

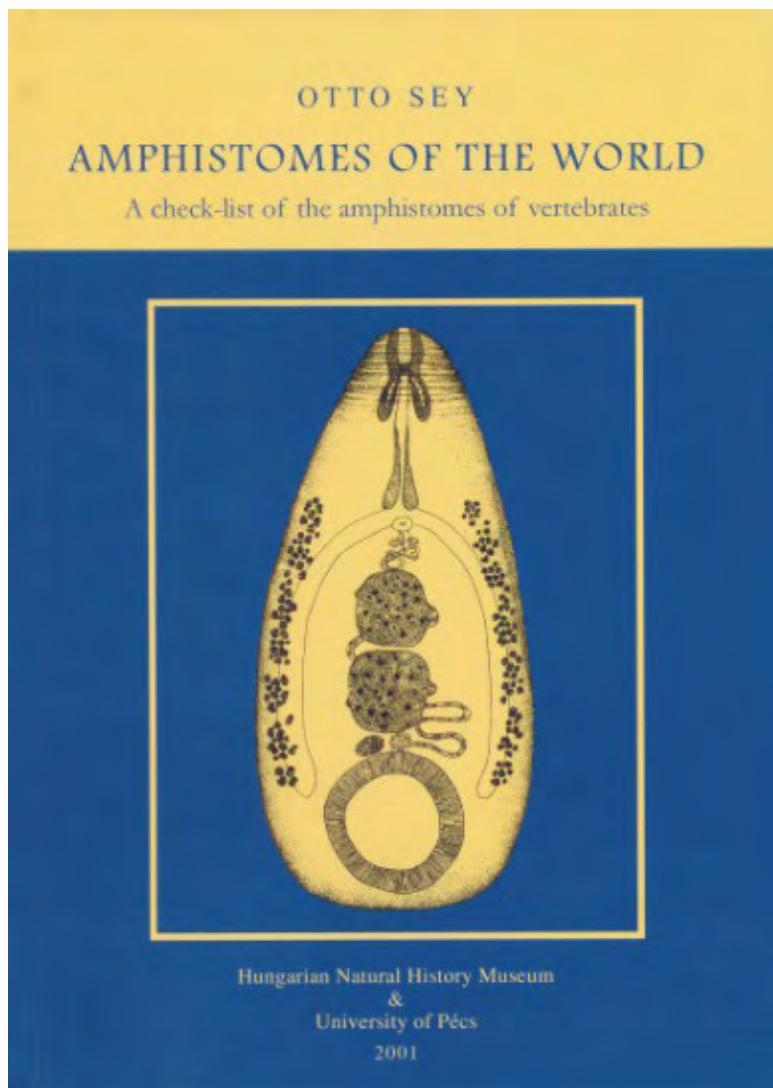
AMPHISTOMES OF THE WORLD

A check-list of the amphistomes of vertebrates

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The amphistomes are one of the rare groups of digenetic trematodes, which have a broad spectra of the definitive hosts together with a wide geographical distribution, forming a continuous evolutionary lineage from fishes to mammals. At the same time, some species of them are causative agents of devastating disease of domestic and wild animals, mainly ruminants. Therefore, amphistomes may have professional and practical interests for research and thus a great number of information has been accumulated on their classification and biology. The intention of this check-list is to bring together a comprehensive list of the amphistomes, presently known and sources of references of their hosts and geographical distribution. This check-list consists of three main parts. In the first "Parasite/host check-list" (137 pp), parasites were listed under their scientific names, followed by the synonyms, than the name of authorship as well as the name of the countries from which they were reported. In the second "General host/parasite check-list" (31 pp), hosts were listed systematically under their scientific names from fishes to mammals, followed by all amphistomes described in them, in alphabetic order. In the third "Host/parasite check-list by countries" (63 pp), countries were listed alphabetically, hosts systematically and their parasites alphabetically. When it seemed to be necessary some comments were given and they are found in the chapter 7 "Notes" (5 pp). Three indexes (parasite, host and country) are added to the list.

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