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Book Review

Nitrogen Cycling in Ecosystems of Latin America and the Caribbean. Edited by G. P. Robertson, R. Herrera, and T. Rosswall. 430 pp. illus. Martinus Nijhoff/Dr. W. Junk Publishers, The Hague, 1982. \$65.00.

As volume six of the series "Developments in Plant and Soil Sciences," this book of 37 contributions by 63 internationally known experts provides a broad spectrum of considerations of nitrogen cycling and its practical aspects in many parts of Latin America and the West Indies.

The coverage of this collection of articles is too wide and thorough to detail in a brief review. A survey of the topics treated, however, indicates a careful and critical choice of subjects. Most of the chapters comprise papers in a workshop at CIAT (Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical) in Cali, Colombia, 16–21 March 1981. The articles are presented in this volume together with reports of work groups. Each article has a selected bibliography, remarkable for the number of up-to-date citations in this fast-moving field. A list of the 65 participants and an index terminate the volume; the index, unfortunately extremely sparse, fails to unlock the wealth of valuable data presented well in these contributions.

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