Revision of the genus *Pseudapanteles* (Hymenoptera, Braconidae, Microgastrinae), with emphasis on the species in Area de Conservación Guanacaste, northwestern Costa Rica

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Abstract

*Pseudapanteles* is a moderately diverse genus of Microgastrinae parasitoid wasps (Hymenoptera: Braconidae), endemic to the New World and with the vast majority of its species (including many undescribed) in the Neotropical region. We describe here 25 new species from Area de Conservación Guanacaste (ACG), northwestern Costa Rica, based on 400 studied specimens. A key to all 36 known species of *Pseudapanteles* is provided (except for *P. brunneus*, only known from a single male), and species are placed in three newly created species-groups. Host records are known for only 25% of the species; most are solitary parasitoids of the caterpillars of several families of small Lepidoptera (Crambidae, Elachistidae, Gelechiidae, Incurvariidae, Sesiidae, Tineidae). DNA barcodes (part of the CO1 gene) were obtained for 30 species (83%), and provide a start for future study of the genus beyond ACG. Brief descriptions (generated by Lucid 3.5 software) and extensive illustrations are provided for all species. The following new taxonomic and nomenclatural acts are proposed: *Pseudapanteles moerens* (Nixon, 1965), comb. n., *Pseudapanteles brunneus* Ashmead, 1900, comb. rev., a lectotype is designated for *Pseudapanteles ruficollis* (Cameron, 1911), and the following 25 species nova of *Pseudapanteles*
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Introduction

Area de Conservación Guanacaste (ACG), in northwestern Costa Rica, has been inventorying all caterpillar taxa, their food plants, and their parasitoids since 1978 (Janzen et al. 2009, 2012, Fernández-Triana et al. 2014). The resulting thousands of specimens available for study provide the world’s best tropical location-based dataset for studying the taxonomy and host relationships of caterpillar parasitoids.

For the past decade, Microgastrinae wasps (Hymenoptera: Braconidae) have been one of the most frequently reared and intensively studied groups of parasitoids in ACG (references to previously published papers were summarized in Fernández-Triana et al. 2014), although hundreds of species remain undescribed.

This paper is a continuation of those studies. It revises Pseudapanteles, a moderately diverse genus of Microgastrinae, which includes nine described species but many additional undescribed species in collections, mostly from South America. Ashmead (1898) originally described the genus, but it was not until Mason (1981) reclassified Microgastrinae that Pseudapanteles became widely accepted as a distinct genus. Mason redefined Pseudapanteles and restricted it to contain only eight New World species (six in the Neotropics), while also acknowledging that many undescribed Neotropical species were present in collections (Mason 1981). The limits of the genus (at least based on diagnostic morphological characters) have not changed, and scarce progress has been made since Mason’s work, with only one new species from the Nearctic, P. gouleti (Fernández-Triana 2010), being recently described.

Pseudapanteles species are mostly solitary parasitoids of caterpillars of several families of small Lepidoptera (Crambidae, Elachistidae, Gelechiidae, Incurvariidae, Sesiidae, Tineidae). However, most of the wasp species remain without known lepidopteran hosts.

We describe here 25 new species from ACG and provide a key and illustrations for all previously described species.
Methods

This study is based on wasp specimens from ACG that were either reared from caterpillar hosts or collected using Malaise traps; their host caterpillars and other ecological information are considered along with the 658 bp DNA barcode region of the cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) gene (Hebert et al. 2003) when available (Fig. 1). We also studied the holotypes of all 10 previously described species of Pseudapanteles. They are deposited in the Canadian National Collection of Insects, Ottawa, Canada (CNC), the Natural History Museum, London, England (BMNH), and the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, United States (NMNH).

Specimens of the new species are deposited in the CNC, BMNH, NMNH, the Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, United States (INHS), and the Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, Santo Domingo, Costa Rica (INBio).

Morphological terms and measurements of structures are mostly as used by Mason (1981), Huber and Sharkey (1993), Whitfield (1997), Karlsson and Ronquist (2012), and Fernández-Triana et al. (2014). Natural history information (e.g., geographical distribution, hosts) is also provided in the key when available for a species. Those data are included in brackets at the end of the corresponding couplet and are intended as supplementary information to aid identification.

Descriptions of the new species are based on the study of all female specimens that were available for study (to reflect intraspecific variation), but always include data from the holotype. As an exception, three new species were described from males only because they were distinct enough to be recognized; the males of those three species will run through the key, but males of most species may not be readily identified unless associated with females via rearing or molecular data.

Lucid 3.5.4 (http://www.lucidcentral.com/) software was used to generate automatic descriptions of the species and to prepare Lucid identification keys. A dataset of 15 characters and 95 character-states was used to provide uniform descriptions for all new species. The description format includes one phrase per character, with the character mentioned first and the character-state following after a colon, e.g., “Metatarsus color: pale”. Whenever a species scored more than one character-state, the description included all of the pertaining character-states separated by “or”, e.g., “Metatarsus color: pale or dark”. Whenever a character-state was coded as uncertain due to poor condition of a specimen, the description includes the details of the character-state as best assessed, followed by a question mark, e.g., “Metatarsus color: pale (?)”. Sometimes a character could not be coded due to missing body parts in the available specimens; in such instances the feature was left out of the description for that particular species.

In most cases we used a simplified convention to code color, considering it as either pale (light yellow, orange-yellow, light brown-yellow) or dark (dark brown, black). For details on the exact color patterns on the body, we provide extensive photographic illustrations for every species.
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We had to use logical characters in some couplets of the dichotomous key (e.g., “if”, “then”, “and”, “or”, “and/or”). Those words are shown in bold and italic to be explicit that in those cases more than one character state has to be considered.

Most photos were taken with a Keyence VHX-1000 Digital Microscope, using a lens with a range of 13–130 ×. Multiple images through the focal plane were taken of a structure and these were combined to produce a single in-focus image, using the software associated with the Keyence System.

Images of holotypes deposited in the NMNH were obtained using a GT Vision EntoVision imaging system consisting of a firewire JVC KY-75 3CCD digital camera mounted on a Leica M16 zoom lens via a Leica z-step microscope stand. The camera fed a desktop computer where the Archimed software program was used to export image stacks, and the CZPBatch software program was used to generate a composite image from the exported image stacks. Composite images were edited using Adobe Photoshop CS4 to remove artifacts from stack processing and standardize background color. Plates were assembled using Adobe Illustrator CS4.

A map with the distribution of all species was generated using SimpleMappr (Shorthouse 2010).

DNA barcodes for all ACG inventory Pseudapanteles were obtained using DNA extracts prepared from single legs using a glass fibre protocol (Ivanova et al. 2006). Briefly, total genomic DNA was re-suspended in 30 μl of dH2O, and a 658-bp region near the 5’ terminus of the COI gene was amplified using standard primers (LepF1–

Figure 1. Neighbor-Joining (NJ – Saitou and Nei 1987) tree based on Kimura 2-parameter distances (K2P – Kimura 1980) made using MEGA6 (Tamura et al. 2013) of a single representative sequence from each species, selected based on longer read length and lower number of ambiguities. An NJ tree of all ACG specimens, made using BOLD, can be seen in Suppl. material 1.
LepR1) following established protocols (Smith et al. 2006, 2007, 2008). If the initial 658 bp amplification was unsuccessful, composite sequences were generated using internal primers. All information for the sequences associated with each individual specimen can be retrieved from the Barcode of Life Data System (BOLD) (Ratnasingham and Hebert 2007) by Process ID (sequence accession) or here: http://dx.doi.org/10.5883/DS-ASPSE.

In the taxonomic treatment of species, full details of the collecting (type) locality are given only for the holotype. We provide the country and province for paratypes, followed by ACG database codes (in the format “yy-SRNP-xxxxxx” for the host caterpillar or parasitoid lot reared from it, or “DHJPARxxxxxxx” for an individual parasitoid specimen). Those codes allow for the retrieval of detailed information of any specimen at http://janzen.sas.upenn.edu.

The new species from ACG were named to honor many of the Costa Rican political figures who have been important in all aspects of the founding, growth and evolution of ACG.

Results and discussion

Pseudapanteles is widely distributed in the New World (Fig. 2), ranging from 34°S in Argentina to 45°N in Canada (Whitfield 1995, 1997, Fernández-Triana 2010, 2014, Yu et al. 2012; data herein). Most of the species are Neotropical, with just a few extending north into the Nearctic Region. The collections we have examined contain many tens of additional undescribed species, mostly from South America (this area is understudied yet is probably the richest). We estimate that the actual richness of the genus will easily surpass 100 species when intensive studies, such as the present one in ACG, are done elsewhere.

Mason (1981) characterized the hosts for species of Pseudapanteles as being plant-boring microlepidopterans, and subsequent rearing, mostly done in ACG, supports this assertion. However, there are also some leafminer hosts which appear to be restricted to only a few of the Pseudapanteles species found so far.

