Courses Taught

Undergraduate:

Introduction to Agronomy; Chemical Means of Plant Protection; Plant Protection Systems; Nematodes, Mites, and Rodents; General Plant Protection; Phytopathology, Entomology and Plant Protection. Graduate: Pesticide Modes of Action; Current Issues and Theoretical Foundations in Pest Management, Intellectual Property and Innovation.

Biography

Specializes in plant protection, entomology, and acarology. Teaches and advises undergraduate students at Agrobiotechnology and Technology Institutes who major in plant protection, Master's students who major in integrated pest management.

S. Ya. Popov graduated from Moscow Timiryazev Agricultural Academy in 1976, majoring in plant protection. Completed postgraduate studies towards Ph.D. and D.Sc. degrees. Worked as an assistant, associate, and full professor. Spent university sabbaticals in the Netherlands and in Sweden. In 1997, successfully defended a D.Sc. dissertation entitled "Ecological Basis of Reducing Abundance and Damage of Two Major Pests of Strawberries: Strawberry Blossom Weevil and Spider Mites." Promoted to a full professor in 1999. In 2013, became a corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. Served as a Chair of the Department of Chemical Plant Protection in 2001-10. Following a merger among three departments in 2010, served as a Chair of the Department of Plant Protection. In 2018, resigned from administration and returned to being a professor at the Department of Plant Protection.

Main research interests is ecology of different pest species, improving integrated pest management systems for plants, as well as developing biological and other non-chemical methods to reduce pesticide use in agriculture.

S. Ya. Popov developed general approaches to limiting pest abundance and damage based on their life strategies, created reproductive and K-factor life tables for several pest species, developed ecological foundation for managing the main pests of strawberries. Together with graduate students, he improved methodology of screening cucumber varieties for resistance to spider mites, cabbage varieties for resistance to caterpillars, and strawberry varieties to berrydamaging arthropod pests. He also conducted detailed investigations of ecology and management of spider mites in the genus *Tetranychus* in several agricultural systems. Dr. Popov is a leading expert on the strawberry blossom weevil, Anthonomus rubi Herbst, which is one of the most damaging pests of strawberries. K-factor life tables of the apple blossom weevil, Anthonomus pomorum (L.), on apple and pear trees in urbanized territories in Moscow and Tver provinces were constructed. S.Ya. Popov is a founder and a leader of a scientific school that studies phytophagous mites that works on the systematics of spider mites in the genus *Tetranychus*, as well as on studying on incorporating natural and hormonal acaricides into integrated pests management systems. Together with colleagues from the Scientific Center on Vegetables of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Dr. Popov studies physiological aspects of strawberry damage by spider mites. Instrumental thresholds of pest damage, the economic injury level (EIL) and the economic threshold (ET), were calculated using the relative electron transport rate (rETR) based on chlorophyll fluorescence detection in the leaf. He also works with undergraduate and graduate students on compiling a unique multi-year datasets on population dynamics and reproductive life tables of spider mites.

S. Ya. Popov is an active participant in international and Russian scientific meetings and conferences. He is a member of Russian Entomological Society since 1988. He was a member of Entomological Society of America since 2018 to 2022.

S. Ya. Popov published over 200 scientific works and study aids for students, including 12 books (10 as a co-author). He served as an advisor to 1 D. Sc. student, 10 Ph. D. students, and more 100 undergraduate students working on their capstone projects. He is currently continuing his advising activities. S. Ya. Popov is a member of editorial boards of the scientific journal Izvestiya Timiryazevskoi Sel'skokhozyaistvennoi Akademii since 2002, and a member of technical committee on standardizing approaches to plant quarantine and protection. S.Ya. Popov is a member of Writers Union of Russia.

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