



FIGS. 19–21. Male genitalia, *Lasius crinitus*: 19, paramere; 20, digitus and cuspis; 21, penis valve and aedeagus.

clearly with the *umbratus* species-group. It may be postulated that, as with other species in the *umbratus* group, fertilized queens found fresh colonies by securing adoption by *niger* or allied species. However, there is as yet no field evidence for this.

*Lasius draco* sp.n. (Figs. 9 and 22)

**Diagnosis.** Worker. A high mountain species from Bhutan related to *L. crinitus* but differing in smaller body size, abundant subdecumbent appendage hairs and straight body hairs. In frontal view the petiole sides slope inwards to a narrow, flattened or feebly emarginate dorsal crest.

**Description.** Worker. Total length 4.0–4.3 mm. EL 0.15–0.17 mm. HL 1.08–1.15 mm. HW 0.95–1.05 mm. SL 1.00–1.01 mm. CI 92–93. SI 96–97. SSC 45–58. Longest hair on gaster dorsum 0.127 mm, maximum width of hind tibia 0.161 mm.

Head robust with subparallel sides and straight to feebly emarginate occipital border.

Eyes relatively large with maximum diameter twice maximum scape width. Frontal triangle wider than high. Scape long and thin in the plane of flexion; funiculus segments elongate.

Body colour yellow. Dorsal body pubescence sparse, especially on gaster which is shining. Gaster hairs numerous, straight, arising from large shallow pits. Eyes with long hairs; long occipital hairs continue as a scattered fringe of shorter hairs around genal margins. Tibial hairs subdecumbent to suberect, sparse on front tibiae. Scape hairs abundant.

**Material examined.** Holotype ♀, BHUTAN: Nobding 41 km east of Wangdi, 18.vi.1972 (*Baroni Urbani*) (NHMB). Paratypes. 15 ♀♀ with same data as holotype. 3 ♀♀, Sampa Kotoka (*Baroni Urbani*) (NHMB; CC).

**Distribution.** Bhutan.

**Discussion.** *L. draco* is very similar to *L. jensi* Seifert from Central Europe but has the palpi more slender, the head relatively longer, the tibial pilosity less erect and the gaster hairs longer. It differs from both *mikir* and *crinitus* by its abundant appendage