



# Nematode taxonomy and systematics online - The Loof Literature Collection

- Particularly for rare taxonomical articles -

## Background

The Laboratory of Nematology and Wageningen UR Library are digitizing over 3,300 articles on nematode taxonomy and systematics (mostly from the pre-digital era). These papers were collected by Drs. Piet Loof, a nematode taxonomist at the Laboratory of Nematology of Wageningen University. Drs. Loof has been active as an eminent nematode taxonomist from 1955 till 2007. After his formal retirement in 1988, he continued working for more than two decades. As a part of his heritage, he left a literature collection on nematode taxonomy and systematics.

To make this literature collection accessible and searchable, the Laboratory of Nematology, in close cooperation with Wageningen UR Library, took the initiative to digitalize scientific literature from before 1996 (from that year onwards, most journals shifted towards on-line publishing).

All 3,300 articles are visible and searchable on-line; a wealth of information on nematode taxonomy and systematics from the years 1859 onwards. Currently (Summer 2018), over 2,000 articles have been digitized, and they can be consulted from behind your desk.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Nematode taxonomy - the dr. P.A.A. Loof Literature Collection. The search bar contains the text "Enter your search terms" and a search button. Below the search bar, the results show "Records 1 - 20 / 3333". The left sidebar contains filters for author, keyword, category, and language. The main content area displays a list of search results, including titles like "Ueber eine Nematodenlarve und gewisse Verschiedenheiten in den Geschlechtsorganen der Nematoden" and "Monograph on the Anquillulidae or free nematoids, marine, land, and freshwater; with descriptions of 100 new species".

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