The genus Pseudapanteles is characterized by its elongate glossa which is strongly bilobed apically (as in Figs 40, 52, 95, 139, 144, 149, 152, 175), propodeum with a strongly defined median longitudinal carina (as in Figs 13, 18, 34, 44, 69, 77, 88, 93, 97, 101, 125, 140, 154, 177) but no transverse carina (traces of a transverse carina are very rarely present in a few Neotropical species), mediotergite 1 with a sharp median sulcus (as in Figs 13, 17, 46, 73, 88, 93, 101, 120, 125, 138, 182, 185), hypopygium with a large translucent fold with many pleats (as in Figs 6, 15, 30, 42, 57, 72, 128, 133, 141, 168, 171), and ovipositor sheaths at least 0.7 × as long as metatibia length. The only other genus that could be confused with Pseudapanteles is the more recently described Mariapanteles due to similar morphological features. However, Mariapanteles differs in having a complete or almost complete transverse carina on the propodeum which forks around the spiracles and reaches the lateral margins of the propodeum,
and the hypopygium with no or few pleats (Whitfield et al. 2012). Another feature discussed by Whitfield et al. (2012) as being diagnostic to separate the two genera, the elongate glossa, is present in species of both genera and thus is no longer useful.

Below we describe 25 new species from ACG and propose two new combinations: *Pseudapanteles moerens* (Nixon, 1965), comb. n. (transferred from *Apanteles*), and *Pseudapanteles brunneus* Ashmead, 1900, comb. rev. (transferred from *Apanteles*). We recognize 36 species of *Pseudapanteles* as a result of this research (Table 1).

The new species described from ACG more than double the previous number of known species of *Pseudapanteles*. We are aware of an additional four to six species in the ACG inventory which are only represented by males and are virtually impossible
Table 1. Species of *Pseudapanteles* currently recognized and their known distribution. All known records for Costa Rica are from Area de Conservación Guanacaste. The (*) after Hawaii means that *Pseudapanteles dignus* is not a native species but was introduced there.

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...to fully distinguish morphologically; they will remain undescribed until female specimens are available.

The known species of *Pseudapanteles* can be placed in three morphologically distinctive species groups, all of which are newly proposed in this paper. The *mariorcarvaljalii* species-group comprises one species from ACG, which is unique on the basis of the almost quadrate mediotergite 2, and also has a large body size and fore wing length (>3.4 mm). Known hosts include species in two genera of Elachistidae, *Chlamydastis* and *Stenoma*. We have not seen more species of this group in the collections studied.

The *gouleti* species-group comprises eight described species, and a few other undescribed ones seen in collections. It includes two subgroups, one with the propodeum strongly sculptured (with transverse striation that sometimes look like carinae), and another subgroup with the propodeum clearly differentiated into an elevated central area and depressed posterolateral corners (with variable sculpturing). Known hosts are species of Elachistidae and Incurvariidae. The species *rosemarykarpinskaiae* shows some features, especially the forewing venation and sculpturing of T1 and T2, that resemble the genus *Rhygoplitis* – a not particularly close genus based on previous studies, and thus is likely to be another example of convergence within Microgastrinae, as it has been pointed out in the past (e.g., Mason 1981). The *gouleti* species-group is likely to be split when the Neotropical fauna (especially that of South America) is further studied; some of its component species might even be placed in *Mariapanteles*. Conversely, the genus *Mariapanteles* might ultimately be synonymized with *Pseudapanteles* (e.g., Whitfield et al. 2012). Lacking a more complete and robust phylogeny of Microgastrinae, we tentatively consider this a species-group of *Pseudapanteles*.

The *annulicornis* species-group comprises the majority of the known species (27), as well as many tens of undescribed species seen in collections. It includes species of *Pseudapanteles* with a rather smooth propodeum and a strong median carina, the most commonly encountered propodeal sculpture condition in the genus; body size varies from the smallest known specimens of *Pseudapanteles* (~1.6 mm) to specimens up to 3.0 mm long (excluding the ovipositor). Known hosts are species of Crambidae, Gel echiiidae, Sesiidae, and Tineidae. This group may also be split into several in the future, after the Neotropical fauna has been studied in detail.

**Key to species of *Pseudapanteles***

[Below we use “T” to refer to mediotergites (e.g., T1 = mediotergite 1). The key is intended for female specimens, although males of some species will run to the correct couplet. The species *P. brunneus* Ashmead, 1900, described from St. Vincent Island (Caribbean), is only known from the male holotype, and cannot be identified using this key; however, there are only two known species of *Pseudapanteles* from St. Vincent Island: *P. brunneus*, which is dark brown on most of the meso- and metasoma dorsally, and *P. annulicornis*, which is entirely orange-yellow].
T2 subquadrate, width at posterior margin 1.7–1.8 × its length (Figs 100, 101); body length and fore wing length at least 3.4 mm \((\text{mariocarvajali species-group})\) [Hosts: \textit{Chlamydastis} and \textit{Stenoma}, Elachistidae. Distribution: ACG]

\(\text{Pseudapanteles mariocarvajali} \text{ Fernández-Triana} \& \text{ Whitfield, sp. n.}\)

- T2 more transverse, width at posterior margin at least 2.7 × its length, usually much more (Figs 5, 13, 17, 26, 34, 41, 44, 49, 58, 64, 67, 73, 78, 80, 88, 91, 98, 112, 120, 125, 127, 135, 140, 148, 155, 161, 165, 167, 170, 179, 185); body length and fore wing at most 3.0 mm, usually much less \((\text{if rarely T2 width at posterior margin 2.1 × its length, then body and fore wing length 1.6 mm})\)

\(\text{2} \quad \text{Propodeum mostly smooth and shiny, with well-defined median carina (at most with very few, short rugosities transverse to median carina) (as in Figs 13, 18, 34, 44, 49, 64, 69, 77, 88, 93, 97, 98, 109, 125, 145, 154, 159, 167, 185); and propodeum not differentiated into elevated central area and depressed posterolateral corners (annullicornis species-group)}) \quad \text{3} \quad \text{Propodeum dull and mostly sculptured, covered by numerous transverse rugosities in addition to well-defined median carina (as in Figs 58, 135, 148, 150, 164, 165); if propodeum less sculptured, then clearly differentiated into elevated central area and depressed posterolateral corners (as in Fig. 177) (gouleti species-group) \quad \text{28}}\)

\(\text{3(2)} \quad \text{Mesosoma entirely or almost entirely dark brown (at most orange-yellow on propleuron, pronotum partially, small spot on upper corner of mesopleuron, and small marks centrally on anteromesoscutum) (as in Figs 14, 19, 23, 34–36, 38–40, 44–46, 48–50, 77, 78)} \quad \text{4} \quad \text{Mesosoma with extensive orange to orange-yellow coloration (as in Figs 7–12, 24, 25, 59–62, 79–82, 84–88)} \quad \text{17} \quad \text{4(3)} \quad \text{All coxae entirely yellow or orange-yellow (at most with very small brown spot dorsally on anterior 0.1 of metacoxa) (Figs 49, 50, 74, 78, 121–125)} \quad \text{5} \quad \text{Metacoxa entirely or partially brown (with at least brown spot covering anterior 0.3 of coxa) (as in Figs 46, 64, 65, 71, 72, 94, 105, 116, 154, 155) ... 7} \quad \text{5(4)} \quad \text{Anterior 0.6 of mediatergite 1 and most of laterotergites orange-yellow (Fig. 49) and pterostigma transparent with thin margins brown (Fig. 51); ovipositor sheaths 0.7 × as long as metatibia; medietergite 1 less strongly narrowing towards posterior margin (maximum width less than 2.0 × tergite width at posterior margin) (Fig. 49) [Hosts: six genera of Gelechiidae (\textit{Keiferia}, \textit{Phthorimaea}, \textit{Symmetrischema}, \textit{Tildenia}, \textit{Tuta}). Distribution: Argentina, Bermuda, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, United States, Virgin Islands; introduced to Hawaii] \text{ Pseudapanteles dignus (Muesebeck, 1938)}} \quad \text{6}\)
6(5) Metasoma almost entirely dark brown (except laterotergites 1 and 2) (Figs 121–125); T2 width at posterior margin 2.9 × its length (Fig. 125); ovipositor sheaths as long as metatibia (Figs 121, 122) [Distribution: Brazil]......

Metasoma yellow-orange on anterior 0.5–0.6 of T1 and most of laterotergites and hypopygium (Fig. 74); T2 width at posterior margin 3.6–3.7 × its length (Fig. 78); ovipositor sheaths slightly shorter (0.9 x) than metatibia (Fig. 74) [Distribution: Costa Rica, ACG] ............................................................... Pseudapanteles neron Nixon, 1965

7(4) Head, flagellomeres, mesosoma and metasoma mostly dark brown to black (Figs 32, 34–36, 169–173); body length and fore wing length usually 2.3–3.0 mm............................................................. Pseudapanteles laurachinchillae Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

Head, mesosoma, and/or metasoma with yellow-orange coloration in some areas (as in Figs 14, 16, 22, 23, 45), if mostly dark brown, then body length and fore wing length less than 1.8 mm; body length usually less than 2.2 mm, if 2.5–2.8 mm then antenna with central flagellomeres white.....................

8(7) Body length and fore wing length usually 3.0 mm; T1 relatively slightly narrowing towards posterior margin, its maximum width at most 1.4 × its width at posterior margin (Fig. 170); T2 width at posterior margin 2.5 × its length (Fig. 170) [Host: Synanthedon scitula, Sesiidae. Nearctic species. Distribution: Canada (Ontario) and the United States (District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey, Texas, Virginia)]........ Pseudapanteles sesiae (Viereck, 1912)

– Body length and fore wing length 2.3–2.5 mm; T1 relatively strongly narrowing towards posterior margin, its maximum width 2.9 × its width at posterior margin (Figs 34–36); T2 width at posterior margin 3.2 × its length (Fig. 34) [Host: Desmia sp., Crambidae. Neotropical species. Distribution: Costa Rica, ACG]............................................................... Pseudapanteles carlosespinachi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

9(7) Antenna with central flagellomeres white and remaining flagellomeres brown (Figs 19, 22, 42); body length 2.5–2.8 mm, fore wing length 2.6–2.9 mm... Pseudapanteles christianafigueresae Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Antenna with all flagellomeres dark brown; body length 1.6–2.2 mm, fore wing length 1.6–2.2 mm ........................................................................

