Preface

The eighth volume of the "Chorology of trees and shrubs in South-West Asia and adjacent regions" has been prepared on the same principles as the previous volumes. It covers ranges of further 50 species belonging to 30 genera and 15 families. Among the families most represented are the Rosaceae – 13 species, Leguminosae – 10, Caprifoliaceae and Polygonaceae 4 each, and Capparaceae and Labiatae 3 each. In volume 8 for the first time species were introduced from genera Ephedra, Aristolochia, Tecomella, Buddleja, Capparis, Atriplex, Centaurea, Ptilostemon, Phlomis, Rosmarinus, Teucrium, Caragana, Onobrychis, Prosopis, Phoenix, Pteropyrum, Cotoneaster, × Malosorbus, Padus, Rubus and Tamarix.

The greatest difficulty in completing data on stands of individual species concerned the Arabian peninsula, particularly regions in Saudi Arabia. One can suspect, that with the progress of floristic work in the future in that region it will become possible to introduce into range maps some additional stands, and this is likely to concern such species as *Tecomella undulata* (Roxb.) Seeman, *Capparis decidua* (Forsskal) Edgew., *C. sinaica* Veillard in Duh., and *Tamarix aphylla* (L.) Karsten as well species from the genus *Prosopis*.

The literature list has been enriched by a further 56 items.

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