



This is the first publication devoted entirely to histopathology of fish infections caused by protistan and myxozoan agents. It sums up the data collected over many years of research and offers comprehensive pictorial representation of the action of eukaryotic microorganisms formerly known as protozoa upon their fish hosts.

Separate groups of these parasites are introduced by a brief characterisation, including photographs representing their typical species as seen in fresh preparations for comparison with their appearance in stained tissue sections. The variability of changes elicited by protists and myxozoans in fish tissues and organs is documented in a series of 150 full-page plates of black and white and colour photographs. In addition to portraying the tissue changes, the atlas yields an insight into defence reactions towards such pathogens and may also expand the existing knowledge of the parasites in question. A short survey of fish histology is also supplied to provide a handy comparison with histopathological alterations described in the main part of the publication.

Selected examples of basic pathological processes are also presented as a reminder that they should not all be attributed to the action of parasites. The contents of the atlas will be of importance for ichthyoparasitologists, fish veterinarians engaged in the field of diagnostics of fish diseases, but it may also find its place on the bookshelves of protozoologists and biologists interested in fundamental biological research.

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