10(9) Head mostly brown-black posteriorly, but orange on most of frons and face (Fig. 45); flagellomeres 6–10 (and posterior half of flagellomere 5) white (Fig. 42); anteromesoscutum entirely brown to black (Figs 44, 46); metatibia and metatarsus entirely yellow to orange (Figs 42, 46, 47) .............................................................

– Head posteriorly, frons and face brown-black (Fig. 19); flagellomeres 7–9 white (Figs 19, 22); anteromesoscutum with orange marks centrally (Figs 22, 23); metatarsus entirely, and posterior 0.2 of metatibia brown (Fig. 22) ..........

11 (9) Propleuron, pronotum partially, small spot on upper corner of mesopleuron, and small marks centrally on anteromesoscutum orange-yellow, rest of meso-
soma dark brown (Figs 14, 16); head posteriorly dark brown to black, but partially orange on frons and face (Fig. 16).................................

......Pseudapanteles alvaroumanai Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Mesosoma entirely dark brown; head posteriorly, frons and face brown to black (Figs 95–98, 116, 117, 119, 120, 156, 157, 159–161)...............12

12(11) Metatibia dark brown at least on posterior 0.6 (as in Figs 116, 156, 158, 159); T1 maximum width (at approximately half length of tergite) at least 2.9 \times its width at posterior margin (as in Figs 120, 161); T2 width at posterior margin at most 2.8 \times its length .........................................................13

– Metatibia dark brown at most on posterior 0.2 (Figs 65, 151, partially seen in Figs 71, 72); T1 maximum width (at approximately half length of tergite) 2.2–2.5 \times its width at posterior margin; T2 width at posterior margin 3.7–4.1 \times its length .................................................................15

13(12) Metatibia dark brown on posterior 0.9 (partially seen in Figs 156, 158, 159); pterostigma yellow-white, with very thin brown margins (Fig. 158); T1 length 4.6 \times its width at posterior margin (Fig. 161); body length and fore wing length 1.6 mm .............................................................................

......Pseudapanteles rodrigogamezi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Metatibia dark brown on posterior 0.6 (partially seen in Figs 94, 116); pterostigma entirely brown (Fig. 96); T1 length at least 5.5 \times its width at posterior margin; body length and fore wing length at least 1.8 mm.............14

14(13) T1 maximum width (at approximately half length of tergite) 3.8 \times its width at posterior margin; T2 width at posterior margin 2.8 \times its length (Fig. 120); body length and fore wing length 1.8 mm ..............................................................

.....Pseudapanteles munifigueresae Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– T1 maximum width (at approximately half length of tergite) 2.8 \times its width at posterior margin; T2 width at posterior margin 2.2 \times its length (Figs 96–98); body length and fore wing length at least 2.1 mm..........................

.........Pseudapanteles mariobozai Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

15(12) Ovipositor sheaths 0.7 \times as long as metatibia (Fig. 71); T1 length 4.0 \times its width at posterior margin (Fig. 73).................................................................

.........Pseudapanteles josefigueresi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Ovipositor sheaths 0.9–1.0 \times as long as metatibia (Figs 65, 151, 155); T1 length at least 4.5 \times its width at posterior margin .......................16

16(15) T2 mostly longitudinally striate (except for small smooth central area) (Fig. 67); propodeum mostly smooth, with only median longitudinal carina (Fig. 66, 69); scutoscutellar sulcus with 6 impressed pits; ovipositor sheaths 0.9 \times as long as metatibia (Fig. 65) [Rain forest, 575 m]..........................................................

.....Pseudapanteles jorgerodriguezi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– T2 mostly smooth and polished (Figs 154, 155); propodeum with short, carina like sculpture on lateral and posterior margins in addition to median longitudinal carina (Fig. 154); scutoscutellar sulcus with at least 8 impressed pits; ovipositor sheaths 1.0 \times as long as metatibia (Figs 151, 155) [Dry forest
17(3) Head entirely yellow-orange (Figs 79, 81, 83, 110, 111, 113) .......................... 18

– Head mostly dark brown to black posteriorly, orange on most of frons and face (Figs 9, 11, 12, 59, 61, 62, 126, 128–130, 180, 183, 184) ............... 21

18(17) Meso- and metasoma entirely yellow, at most with darker (brown) areas on mesoscutellar arm, metanotum and along median longitudinal carina of propodeum (Figs 79–82, 110–115) [Distribution: Brazil, Panama] .................. 19

– Meso- and metasoma at least partially dark brown to black (Figs 136–140, 143–145) [Distribution: Costa Rica, ACG] .............................................. 20

19(18) T1 narrowing towards posterior margin (Fig. 80); T2 smooth and subtriangular, width at posterior margin twice width at anterior margin; meso- and metasoma entirely yellow (Figs 79–82) [Host: *Lipomerinx prismatic*, Tineidae. Distribution: Panama] .................. 18

– T1 barely narrowing towards posterior margin, its length 1.7 × its width at posterior margin (Figs 112, 115); T2 mostly with longitudinal striation and much more transverse (width at posterior margin 1.2 × width at anterior margin) (Fig. 112); darker areas (brown) on mesoscutellar arm, metanotum and along median longitudinal carina of propodeum (Figs 110, 111, 114) [Distribution: Brazil] .................... 19

20(18) Anteromesoscutum mostly orange but with brown marks laterally and centrally on anterior 0.3 (Figs 144, 145), rest of mesosoma orange (Figs 141–143); T2 smooth (Fig. 143) ..........................................................................

– Anteromesoscutum entirely orange (Figs 138–140); mesopleuron, metapleuron, axillar complex, metascutellum and propodeum dark brown to black (Figs 136–140); T2 mostly longitudinally striate (Fig. 137) .................. 20

21(17) Most of mesosoma (except for metanotum and propodeum black), metasoma and legs reddish brown (Figs 126–130) [Distribution: United States (Georgia and Pennsylvania)] .. 21

– Mesosoma, metasoma and legs with different color patterns .................. 22

22(21) Metacoxa dark brown to black (Figs 59, 60, 64, 180, 185); ovipositor sheaths at least 1.0 × as long as metatibia (Figs 59, 180, 182); T1 length at most 2.3 × its width at posterior margin; T1 maximum width (reached at approximately half length of tergite) 1.8 × its width at posterior margin .......................... 23

– All coxae yellow (Figs 9, 13); ovipositor sheaths at most 0.9 × as long as metatibia (Figs 9); T1 length 3.4–5.0 × its width at posterior margin; T1 maximum width (reached at approximately half length of tergite) 2.3–2.9 × its width at posterior margin .............................................. 24

23(22) Body length 2.8 mm, fore wing length 3.0 mm; pterostigma brown with anterior spot pale (Fig. 181); T1 length 1.8 × its width at posterior margin (Figs 182, 185); T2 smooth, its width at posterior margin 4.5 × its length [Host:
unidentified Gelechiidae] ................................................................................

Pseudapanteles teofilodelatorrei Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Body length 2.5 mm, fore wing length 2.7 mm; pterostigma pale with thin brown margins (Fig. 60); T1 length 2.3 × its width at posterior margin (partially seen in Figs 60, 61, 64); T2 mostly longitudinally striate, its width at posterior margin 3.4 × its length (Fig. 64) ...................................................

Pseudapanteles hernanbravoi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

24(22) All flagellomeres brown (Figs 166–168); T2 light brown (Figs 167, 168); metatibia yellow, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark brown to black, metatarsus dark brown to black (Figs 167, 168); pterostigma pale, with thin brown margins (Fig. 168); ovipositor sheaths 0.9 × as long as metatibia (Figs 167, 168) [Hosts: Desmia spp., Spoladea recurvalis, Crambidae] ....................................

Pseudapanteles ruficollis (Cameron, 1911)

– Central flagellomeres white-yellow, rest dark brown to black (Figs 9, 11, 24, 28, 29); T2 orange-yellow (Figs 13, 26); metatibia and metatarsus yellow (Figs 10, 13, 24); pterostigma entirely dark or brown with anterior spot pale (Figs 10, 25); ovipositor sheaths 0.7–0.8 × as long as metatibia (Figs 9, 24) .........................25

25(24) T2 mostly longitudinally striate; antenna brown, with flagellomeres 4–8 white, white band clearly occupying more than one third of antenna length (Fig. 9) ....

Pseudapanteles alfiopivai Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– T2 mostly smooth and polished; antenna brown with flagellomeres 6–8 white (rarely also posterior half of flagellomere 5), white band clearly occupying less than one third of antenna length (Figs 24, 28, 29) ..............................................26

26(25) Metasoma entirely orange-yellow (Figs 24–27) [Distribution: Panama, St. Vincent] ........................................ Pseudapanteles annulicornis Ashmead, 1900

– Metasoma with T3+ partially brown (Figs 85, 88, 91, 93) [Distribution: Costa Rica, ACG] ................................................27

27(26) Mesosoma mostly orange-yellow but with darker areas on propodeum, metapleuron, metascutellum and axillar complex (darker areas not clearly visible in holotype illustrated in Figs 89–93, but clearly marked on most other specimens) ............... Pseudapanteles margaritapenonae Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Mesosoma entirely orange-yellow (Fig 84–88) ......................................................................................

