

# Preface

This book is written by professionals from 11 countries of America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. All the time and expertise donated by the authors to this project are gratefully acknowledged. Nine chapters of the book are devoted to evaluation of achievements and drawbacks in our understanding of the profound versatility of different groups of plant-associated bacteria and their ability to radically alter the mode of their interactions with plants or to infect animal organisms, including humans. Hopefully, the interested reader will find these up-to-date reviews helpful and thought-provoking.

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