



FIG. 1. *Plectonchus cucumis* sp.n. Female—A. Anterior end; B. Anterior end 15, \times 100; C. Vulvar region; D. Tail.

Diagnosis :

P. cucumis sp.n. is distinguished by fairly wide buccal chamber, characteristic tail and value of 'a' and 'c'. The present species resembles *P. cuniculari* Fuchs, 1930¹ in general topography, yet, differs in the number of uterine coils and shape of the tail, besides the host.

Type Locality and Habitat :

Collected from slimy flux of the fruit of *Cucumis melo* var. *phut* by Mr. G. R. Soni on October 8, 1978 at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

Type Slides :

Holotype on slide No. 104, Paratypes (4) on slide No. 105 and (2) on slide No. 106, deposited in the Department of Zoology, University of Jodhpur, Jodhpur.

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THE APHIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INDIA

At the plenary session of "Symposium on Recent Trends in Aphidological Studies" held under the auspices of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar (June 9-12, 1979), a society named "The Aphidological Society, India" has been formed to cater the needs of scientists working on problems concerning aphids. The Society

intends to publish a newsletter and to held periodical symposia presently.

Details can be had from the General Secretary, The Aphidological Society, India, c/o Entomology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Calcutta, 35 Ballygunge Circular Road, Calcutta 700 019.

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU FELLOWSHIP

Prof. T. N. Ananthakrishnan, Director, Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta 700 012, has been awarded the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship. During the tenure

of the Fellowship, Prof. Ananthakrishnan will work on the project 'Ecology of Thysanoptera'.