Pseudapanteles luisguillermosolisi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

28(2) Pterostigma yellow-white, with very thin brown margins (Fig. 106); and propodeum only slightly sculptured on posterolateral corners (Fig. 109); and propodeum differentiated into elevated central area (which is shiny) and depressed posterolateral corners; and metasoma tergites dark brown except anterior 0.6 of T1 yellow (Figs 106, 107, 109) .............................................................................................................

Pseudapanteles maureenballesteroae Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Not as above, either pterostigma entirely or mostly brown (at most with small pale spot anteriorly); or propodeum dull and mostly sculptured, covered by numerous transverse rugosities in addition to well-defined median carina (as
in Figs 55, 58); or metasoma tergites with different coloration (mostly yellow or entirely dark brown to black) ................................................................. 29

29(28) Mesosoma and metasoma (dorsally) entirely dark brown to black (Figs 37–41)....

........... Pseudapanteles carlosrodriguezi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Either mesosoma or metasoma with extensive yellow to orange areas (Figs 55, 58)........................................................................................................ 30

30(29) Metasomal tergites mostly yellow except dark brown T1 and light brown T2 (Figs 55, 58); mesosoma entirely black (Figs 53–55, 58) [Host: Paraclemensia acerifoliella, Incurvariidae. Distribution: Nearctic, Canada] .................................

........................................ Pseudapanteles gouleti Fernández-Triana, 2010

– Metasomal tergites entirely dark brown to black; mesosoma usually with at least a small area orange [Distribution: Neotropical, Brazil and Costa Rica (ACG)] 31

31(30) T1 almost parallel-sided, its length 2.4 × its width apically, and its maximum width (at approximately half length of tergite) 1.3 × width at posterior margin (Fig. 131); pronotal collar yellow-orange (Figs 131, 134); anteromesoscutum entirely orange-yellow (Figs 131, 134, 135) [Hosts: Antaeotricha (Elachistidae), two other unidentified Elachistidae] ....................................................

........... Pseudapanteles oscarariasi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– T1 clearly narrowing towards posterior margin, its length at least 3.3 × its width apically (usually much more), and its maximum width (at approximately half length of tergite) at least 1.9 × width at posterior margin (Figs 5, 150, 165, 176); pronotal collar dark brown to black (Figs 7, 162); anteromesoscutum entirely or mostly dark brown to black (Figs 148, 150, 165, 174, 175, 178), if mostly orange, then at least with brown spot centrally on anterior 0.2 (as partially seen in Fig 8) ........................................ 32

32(31) Anteromesoscutum mostly orange, with only brown spot centrally on anterior 0.2 (as partially seen in Fig 8) [Distribution: Brazil]........................................ Pseudapanteles abantidas (Nixon, 1965)

– Anteromesoscutum entirely or mostly dark brown to black (Figs 148, 150, 174, 175, 178)........................................................................................................ 33

33(32) Propodeum clearly differentiated into elevated central area and depressed posterolateral corners (Fig. 177); propodeum mostly smooth, with well-defined median carina and few short rugosities transverse to that carina (Fig. 177); antenna relatively shorter on its anterior half, with flagellomere 2 2.5 × as long as wide, and flagellomere 8 2.2 × as long as wide (Figs 174, 178).....

........... Pseudapanteles soniapicadoae Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

– Propodeum not differentiated into elevated central area and depressed posterolateral corners (Figs 148, 150, 164, 165); propodeum dull and mostly sculptured, covered by numerous transverse rugosities in addition to well-defined median carina (Figs 148, 150, 164, 165); antenna relatively longer on its anterior half, with flagellomere 2 at least 3.0 × as long as wide, and flagellomere 8 at least 2.6 × as long as wide (Figs 162, 163).......................... 34
Anteromesoscutum, axillar complex and head (except for clypeus, labrum and mandibles) entirely dark brown to black (Figs 162, 163, 165); scape brown, same color as flagellomeres (Figs 162, 163).

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**Pseudapanteles rosemarykarpinskiae** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

- Anteromesoscutum and axillar complex with some orange spots, head mostly brown-black posteriorly but orange on most of frons and face (Figs 146, 148–150); scape yellow, contrasting with brown flagellomeres (Fig. 149).

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**Pseudapanteles raulsolorzanoi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.


### Taxonomic treatment

**Pseudapanteles abantidas** (Nixon, 1965)

Figs 3–8

*Apanteles abantidas* Nixon, 1965: 142 (original description).


**Male.** Unknown.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *gouleti* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the coloration of anteromesoscutum and metastomal tergites, as well as shape of T1.

**Comments.** Only the holotype specimen is known.

**Pseudapanteles alfiopivai** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/30BCA7DB-5CB5-4D9F-826A-1D290355FD5B

Figs 9–13


**Paratypes.** 3 ♂ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0013128, DHJPAR0025345, DHJPAR0031764.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of flagellomeres 4–8 white-yellow (occupying more than one third of antenna length), head mostly dark brown to black posteriorly, all coxae yellow, and T2 mostly striate.

**Description.** Female. Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near

Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.6–5.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.7–2.8 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.2–3.3 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.8 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** As female, but with all flagellomeres brown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 4, barcode compliant sequences: 4.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG dry forest and rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Dr. Alfio Piva, a Costa Rican former Vice-President, in recognition of his many years of administrative support to Costa Rica’s INBio (Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad) and therefore of ACG, and of his policy efforts on behalf of conserving biodiversity in Costa Rica.

### Pseudapanteles alvaroumanai Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/679BABD8-BB46-4A4E-9D70-C600623B13CE

Figs 14–18

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector Cacao, Sendero Arenales, 1080m, 10.92471, -85.46738, 18.xii.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0031316.

**Paratypes.** 16 ♂ (CNC, NMNH). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0013423, DHJPAR0013648, DHJPAR0013654, DHJPAR0026205, DHJPAR0026226, DHJPAR0031220, DHJPAR0033731, DHJPAR0033732, DHJPAR0033734, DHJPAR0033742, DHJPAR0033748, DHJPAR0033768, DHJPAR0033896, DHJPAR0033902, DHJPAR0033903, DHJPAR0033906.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of flagellomeres brown, coloration of mesosoma (propleuron, pronotum partially, small spot on upper corner of mesopleuron, and small marks centrally on anteromesoscutum orange-yellow, rest dark brown), and metacoxa brown.

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly dark brown to black, with pronotum, propleura, anteromesoscutum, spot on mesopleura, and scutellar disc at least partially orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1.
Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: pale. Pterostigma color: mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 3.6–4.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.5–2.6 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.6–3.7 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovispositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** As female, but with coloration of some specimens slightly darker.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 26, barcode compliant sequences: 26.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG cloud forest, dry forest and rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Dr. Alvaro Umaña in recognition of his untiring efforts on behalf of ACG from its initiation in 1985–86 to the present day, and from being then Costa Rica’s first Minister of the Environment (MINAE) to today’s global advocate for ACG as an example of conservation through biodiversity development.

**Pseudapanteles analorenaguevarae** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/8FB50730-FD59-46C8-8F5C-D023BA01E0F5

Figs 19–23


**Paratypes.** 11 ♂ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0013526, DHJPAR0031186, DHJPAR0031191, DHJPAR0031192, DHJPAR0031193, DHJPAR0031202, DHJPAR0031204, DHJPAR0031209, DHJPAR0031302, DHJPAR0031307, DHJPAR0031321.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of head brown, flagellomeres 7–9 white, anteromesoscutum with orange marks centrally, and metatarsus and posterior 0.2 of metatibia brown.

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.8–2.9 mm. Fore wing length 3.0–3.1 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: central flagellomere white-yellow, rest dark brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly dark brown to black, with pronotum, propleura, anteromesoscutum, spot on mesopleura, and scutellar disc at least partially orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/pale but with anterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 2.6–3.0 ×.
Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.7–1.8 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.4–3.5 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** As female, but with all flagellomeres brown, and sometimes anteromesosculum and metasoma darker.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 20, barcode compliant sequences: 20.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG cloud forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sra. Ana Lorena Guevara, a key figure in INBio’s (Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad) development of biodiversity prospecting, and a Vice-Minister for the Environment who supported ACG growth and development throughout her four years in office in the 2010’s.

**Pseudapanteles annulicornis** Ashmead, 1900

Figs 24–31

*Pseudapanteles annulicornis* Ashmead, 1900: 292 (original description).


**Holotype.** ♀ in BMNH (examined). ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, St. Vincent Island (no further details known about type locality). B.M. Type HYM. 3.c.1077.

**Other material examined.** 2 ♀ in CNC, St. Vincent island; 1 ♀ in CNC, Panama, Cerro Campana, 8°40’N, 79°50’W, 850m.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of metasoma entirely orange-yellow, mostly smooth and polished, and antenna brown with flagellomeres 6–8 white (rarely also posterior half of flagellomere 5), the band clearly occupying less than one third of antenna length.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 2, barcode compliant sequences: None.

**Distribution.** Panama, St. Vincent Island.

**Comments.** One female from Panama (in CNC collection) represents the first record of *P. annulicornis* for Central America, and suggests that the species might be more widespread than previously known. That specimen is morphologically very similar to the holotype and two other females from St. Vincent (not part of the type series; collected in 1972, and deposited in the CNC); the only difference observed was the white band on the antenna (starting on flagellomere 5 for the Panama specimen versus starting on flagellomere 6 on specimens from St. Vincent). Two partial DNA barcodes...
(99 and 164 base pairs respectively) were obtained and also support the view of a single species, as the partial barcodes differed in 2 base pairs between the Panama specimen and one of the females collected in 1972 in St. Vincent.

