

PREFACE TO THE ENGLISH EDITION

The book follows the overall classification of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG). It takes into account the taxonomic positions of the second publication of this group of researchers (APG II), as well as the new concepts discussed during the Botanical Congress of St. Louis. Some new families were added in the second edition of the French Book (of which the present book is a translation): *Droseraceae*, *Lythraceae*, *Cornaceae*, *Oleaceae*, *Gesneriaceae*, and *Alliaceae*. Some families were completed or combined.

The book is accompanied by a CD-ROM illustrating all the families described with photographs of selected species. The CD-ROM also includes the cumulative identification keys of orders and families, as well as two summary tables of all the useful plants with their use and their common names. A list of common names and their corresponding binomials is provided for all the illustrated plants and all the useful plants cited.