

*Fascioloides magna* is a trematode originating in North America. It is a significant pathogen, especially in cervids, but it can also infect ruminants kept for agricultural purposes. Adult trematodes are found in the liver tissue of their definitive hosts, where they can survive for a long period of time and produce large quantity of eggs. Those are passed through bile ducts and intestine with feces into the external environment.

This thesis is focused on the morphology of individual developmental stages of *F. magna*. To this date only very limited number of literary resources concerning the topic had been published. Recorded results are compared with literary resources on *Fasciola hepatica*, a closely related trematode. The morphological characteristics of the individual developmental stages were studied by using histological, electron-microscopical and other methods (fluorescent labelling). The thesis also describes pathological changes of the definitive hosts' liver tissue. By means of the stated methods, the thesis expands the existing knowledge on the morphology of *F. magna* especially of surface structures and the distribution of the sensoric organs, some of which have been described for the very first time.