**Pseudapanteles brunneus Ashmead, 1900**

*Pseudapanteles brunneus* Ashmead, 1900: 292 (original description).


*Apanteles annulicornis*: Wilkinson 1930: 154 (synonymized with *Pseudapanteles annulicornis* Ashmead, 1900).

*Apanteles brunneus*: Nixon 1965: 141 (revised status, see comments below).


**Holotype.** ♂ in BMNH (not examined). ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, St. Vincent Island (no further details known about the holotype locality).

**Comments.** Only the holotype specimen is known. Wilkinson (1930) synonymized *Apanteles brunneus* with *Apanteles annulicornis*, but that was later questioned by Nixon (1965) after examining the hind wings of both holotypes. Nixon implied reinstatement of *Apanteles brunneus* as a valid species but he did not revise its status explicitly. However, Mason (1981: 86) treated *brunneus* as a valid species of *Pseudapanteles*. This is the only species that we were not able to photograph for the present revision.

**Pseudapanteles carlosespinachi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/62386CBD-D249-43FA-A0B4-D2173A86C771

Figs 32–36

**Holotype.** ♂ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Rio Blanco Abajo, 500m, 10.90037, -85.37254, 11.iii.2006. ACG database code: DHJPAR0004755.

**Other material examined.** 1 ♀ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0039928.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of head, flagellomeres, mesosoma and metasoma mostly dark brown to black, body length and fore wing length 2.3–2.5 mm, and shape of T1 and T2.

**Description. Male.** Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or
completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: pale, with thin dark margins.

**Female.** See Comments section below.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 3, barcode compliant sequences: 2.

**Biology/ecology.** Hosts: *Desmia* sp. with interim name of Solis100 (Crambidae).

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sr. Carlos Espinach in recognition of his economic policy efforts for Costa Rica’s government since the early 1990’s, all of which greatly enhanced ACG growth and survival since the mid-1980’s.

**Comments.** Only the holotype male was used to morphologically characterize the species. The female specimen available for study was in poor condition and entirely bleached, with a coloration that most likely does not represent the actual females of this species.

**Pseudapanteles carlosrodriguezi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/1C6E1FE6-BF98-4D25-9B06-C372062EBDC0

Figs 37–41


**Paratypes.** 2 ♂ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0013545, DHJPAR0013549.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *gouleti* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of mesosoma and metasoma (dorsally) entirely dark brown to black.

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.0–2.1 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): entirely dark brown to black. Coxae color: all pale. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 3.1–3.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.1–2.2 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.2–3.3 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** As female, with slightly darker body coloration.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 4, barcode compliant sequences: 4.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.
**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, who has faithfully supported ACG policy for conservation through its biodiversity development from the early 1990’s through the present day, and has been especially important for the development of geothermal resources and land acquisition as a legal advisor, Vice-Minister and Minister of the Environment, all with special and detailed knowledge of Sector Santa Rosa of ACG.

*Pseudapanteles christianafigueresae* Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/759313A8-A5FE-4CBF-AB5E-2796421F25B3
Figs 42–47

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, Alajuela Province, ACG, Sector San Cristobal, Bosque Trampa Malaise, 815m, 10.86280, -85.38460, 13.xii.2007. ACG database code: DHJPAR0025960.

**Paratypes.** 17 ♀, 41 # (BMNH, CNC, INBio, INHS, NMNH). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0024675, DHJPAR0024987, DHJPAR0025702, DHJPAR0025895, DHJPAR0025902, DHJPAR0025985, DHJPAR0025966, DHJPAR0026012, DHJPAR0026026, DHJPAR0026065, DHJPAR0026081, DHJPAR0026084, DHJPAR0026088, DHJPAR0026652, DHJPAR0026717, DHJPAR0027075, DHJPAR0027138, DHJPAR0027164, DHJPAR0027242, DHJPAR0027392, DHJPAR0027591, DHJPAR0027621, DHJPAR0027627, DHJPAR0027646, DHJPAR0027655, DHJPAR0027656, DHJPAR0027675, DHJPAR0027676, DHJPAR0027689, DHJPAR0027690, DHJPAR0027691, DHJPAR0027693, DHJPAR0027698, DHJPAR0027700, DHJPAR0027701, DHJPAR0031297.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of head mostly brown-black posteriorly, but orange on most of frons and face, flagellomeres 6–10 (and posterior half of flagellomere 5) white, anteromesoscutum entirely brown to black, and metatibia and metatarsus entirely yellow to orange.

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.4–2.5 mm or 2.6–2.7 mm. Fore wing length 2.6–2.7 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: central flagellomere white-yellow, rest dark brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/pale but with anterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatibia color: pale, rarely mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: pale, rarely dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior
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margin 4.1–4.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.3–2.4 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.6–3.7 × or 3.8–3.9 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia or 1.1 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** As female, but with all flagellomeres brown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 47, barcode compliant sequences: 38.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sra. Christiana Figueres for her persistent interest in ACG survival since the early 1990’s, and up through her magnificent current efforts to get the world to reverse its climate change via the UN organizational capacity.

**Pseudapanteles dignus** (Muesebeck, 1938)
Figs 48–52

*Apanteles dignus* Muesebeck, 1938: 203 (original description).

*Apanteles dignus*: Shenefelt 1972: 492 (incorrect mention of date of original description as 1928).


**Holotype.** ♀ in NMNH (examined). UNITED STATES, California, Santa Ana. USNM type No. 52890.

**Other material examined.** 2 ♂ in CNC, Mexico (intercepted in Canada, Ontario, Windsor).

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of mesosoma and coxae color, anterior 0.6 of mediotergite 1 and most of laterotergites orange-yellow, pterostigma transparent with thin margins brown and T1 shape.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

**Biology/ecology.** Hosts: *Keiferia lycopersicella*, *Phthorimaea operculella*, *Symmetrischema capsica*, *Tildenia gudmannella*, *Tuta absoluta* (Gelechiidae).

**Distribution.** Argentina, Bermuda, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, United States (California, Florida, introduced to Hawaii), US Virgin Islands.

**Comments.** In the CNC there are two male specimens (March, 1936, from Windsor, Ontario Canada); their labels state that the wasp specimens were intercepted on tomato from Mexico infested by *Keiferia lycopersicella*. Due to the known distribution of the species (mostly Neotropical, only marginally reaching the southern Nearctic), and the fact that those specimens were intercepted during the Canadian winter, we have no evidence that the species occurs in Canada.
**Pseudapanteles gouleti** Fernández-Triana, 2010
Figs 53–58

**Pseudapanteles gouleti** Fernández-Triana, 2010: 23 (original description).

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC (examined). CANADA, Ontario, Ottawa, 45°21.365′N, 75°42.416′W.

**Other material examined.** All specimens mentioned in Fernández-Triana (2010 and 2014).

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *gouleti* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of mesosoma entirely black and metasomal tergites mostly yellow except dark brown T1 and light brown T2.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 15, barcode compliant sequences: 13.

**Biology/ecology.** Hosts: *Paraclemensia acerifoliella* (Incurvariidae).

**Distribution.** Canada (Ontario in an area between 43–46°N and 74–80°W).

**Comments.** The species was recently proposed as of interest for conservation purposes (Fernández-Triana 2014).

**Pseudapanteles hernanbravoi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/9F00A887-B7AA-42F1-8F96-94497AA5AF33
Figs 59–64

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector Santa Rosa, Bosque San Emilio, 300m, 10.84389, -85.61384, 19.iv.1999. ACG database code: DHJPAR0013144.

**Paratypes.** 1 ♀ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0031742.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of body length 2.5 mm, fore wing length 2.7 mm; pterostigma pale with thin brown margins, T1 shape and T2 mostly longitudinally striate.

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.4–2.5 mm. Fore wing length 2.6–2.7 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: first 6–8 flagellomere lighter in color than the rest (which are dark brown to black), making the antenna look as bicolored. Mesosoma color: mostly orange, with parts or all of propodeum, metapleuron, metascutellum, and axillary complex brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly yellow-orange, except for mediotergites 4–7 which are centrally brown. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: pale, with thin dark margins. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 2.1–2.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.7–1.8 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.4–3.5 ×.
Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.1 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Unknown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 2, barcode compliant sequences: 2.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sr. Hernan Bravo, who, as a Costa Rican Minister of the Environment and later, directly and indirectly supported ACG’s conservation through its biodiversity development, and especially with respect to geothermal resources.

**Pseudapanteles jorgerodriguezi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/0B34D64D-441E-42D0-9FEC-A4F87D24D964

Figs 65–69

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Estacion San Gerardo, 575m, 10.88009, -85.38887, 22.vii.2007. ACG database code: DHJPAR0025854.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of ovipositor sheaths length, T2 mostly longitudinally striate (except for small smooth central area), propodeum mostly smooth (with only median longitudinal carina), and scutoscutellar sulcus with 6 impressed pits.

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.1–4.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.1–2.2 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 4.0–4.1 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.9 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Unknown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sr. Jorge Rodriguez, who as a forester and a Costa Rican Vice-Minister and Minister of the Environment helped ACG forge new paths of self-support through Environmental Service Payments (Pagos para Servicios Ambientales).
**Pseudapanteles josefigueresi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/CC82E7D6-0250-4318-9C17-6A8BC695AE27
Figs 70–73

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Potrero Argentina, 520m, 10.89021, -85.38803, 16.vi.2007. ACG database code: DHJPAR0025751.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of relatively short ovipositor sheaths (0.7 × as long as metatibia) and T1 shape (T1 length 4.0 × its width at posterior margin).

