

Mesosoma (Figs. 5, 8, 11) relatively small and low (especially on prothorax), dorsal surface set with variable number of erect setae. Pronotum dorsally flattened, shoulders rounded, anterior margin yellowish translucent. Pro-mesonotal suture distinct. Mesonotum posteriorly declivitous, set with transverse row of long setae. Meso- and metanotum fused. Metanotum (or meso-metanotal suture?) deeply impressed, furrow-like. Metathoracic spiracles located on dorsad-projecting tubercle, surpassing dorsal face of propodeum. Propodeum with distinct dorsal and caudal (declivitous) face of approximately same lengths, separated by transverse, dorsad directed ridge well visible in lateral view and set with few long setae; posterior face concave in lateral view. Propodeal spiracle at mid-length between propodeal ridge and insertion of hind coxa. Legs relatively short. Tarsi longer than tibiae, widened, fourth tarsomere (and less distinct second and third tarsomeres) dorsoapically concave, enclosing base of following tarsomere (Figs. 2, 3). Claws wide at base, suddenly narrowed at mid-length, terminating in slender hook.

Petiole (Figs. 5, 8, 11) nodiform, much higher than long in profile, dorsally evenly rounded and with some long setae; node, if seen from front or rear, subovate.

Gaster (Figs. 6, 9, 12) with relatively dense appressed pilosity, tergites and sternites with scattered erect setae. First tergite much shorter than lengths of following tergites combined. Posterior margins of tergites whitish translucent (not very apparent in some specimens).

Description of major worker: see *F. stefanschoedli* sp. nov.

Description of intermediate worker: see *F. philippinensis* sp. nov.

Description of gyne: see *F. overbecki*.

Male: unknown.

DISTRIBUTION: Java, Borneo, Mindanao and nearby islands, Luzon.

***Forelophilus stefanschoedli* sp. nov.**

(Figs. 1, 2, 4 - 9)

TYPE MATERIAL: Holotype (minor worker): Mindanao, Surigao del Norte, SW of Bacuag, Payapag, Little Baguio Waterfall, 6.II.2000, leg. S. Schödl, # 9 (NHMW). Paratypes: 1 major worker, same locality as holotype (NHMW); Mindanao, Surigao del Norte, 40 km S of Surigao City, Songkoy Spring, 8.II.2000, leg. H. Zettel, # 231, 1 minor worker (CZW); Leyte, E of Ormoc, Lake Danao, 11.III.1998, leg. H. Zettel, # 158, 1 major worker (CZW); Luzon, Camarines Sur, Lupi, Sooc, 9.-10.III.2004, leg. C. Pangantihon, # P57, 1 major worker (CZW).

DIAGNOSIS (minor worker; Figs. 2, 4 - 6): Scape blackish brown, tibiae yellowish or brown. Clypeus yellow or light brown, with pronounced median ridge. Vertex with numerous long setae restricted to medial part. Pronotum with few, moderately long setae. Tibiae without erect setae. Tarsi relatively elongate and slender. Petiolar node narrowly rounded in lateral view.

DESCRIPTION

Measurement: Holotype (minor worker): TL = 3.5 mm; HW = 0.92 mm; HL = 0.91 mm; CI = 101; EL = 0.25 mm; OMD = 0.37 mm; SL = 0.95 mm; SI = 103; PW = 0.62 mm; HFL = 0.97 mm; HFI = 106. Paratype (minor worker; n = 1): TL = 3.1 mm; HW = 0.81 mm; HL = 0.81 mm; CI = 100; EL = 0.24 mm; OMD = 0.32 mm; SL = 0.85 mm; SI = 105; PW = 0.54 mm; HFL = 0.89 mm; HFI = 110. Paratypes (major workers; n = 3) TL = 4.4 - 5.4 mm; HW = 1.23 - 1.48 mm; HL = 1.25 - 1.48 mm; CI = 98 - 100; EL = 0.29 - 0.34 mm; OMD = 0.55 - 0.66 mm; SL = 0.97 - 1.07 mm; SI = 72 - 80; PW = 0.80 - 0.93 mm; HFL = 1.01 - 1.24 mm; HFI = 76 - 85.

Colour of minor worker (Figs. 4 - 6): Black. Frons brownish. Mandibles yellowish. Flagellum orange (basal 3 - 4 segments variably infuscated). Legs middle-brown, tibiae slightly lighter than femora, tarsi black. Whitish margins on tergites very narrow, indistinct.

Colour of major worker (Figs. 7 - 9): Similar to minor worker. Clypeus orange or brown. Frons brown or black. Whitish margins on tergites relatively wide, distinct.