

Preface

Over the past decades, the production and the trade of the major world oil crops has increased tremendously in response to growing world population and rising living standard. Technological innovations in breeding major oil crops have led to higher yield and nutritionally superior edible oil. Despite of the fact that recent technological advances made in all the major oil crops, the need and opportunities to increase the production and oil yield are as great today as they have ever been. Realizing the importance of these crops in India, Canada, China, USA, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden, France, Australia and rest of the countries of the world, there is urgent need to upto date the knowledge of the recent technologies developed so far in enhancing the production at global level. The objective of editing this volume is to provide the latest references for those interested or involved in the genetic manipulation of these crops. This volume covers 13 chapters which have been well prepared by the leading scientists of the world with long experience and intensive knowledge of the subjects. It also contains the technological innovations not only related to breeding but also to nutritionists, biotechnologists and industrialists as well.

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