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 3.6–4.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.1–2.2 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 4.0–4.1 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinal striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.7 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Unknown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Costa Rica’s former President Jose Maria Figueres in recognition of his steady and imaginative support of ACG foundation, growth and survival through non-damaging biodiversity development, beginning in the late 1980’s and continuing to the present day.

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**Pseudapanteles laurachinchillae** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/AA6DCACA-9954-4AE4-B53B-C0F8BE06BD19
Figs 74–78

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Potrero Argentina, 520m, 10.89021, -85.38803, 20.ix.2007. ACG database code: DHJPAR0025675.

**Paratypes.** 1 ♀ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0026060.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of metasoma yellow-orange on anterior 0.5–0.6 of T1 and most of laterotergites and hypopygium, T2 shape and ovipositor sheaths slightly shorter (0.9 ×) than metatibia.
Description. Female. Body length 2.0–2.1 mm or 2.2–2.3 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: all pale. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.1–4.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.1–2.2 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.6–3.7 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.9 × as long as metatibia.

Male. Unknown.

Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 2, barcode compliant sequences: 1.
Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Sra. Laura Chinchilla, the first female president of Costa Rica and in gratitude for her persistent tolerance of ACG efforts to push the conservation envelope during her term in office.

Pseudapanteles lipomeringis (Muesebeck, 1958)
Figs 79–83

Apanteles lipomeringis Muesebeck, 1958: 433 (original description).

Holotype. ♀ in NMNH (examined). PANAMA, Summit, Canal Zone. USNM type No. 2793.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the annulicornis species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of mesosoma and metasoma entirely yellow, and shape of T1 and T2.

Biology/ecology. Host: Lipomerinx prismatica (Tineidae).

Distribution. Panama.

Pseudapanteles luisguillermosolisi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/BB44CB0B-B2D1-4F26-8D3E-0991551E6571
Figs 84–88

Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Bosque Trampa Malaise, 815m, 10.86280, -85.38460, 11.iii.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0027669.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of T2 mostly smooth and polished, antenna brown with flagellomeres 6–8 white (rarely also posterior half of flagellomere 5, white band clearly occupying less than one third of antenna length), and metasoma with T3+ partially brown. Those features are shared with the morphologically similar *P. margaritapenonae*, but *P. luisguillermosolisi* has the mesosoma entirely orange-yellow (while *margaritapenonae* has darker areas on propodeum, metapleuron, metascutellum and axillar complex).

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.4–2.5 mm. Fore wing length 2.6–2.7 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: central flagellomere white-yellow, rest dark brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely orange to yellow-orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): mediotergites 1–2 orange-yellow, rest of mediotergites brown. Coxae color: all pale. Metatibia color: pale. Metatarsus color: pale. Pterostigma color: mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.1–4.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.3–2.4 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 4.0–4.1 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smooth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.7 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** The only known specimen is missing its head, but the coloration of mesosoma and metasoma is darker than the female holotype.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sr. Luis Guillermo Solis, the newly-elected President of Costa Rica, and in appreciation of the new opportunity for further administrative evolution that his election offers to ACG in its quest for sustainable conservation through self-directed non-damaging biodiversity development.

**Comments.** *Pseudapanteles luisguillermosolisi* is morphologically similar to *P. margaritapenonae*, but the mesosoma is entirely orange-yellow in the former compared to orange yellow but with darker areas on the propodeum, metapleuron, metascutellum and axillar complex in the latter. Also, these species are at least 25 base pairs different (4%) in the DNA barcoding region.

*Pseudapanteles margaritapenonae* Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.  
http://zoobank.org/67A1080E-DD85-48C7-92B5-A3F422FB7AA4  
Figs 89–93

Paratypes. 13 ♀, 141 ♂ (BMNH, CNC, INBio, INHS, NMNH). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0024807, DHJPAR0024910, DHJPAR0025022, DHJPAR0025055, DHJPAR0025061, DHJPAR0025075, DHJPAR0025079, DHJPAR0025083, DHJPAR0025101, DHJPAR0025109, DHJPAR0025110, DHJPAR0025118, DHJPAR0025124, DHJPAR0025131, DHJPAR0025134, DHJPAR0025147, DHJPAR0025151, DHJPAR0025159, DHJPAR0025160, DHJPAR0025178, DHJPAR0025184, DHJPAR0025187, DHJPAR0025188, DHJPAR0025195, DHJPAR0025197, DHJPAR0025221, DHJPAR0025247, DHJPAR0025268, DHJPAR0025317, DHJPAR0025342, DHJPAR0025355, DHJPAR0025406, DHJPAR0025449, DHJPAR0025470, DHJPAR0025521, DHJPAR0025824, DHJPAR0025826, DHJPAR0025827, DHJPAR0025830, DHJPAR0025831, DHJPAR0025840, DHJPAR0025858, DHJPAR0025860, DHJPAR0025866, DHJPAR0025910, DHJPAR0025952, DHJPAR0025959, DHJPAR0026008, DHJPAR0026033, DHJPAR0026033, DHJPAR0026107, DHJPAR0026206, DHJPAR0026247, DHJPAR0026287, DHJPAR0026289, DHJPAR002636, DHJPAR0026390, DHJPAR0026444, DHJPAR0026448, DHJPAR0026485, DHJPAR0026488, DHJPAR0026497, DHJPAR0026511, DHJPAR0026514, DHJPAR0026525, DHJPAR0026526, DHJPAR0026549, DHJPAR0026556, DHJPAR0026592, DHJPAR0026623, DHJPAR0026653, DHJPAR0026668, DHJPAR0026671, DHJPAR0026672, DHJPAR0026673, DHJPAR0026703, DHJPAR0026711, DHJPAR0026722, DHJPAR0026726, DHJPAR0026731, DHJPAR0026744, DHJPAR0026745, DHJPAR0026752, DHJPAR0026769, DHJPAR0026771, DHJPAR0026783, DHJPAR0026786, DHJPAR0026796, DHJPAR0026798, DHJPAR0026806, DHJPAR0026822, DHJPAR0026835, DHJPAR0026844, DHJPAR0026848, DHJPAR0026861, DHJPAR0026872, DHJPAR0026878, DHJPAR0026940, DHJPAR0026943, DHJPAR0026964, DHJPAR0026972, DHJPAR0026973, DHJPAR0026981, DHJPAR0026995, DHJPAR0026998, DHJPAR0027045, DHJPAR0027048, DHJPAR0027058, DHJPAR0027076, DHJPAR0027088, DHJPAR0027093, DHJPAR0027094, DHJPAR0027107, DHJPAR0027108, DHJPAR0027128, DHJPAR0027129, DHJPAR0027150, DHJPAR0027151, DHJPAR0027162, DHJPAR0027168, DHJPAR0027176, DHJPAR0027177, DHJPAR0027180, DHJPAR0027182, DHJPAR0027183, DHJPAR0027193, DHJPAR0027203, DHJPAR0027206, DHJPAR0027209, DHJPAR0027212, DHJPAR0027229, DHJPAR0027252, DHJPAR0027255, DHJPAR0027256, DHJPAR0027302, DHJPAR0027312, DHJPAR0027330, DHJPAR0027331, DHJPAR0027346, DHJPAR0027353, DHJPAR0027355, DHJPAR0027369, DHJPAR0027375, DHJPAR0027376, DHJPAR0027385, DHJPAR0027393, DHJPAR0027400, DHJPAR0027401, DHJPAR0027403, DHJPAR0027405, DHJPAR0027407, DHJPAR0027410, DHJPAR0027419, DHJPAR0027425, DHJPAR0027432, DHJPAR0027437, DHJPAR0027440, DHJPAR0027446, DHJPAR0027450, DHJPAR0027451, DHJPAR0027452, DHJPAR0027453, DHJPAR0027455, DHJPAR0027460, DHJPAR0027534, DHJPAR0027614, DHJPAR0033744.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the combination of T2 mostly smooth and polished, antenna brown with flagellomeres 6–8 white (rarely also posterior half of
flagellomere 5, white band clearly occupying less than one third of antenna length), and metasoma with T3+ partially brown. Those features are shared with the morphologically similar *P. luisguillermosolisi*, but *P. margaritapenonae* has darker areas on propodeum, metapleuron, metascutellum and axillar complex, while *luisguillermosolisi* has the mesosoma entirely orange-yellow.

**Description. Female.** Body length 2.2–2.3 mm or 2.4–2.5 mm. Fore wing length 2.4–2.5 mm or 2.6–2.7 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: central flagellomere white-yellow, rest dark brown to black. Mesosoma color: orange to yellow-orange, with propodeum, metascutellum and parts of axillar complex darker than rest of mesosoma; rarely anteromesoscutum with dark marks laterally and centrally on anterior 0.3. Metasoma color (dorsally): mediotergites 1–2 orange-yellow, rest of mediotergites brown. Coxae color: all pale. Metatibia color: pale. Metatarsus color: pale. Pterostigma color: entirely dark, rarely mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.1–4.5 × or 4.6–5.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.3–2.4 × or 2.5–2.6 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 2.9–3.1 x, 3.2–3.3 x, rarely 3.4–3.5 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smoth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.7 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** As female, but with all flagellomeres brown and darker body coloration (especially on anteromesoscutum and propodeum).

