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L. Margolis, J. R. Arthur: Synopsis of the Parasites of Fishes of Canada.

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This book appeared as the 199th publication of the series Bulletins. It offers a survey of all hitherto published information on the parasites of freshwater and marine fishes of Canada, covering the period from the beginning of investigation of fish parasites in Canada about hundred years ago up to the end of 1977. The authors consolidated all available data on the parasite fauna of fish in Canada, hitherto scattered in various scientific literature and "Report" series, and created thus a basis for further studies of this topic. The most important part of this compilation are two lists, Parasite-Host and Host-Parasite. A total of 830 species of fish parasites (Protozoa, Turbellaria, Monogenea, Trematoda, Cestoidea, Nematoda, Acanthocephala, Hirudinea, Mollusca, Branchiura, Copepoda and Isopoda) have been reported from Canadian waters and additionally there are many records of parasites not identified to species level. In the Parasite-Host list the species of parasites are arranged according to

their systematic position and for each species are given data on its habitat, location in the host, species of hosts, distribution in Canadian waters, and the literary source. The Host-Parasite list is organized according to taxonomy of the hosts with notes on known distribution of the parasite. The book is concluded with a list of cited references, a supplementary list of references and an index to parasites and hosts. As it is stressed by the authors, the aim of the synopsis is not a taxonomic revision, although, where necessary, notes on the taxonomy and nomenclature of some parasite species are included; several new name combinations and a new synonym are proposed.

This synopsis of the parasites of fishes of Canada was prepared very carefully and precisely and will certainly be helpful in further studies on the fish parasites in Canada and North America. It will be also an important source of information for ichthyoparasitological investigations in other geographical regions.

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