BOOK REVIEW

Steven L. Stephenson & Carlos Rojas, eds. 2017. **Myxomycetes: Biology, Systematics, Biogeography, and Ecology.** (ISBN-13: 978-0-12-805089-7, pbk). Academic Press (imprint of Elsevier), 525 B St., Ste. 1800, San Diego, California 92101-4495 U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.elsevier.com/books-and-journals). $99.95 US, 474 pp., color photographs, b/w and color figs., 6" × 9".

If asked for a list of the world authorities regarding the myxomycetes, the list would crosswalk nicely with the chapter authors listed in this book. This reviewer was privileged to meet and visit with many of the authors at the Seventh International Congress on the Systematics and Ecology of Myxomycetes: ICSEM 7, Recife, Brazil (2011). These wonderful folks are dedicated followers of the Myxomycete Greek mythology sirens who are lured and addicted to the world of Myxomycetes. Myxomycete specialists are not a large group, but instead a small, closely allied circle of individuals who have fallen in love with this unique, beautiful, and odd classification of organisms. The reader of this remarkable work will become absorbed in the information that flows throughout. The collection of chapters is truly outstanding and provides a current and thorough presentation of knowledge regarding the myxomycetes.

The first chapter—The Myxomycetes: Introduction, Basic Biology, Life Cycles, Genetics and Reproduction—will appeal to all myxomycetologists and students of the field as a thorough and concise treatment to pique anyone's interest. Excellently written and illustrated, this chapter whets the appetite to continue to learn more about this most interesting group of unique organisms.

Meticulous documentation and high-quality illustrations make the *Myxomycetes: Biology, Systematics, Biogeography, and Ecology* a comprehensive valuable resource bound to appeal to a wide audience of several disciplines.—*Relf Price, Ph.D., Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, U.S.A.*