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 157, barcode compliant sequences: 152.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped, ACG rainforest.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sra. Margarita Penon who listened patiently to a half hour of awkward academic description, addressed to Costa Rica’s political structure, of the ACG concept, translated it into two sentences for President-elect Oscar Arias in 1986, and thereby set the process in motion that protects all of these wasps and hundreds of thousands of other ACG species.

**Comments.** *Pseudapanteles margaritapenonae* is rather variable morphologically, with color varying from very dark brown (including marks on anteromesoscutum) to almost lacking dark areas. The latter extreme approaches the coloration of *P. luisguillermosolisi*. However, these species differ as described in the diagnosis and the comments for *P. luisguillermosolisi*.

**Pseudapanteles mariobozai Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.**

http://zoobank.org/F7632E9A-FDD5-406B-964F-24D7CF30CEF1

Figs 94–98

**Holotype.** ♂ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Bosque Trampa Malaise, 815m, 10.86280, -85.38460, 16.vi.2007. ACG database code: DHJPAR0025932.
Diagnosis. It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on the relatively extensive dark area on metatibia (0.6 its length), brown pterostigma, T1 and T2 shape, and body length of at least 2.1 mm.

Description. Male. Body length 2.2–2.3 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): entirely dark brown to black. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly dark, with anterior 0.4 pale. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark.

Female. Unknown.

Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: None.

Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Sr. Mario Boza in recognition of his co-midwifery and constant caretaking of the Costa Rican National Park System, today the Areas Silvestres Protegidas (ASPs) of the Sistema de Areas de Conservacion (SINAC) of MINAE, as well as being the Director of Fundación Neotrópica when it received its first major donation for the ACG power line and land purchase in 1985.

*Pseudapanteles mariocarvajali* Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/51166172-A491-4511-91CE-1250C24208E0

Figs 99–104

Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector San Cristobal, Tajo Angeles, 540m, 10.86472, -85.41531, 12.xii.2010. ACG database code: DHJPAR0041506.

Paratypes. 6 ♀, 4 ♂ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0035505, DHJPAR0039022, DHJPAR0041914, DHJPAR0041975, DHJPAR0042032, DHJPAR0052339, DHJPAR0053022, DHJPAR0054758, DHJPAR0055487, DHJPAR0055525.

Diagnosis. It is the only known species in the *mariocarvajali* group, and can be separated from all other known species of *Pseudapanteles* based on the shape of T2, and length of body and fore wing.

Description. Female. Body length 3.4–3.5 mm. Fore wing length 3.4–3.5 mm. Head color: entirely yellow to orange. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly orange, with parts or all of propodeum, metapleuron, metascutellum, and axillar complex brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: all pale. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 3.1–3.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.7–1.8 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 1.8–1.9 ×.
gite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.2 × as long as metatibia or 1.3 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Much darker coloration than female, especially on metascutellum, propodeum, metacoxa and metasoma.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 10, barcode compliant sequences: 10.

**Biology/ecology.** Hosts: *Stenoma adytomes, Stenoma* sp. with interim name Janzen687 (Elachistidae).

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG dry forest and rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sr. Mario Carvajal in recognition of his support, as Minister of Agriculture, for ACG biodiversity conservation through biodiversity development, and watchful support of ACG resources in the Fundacion de Parques Nacionales and in ACG.

*Pseudapanteles maureenballesteroae* Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/7116A566-F7B3-40D7-8FA1-CBAF0C8820E6

Figs 105–109

**Holotype.** ♂ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Estación San Gerardo, 575 m, 10.88009, -85.38887, 15.iv.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0026281.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *gouleti* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group by the combination of pterostigma yellow-white, with very thin brown margins, propodeum only slightly sculptured on posterolateral corners and differentiated into elevated central area (which is shiny) and depressed posterolateral corners, and metasoma tergites dark brown except for anterior 0.6 of T1 which is yellow.

**Description. Male.** Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediadtergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: pale, with thin dark margins.

**Female.** Unknown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sra. Maureen Ballestero, Diquital from Guanacaste, and stimulator and promoter of ACG’s efforts to develop its geothermal resources as part of its quest for financial independence and conservation through non-damaging biodiversity development.
**Pseudapanteles moerens** (Nixon, 1965), comb. n.  
Figs 110–115

*Apanteles moerens* Nixon, 1965: 145 (original description).


**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on head entirely yellow-orange, coloration of mesosoma and metasoma, and shape of T1 and T2.

**Comments.** Only the holotype specimen is known. Based on examination of the fore wing venation, propodeum median carina, mediotergites, hypopygium, ovipositor and ovipositor sheaths, this species clearly belongs to *Pseudapanteles.*

**Pseudapanteles munifigueresae** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.  
http://zoobank.org/66B99E52-662B-40BA-A20E-BE4D111172B8  
Figs 116–120

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Rio Blanco Abajo, 500m, 10.90037, -85.37254, 23.iv.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0027221.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on metatibia relatively extensively dark (on posterior 0.6), shape of T1 and T2, and length of body and fore wing.

**Description. Female.** Body length 1.8–1.9 mm. Fore wing length 1.8–1.9 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly dark, with anterior 0.4 pale. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 5.6–6.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 3.5 × or more. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 2.7–2.8 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smooth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.7 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Unknown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

**Biology/ecology.** Malaise-trapped.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of Sra. Muni Figueres in recognition of her understanding and support of ACG biodiversity development since the late 1980’s, and most recently as Costa Rica’s Ambassador to the United States, based in Washington, D.C.
**Pseudapanteles nerion** (Nixon, 1965)
Figs 121–125

*Apanteles nerion* Nixon, 1965: 142 (original description).


**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on metasoma almost entirely dark brown (except for laterotergites 1 and 2), T2 shape, and relatively long ovipositor sheaths (as long as metatibia).

**Comments.** Only the holotype specimen is known.

**Pseudapanteles nigrovariatus** (Muesebeck, 1921)
Figs 126–130

*Apanteles nigrovariatus* Muesebeck, 1921: 523 (original description).

**Holotype.** ♀ in NMNH (examined). UNITED STATES, Pennsylvania, Mount Holly Springs. USNM type No. 22522.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on most of mesosoma (except for metanotum and propodeum black), metasoma and legs reddish brown.

**Distribution.** United States (Georgia, Pennsylvania).

**Pseudapanteles oscarariasi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/2DDD7EA1-6AFF-43D2-903C-625389624E2A
Figs 131–135

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector Rincon Rain Forest, Sendero Albergue Crater, 980m, 10.84886, -85.3281, 16.v.2010. ACG database code: DHJPAR0040498.

**Paratypes.** 1 ♀, 2 ♂ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0039450, DHJPAR0043037, 10-SRNP-2415.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *gouleti* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on pronotal collar yellow-orange, anteromesoscutum entirely orange-yellow, metasomal tergites entirely dark brown to black, and shape of T1.

**Description.** Female. Body length 2.6–2.7 mm. Fore wing length 2.8–2.9 mm. Mesosoma color: mostly dark brown to black, with pronotum, propleura, anteromesosuc-
tum, spot on mesopleura, and scutellar disc at least partially orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 2.1–2.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.3–1.4 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 2.5–2.6 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally).

**Male.** Much darker coloration than female, especially on mesosoma and metasoma.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 5, barcode compliant sequences: 5.

**Biology/ecology.** Hosts: Elachistidae: *Antaeotricha* sp. with interim name Janzen888, and two other confamilials.

**Distribution.** Costa Rica, ACG cloud forest and rain forest.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honour of former President Oscar Arias who, upon listening to Margarita Penon’s summary of the ACG concept in 1986, set ACG survival policy in motion with “Sounds good to me if it doesn’t cost Costa Rica anything”; it hasn’t.

**Pseudapanteles ottonsolisi** Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/2E2D90DA-24AD-4B17-935B-18B77D33B1A5

Figs 136–140

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector Santa Rosa, Area Administrativa, 295m, 10.83764, -85.61871, 25.xii.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0031749.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on head entirely yellow-orange, anteromesoscutum entirely orange, T2 mostly longitudinally striate, and mesopleuron, metapleuron, axillary complex, metascutellum and propodeum brown to black.

**Description.** Female. Body length 2.6–2.7 mm. Fore wing length 2.8–2.9 mm. Head color: entirely yellow to orange. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly dark brown to black, with pronotum, propleura, anteromesoscutum, spot on mesopleura, and scutellar disc at least partially orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, with anterior 0.8 of mediotergite 1 and lateral areas on mediotergites 3–7 yellow-orange. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 2.1–2.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.7–1.8 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.8–3.9 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.9 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Unknown.
Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Sr. Otton Solis in recognition of his steadfast policy support of the ACG concept throughout two decades of Costa Rican political turmoil and the foundation of the party, PAC (Partido Accion Ciudadana), of Costa Rica’s President-elect Luis Guillermo Solis (no relative).

_Pseudapanteles pedroleoni_ Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/EDCC38BC-B9FD-4568-AF3A-1759CDF2A233
Figs 141–145

Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector San Cristobal, Rio Blanco Abajo, 500m, 10.90037, -85.37254, 6.v.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0027329.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the _annulicornis_ species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on head entirely yellow-orange, anteromesoscutum with brown marks laterally and centrally on anterior 0.3, rest of mesosoma orange, and T2 smooth.

Description. Female. Body length 2.6–2.7 mm. Fore wing length 2.6–2.7 mm. Head color: entirely yellow to orange. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly orange to yellow-orange, but with anteromesoscutum with dark marks laterally and centrally on anterior 0.3. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: all pale. Metatibia color: pale. Metatarsus color: pale. Pterostigma color: entirely dark, rarely mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 2.6–3.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.9–2.0 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.8–3.9 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smooth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia.

