, there was established the following population density of larvae per sq m: 3.5 on winter wheat, 3.3 on soybean, 1.4 on corn, 1.1 on sunflower, 1.0 on sugar beet, 5.7 on peas, 1.4 on alfalfa and 8.1 on pasture.

Three crops, to wit: corn, sunflower and sugar beet, taken together gave an average of 1.2 larvae per sq m, i.e. 34 p.c. only of their population on winter wheat. These crops represented an unfavourable habitat because of their destructive effect on the click beetle, a more frequent soil tillage (in comparison with the fields under wheat) and an abundant application of insecticides to the control of larvae.

On the fields under alfalfa, although it was a perennial crop with a high density of population and with almost no application of met chanical soil tillage, there was recorded a low average of larval population density (1.4/sq m). This was the result of the intensive drainage and of the compactness of soil, and, on account of this, there occurred a great reduction of the number of eggs and in the population of young click beetle larvae.

Wheat and other cereals represented the main places for oviposition of the click beetle on ploughed fields in the region of Vojvodina. Their reproduction is particularly well affected by the growing of wheat on the same field for 2 and 3 consecutive years. The abundant reproduction of the click beetle could be profitably limited by avoiding the monoculture of wheat, i.e. by replacing wheat growing in a year with other crops (corn, sugar beet and sunflower).

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CONTRIBUTION OF THE STUDY OF SPECIES BELONGING TO THE FAMILY ELATERIDAE (COLEOPTERA) IN THE SOILS OF WHEAT FIELDS, IN VOIVODINA REGION DURING A PERIOD FROM 1961 TO 1983

by

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Summary

Studies of *Elateridae* were conducted in Voivodina (the northeastern part of Yugoslavia) on the areas under chernozem and chernozem meadow soils being the dominant soil types. In the period from 1961 to 1983. analyses were done on 2.477 fields after winter wheat growing, with a total area of about 180.000 hectares. Soil testing was performed in September and October. A method of manual digging holes and test of dug soil was used. A total of 103.296 holes was dug up, the size being most frequently 0.25 sq m. More than 92.000 larvae were collected and determined in the laboratory.

The larvae found were grouped into 8 order among which the dominant ones were Agriotes (78% of all larvae collected) and Adrastus (21%), especially the former mentioned one. As regards the other orders the most frequent wer Melanotus and Athous. Concerning th density of population the first place was occupied by the order Agriotes (3,25/sq m), then followed (Adrastus (0,90/sq m) etc.

We registered 18 species, mostly of the order Agriotes (9), then followed Melanotus (4) while the other orders were represented by a smaller number of species. The most dominant species were the South-European ones, then followed the species spread in Europe-Asia, Europe-Siberia and Paleartic, whereas the Mediterranean species took the last place. Among the individual species regarding the number of collected larvae, the most outstanding one was Agriotes ustulatus Schall. (66%), then followed some species of the order Adrastus, then came Agriotes sputator L. (8,8%), A. sordidus Ill. (1,1%), A. brevis Cand. (0,6%), Melanotus cinerascens Küst. (0,5%) etc.

As regards the frequent occurrence in the wheat fields the outstanding species was especially Agriotes ustulatus Schall. (93% of field was covered with that species), then followed the genus Adrastus (77%), Agriotes sputator L. (37%), A. sordidus Ill. (16%), Melanotus cinerascens Küst. (12%), Agriotes brevis Cand. (9%) etc.

About 12 to 13 species belonged to the phythofagous ones, mainly from the genera Agriotes, Melanotus and Selatosomus. The most important wheat pests, on the chernozem and chernozem meadow soil in Voivodina were Agriotes ustulatus Schall. and A. sputator L., especially the former mentioned one. An average of 4,2 larvae per sq m was registered taking together all registered species. If we take into account only phythofagous species then their average density of population amounts to about 3,3/sq m, which makes 78% of the whole population of *Elateridae*.

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EFFECTIVENESS OF DELTAMETHRIN AND PIRIMIPHOSMETHYL AGAINST STORED PRODUCT INSECTS

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Summary

More trials were set up to establish if there is posibility of using synthetic pyretroid deltamethrin and O.P. pirimiphosmethyl in protection of stored agricultural products. Results of investigations are shawn in table 1 and graph 1 and 2.

The trials have confirmed suitability of deltamethrin in combination with piperonyl butoxide in protection of stored agricultural products in a very low dosage of 0,5 ppm of active ingredient. The applied dosage has completely protected the wheat during 168 days against Sitophilus oryzae., S. granarius and Rhizopertha dominica but it was different with species Tribolium confusum. In these experiments it was shown that T. confusum is resistant on deltamethrin, although deltamethrin has paralyzed pests but mortality was very low. Except of the resistance T. confusum, the population from the laboratory of Institute for Plant Protection, Zagreb, the similar resistance has been found at species Tribolium madens, the population from the same laboratory.

Pirimiphosmethyl in the dose of 4 ppm has given a complet protection of wheat through 168 days against S. oryzae and S. granarius. On T. confusum the efficacy has been a little bit lower. There was a very god activity against R. dominica at the first two evaluations (28 days) but after 56 days the effectiveness was reduced. After 84 days there was no more activity of the applied ingredient on R. dominica.

It must be pointed out that deltamethrin causes a paralyzation of insects in a very high percentage whean they are in contact with treated wheat. This activity has a great practical value because the paralyzed insects can not damage wheat and they are not able to produce a progeny.

In case that these two insecticides can get a licence for their use in Yugoslavia a very good protection of stored cereals against the insect infestation during a long period of time, could be provided.

CONTEMPORARY NOMENCLATURE AND TAXONOMY OF PHYTOPATHOGENIC BACTERIA

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Summary

In the paper is given a survey of literature of the present-day nomenclature and taxonomy of phytopathogenic bacteria and are quoted numerous pathogenic varieties instead of the denominations of bacteria that were so far used.