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Original scientific paper – contains unpublished results of the scientific investigations. Printed text (unformatted) should be up to 12 standard printing pages (A4), (in font Arial, size 10), including tables, graphs, figures and photographs.

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Effectiveness of Complex Organic Preparations on Growth Performance of Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.)

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Table 1. Influence of experimental preparations-phytiostimulators on the morphometric characteristics of coriander

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CONCLUSIONS: Present the most important consequences for the science and practice resulting from the conducted research should be summarized in few sentences.

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1. **Mitova, I. and S. Marinova**, 2012. Effects of Enriched Vermiculite on the Formation of Yield and Quality in Lettuce. *Soil Science Agrochemistry and Ecology*, LVI (2), 21-27 (Bg).

References of cited literature

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Lidanski, T., 1998. Statistical Methods in Biology and Agriculture. Zemizdat, Sofia (Bg).

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1. **McGrath, S. P.**, 1998. Phytoextraction for Soil Remediation. In: Plants That Hyperaccumulate Heavy Metals (R. R. Brooks, ed.). CAB Int., Wallingford, UK, pp. 261-287.

2. **Vasileva, V.**, 2012. Effect of Mineral Fertilization and Water-Deficiency Stress on Chemical Composition of Lucerne (*Medicago sativa* L.). In: Proceedings of the 24th General Meeting of the European Grassland Federation Grassland – a European Resource (P. Goli ski, M. Warda, P. Stypi ski, Ed.). Lublin, Poland, . 391-393.

d) Summaries of papers from scientific forums

Baychev, V., 1994. Hybrids between (*Triticum aestivum* L. x *Secale cereale* L.) and Triticale (2n=6 =42). In: 3rd International Triticale Symposium, 13-17 June 1994, Lisbon, Portugal (Abstracts), B-12.

e) Dissertation

Zhekova, E., 2018. Study on the Economic Importance of Damage to Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.) of *Plagionotus floralis* Pall. and opportunities to control. Dissertation, Sofia, Bulgaria (Bg).

Kenyon, L., 1990. Pathogenicity Mutants of *Fulvia fulva* (Cooke). Ph.D. Thesis, University of East Anglia, UK.

f) On-line materials

Lecoq, H. and C. Desbiez, 2012. Viruses of cucurbit crops in the Mediterranean region: an ever-changing picture. *Adv. Virus Res.*, 84: 67-126. doi: 10.1016/B978-0-12-394314-9.00003-8.

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