



Introduction

This Special Issue on Biological Control is the result of a cooperative effort by a number of people. Charles L Wilson of the Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville, WV, USA and Mark A Jackson of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, IL, USA (both institutions are parts of the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture) were responsible for gathering together papers based on Symposia that they had organized for the 1966 Annual Meeting of the Society for Industrial Microbiology at Research Triangle Park, NC, USA. Jennifer A Thomson of the Univer-

sity of Capetown, South Africa, solicited several other papers on the role of biotechnology in plant disease and pest control. In addition, many of the authors were kind enough to agree to be peer reviewers of the manuscripts of their colleagues. We hope that this Special Issue will serve to provide an appreciation of the progress being made in this field, and to stimulate future studies.

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