Male. Unknown.

Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Dr. Pedro Leon, fellow ACG watchdog, policy and biodiversity advisor, and analyst, and Director of the Fundacion de Parques Nacionales in its seminal role in ACG development, and companion throughout the ACG long march (Janzen 2000) and efforts to endow the entire Costa Rican national park system.
Pseudapanteles raulsolorzanoi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.  
http://zoobank.org/0472BB51-E8C4-4299-B7FE-594879F7191C  
Figs 146–150

Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector Cacao, Cerro Pedregal, 1080m, 10.92767, -85.47449, 22.xi.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0033842.

Paratypes. 1 ♀, 12 ♂ (BMNH, CNC, INBio, INHS, NMNH). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0013239, DHJPAR0013404, DHJPAR0013405, DHJPAR0013411, DHJPAR0013416, DHJPAR0013419, DHJPAR0013420, DHJPAR0013422, DHJPAR0013425, DHJPAR0013426, DHJPAR0013427, DHJPAR0013605, DHJPAR0013609.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the gouleti species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on anteromesoscutum and axillar complex with some orange spots, head mostly brown-black posteriorly but orange on most of frons and face, and scape yellow, contrasting with brown flagellomeres.

Description. Female. Body length 2.2–2.3 mm. Fore wing length 2.4–2.5 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly dark brown to black, except for posterior 0.4 of anteromesoscutum orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: pale. Metatarsus color: pale. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.1–4.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.9–2.0 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.2–3.3 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.8 × as long as metatibia.

Male. As female, but with darker coloration on mesosoma, metasoma and legs.

Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 16, barcode compliant sequences: 16.

Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Sr. Raul Solorzano, an environmental Vice-Minister and steadfast supporter of the foundation and survival of ACG in the swirling waters of governmental changes and 25 years of growth from a staid small national park to a dynamic large institution (http://www.acguanacaste.ac.cr).
Pseudapanteles renecastroi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/47C63BCE-44E9-428F-940E-B09C1E9BE729
Figs 151–155

Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector Santa Rosa, Área Administrativa, 295m, 10.83764, -85.61871, 25.xii.2008. ACG database code: DHJPAR0031765.

Paratypes. 2 ♀ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0013149, DHJPAR0031639.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the annulicornis species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on T2 mostly smooth, propodeum with short, carina like sculpture on lateral and posterior margins in addition to median longitudinal carina, and ovipositor sheaths relatively long (1.0 × as long as metatibia).

Description. Female. Body length 2.0–2.1 mm. Fore wing length 2.0–2.1 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.6–5.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.5–2.6 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.6–3.7 × or 4.0–4.1 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smooth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia.

Male. Unknown.

Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 2, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Dr. Rene Castro, a Minister of Costa Rica’s MINAE, who helped ACG and INBio in their early years of exploring conservation through non-damaging biodiversity development, promoted the development of Costa Rica’s carbon market, and tolerated the growing pains of decentralized administration of Costa Rica’s conserved wildlands.

Pseudapanteles rodrigogamezi Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.
http://zoobank.org/A8733711-9881-44C3-9E07-3B508DF79FA8
Figs 156–161

Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Alajuela Province, Sector Rincon Rain Forest, Estacion Caribe, 415m, 10.90187, -85.27495, 23.vi.2007. ACG database code: DHJPAR0025819.
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Diagnosis. It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on metatibia dark brown on posterior 0.9, pterostigma yellow-white, with very thin brown margins, T1 shape, and length of body and fore wing (1.6 mm).

Description. Female. Body length 1.6–1.7 mm. Fore wing length 1.6–1.7 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly dark, with anterior 0.1 pale. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: entirely pale. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 4.6–5.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.9–3.0 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 2.0–2.1 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smooth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.6 × as long as metatibia.

Male. Unknown.

Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.

Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG rain forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Dr. Rodrigo Gamez in recognition of his founding and developing INBio, guiding the emergence of Costa Rican national conservation policy for non-damaging use, and being the primary supporter of ACG’s early efforts to establish its endowment-supported budgetary system.

*Pseudapanteles rosemarykarpinskiae* Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.

http://zoobank.org/C676C9E8-EF9B-4833-983A-B2C7C918607F

Figs 162–165

Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector Santa Rosa, Bosque San Emilio, 300m, 10.84389, -85.61384, 2.vi.2007. ACG database code: DHJPAR0013244.

Paratypes. 15 ♀ (BMNH, CNC, INBio, INHS, NMNH). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0013246, DHJPAR0024750, DHJPAR0031583, DHJPAR0031599, DHJPAR0031644, DHJPAR0031648, DHJPAR0031654, DHJPAR0031715, DHJPAR0031746, DHJPAR0031748, DHJPAR0031754, DHJPAR0031817, DHJPAR0031833, DHJPAR0031835, DHJPAR0031836.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the *gouleti* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on anteromesoscutum, axillar complex and head (except for clypeus, labrum and mandibles) entirely dark brown to black, and scape brown, same color as flagellomeres.
Description. Female. Body length 2.2–2.3 mm. Fore wing length 2.0–2.1 mm or 2.2–2.3 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: entirely dark brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): entirely dark brown to black. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: pale. Pterostigma color: entirely dark. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 3.6–4.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.9–2.0 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 2.9–3.1 × or 3.8–3.9 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia or 1.1 × as long as metatibia.

Male. Unknown.


Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Sra. Rosemary Karpinski’s teamwork with Dr. Rodrigo Gamez to obtain the political approval that allowed for the germination and growth of ACG.

Pseudapanteles ruficollis (Cameron, 1911)
Figs 166–168

Xanthomicrogaster ruficollis Cameron, 1911: 325 (original description).

Lectotype. ♀ in BMNH (examined). GUYANA, no other locality or date information. Here we designate, to increase nomenclatural stability, a lectotype from the syntype series (which includes 4 ♀ and 4 ♂ all glued on the same card, with voucher code: “B.M. Type HYM. 3.c.985”). The lectotype is the female positioned at the lower row, left corner of the card (Figs 166, 168). The paralectotypes are conspecific with the lectotype.

Other material examined. 24 ♀, 11 ♂ (CNC, NMNH). COSTA RICA, Alajuela Province, Sector Rincon Rain Forest, Estacion Llanura, 135m, 10.93332, -85.25331. ACG database codes: DHJPAR0026267, DHJPAR0047117, DHJPAR0047133, DHJPAR0052908, DHJPAR0053737, DHJPAR0053754, DHJPAR0053787, 11-SRNP-76958, 13-SRNP-76587.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the annulicornis species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on a combination of all flagellomeres brown, T2 light brown, metatibia yellow with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark brown to black, metatarsus dark brown to black, pterostigma pale with thin brown margins, and ovipositor sheaths 0.9 × as long as metatibia.
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**Description. Female.** Body length 2.4–2.5 mm or 2.6–2.7 mm. Fore wing length 2.6–2.7 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly orange, with parts or all of propodeum, metapleuron, metascutellum, and axillar complex brown to black. Metasoma color (dorsally): mostly dark brown to black, except for yellow-orange anterior 0.4–0.6 of mediotergite 1. Coxae color: all pale. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: pale, with thin dark margins. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 3.6–4.0 x, rarely 3.1–3.5 x or 4.1–4.5 x. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 2.5–2.6 x, 2.7–2.8 x, rarely 2.9–3.0 x. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.8–3.9 x or 4.0–4.1 x. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smooth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 0.9 x as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Much darker coloration than female, especially on anteromesoscutum, propodeum, metacoxa, and metasoma.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 5, barcode compliant sequences: 5.

**Biology/ecology.** Hosts: Desmia ufeus, Desmia spp. with interim names Janzen18 and Janzen19; Spoladea recurvalis (Crambidae).

**Distribution.** Cuba, Costa Rica (ACG), Guyana.

**Comments.** The syntype series (from Guyana) is morphologically indistinguishable from the ACG specimens, so we treat them as conspecific. The description provided above is based on ACG specimens. All specimens of *P. ruficollis* in ACG have been reared from three species of Desmia caterpillars feeding on Vitaceae. In ACG, this wasp has not been reared from *Spoladea recurvalis* (Crambidae), the host reported for its rearing in Guyana, despite more than 190 rearing records for ACG *S. recurvalis* (that produced no microgastrine braconids). This moth is host-specific to Amaranthaceae herbs, and no Desmia have been reared from any of the thousands of caterpillar rearing records from ACG Amaranthaceae. However, adult Spoladea are black with white spots, as are Desmia, and are frequently misidentified as “a species of Desmia”. It is very likely that the Guyana record of *P. ruficollis* is actually a rearing from a batch of Desmia caterpillars, since the caterpillar that produced the wasps obviously could not be directly identified from an adult.

*Pseudapanteles sesiae* (Viereck, 1912)
Figs 169–173

*Apanteles* (*Pseudapanteles*) sesiae Viereck, 1912: 146 (original description).

**Holotype.** ♀ in NMNH (examined). UNITED STATES, Virginia, Vienna. USNM type No. 14324.
Other material examined. 5 ♂ (CNC). Canada, Ontario, Niagara Falls; United States, Florida, Fort Ogden; Virginia, Falls Church; Virginia, Vienna.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on head, flagellomeres, mesosoma and metasoma dark brown to black, and body and fore wing length usually 3.0 mm.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 2, barcode compliant sequences: none.

**Biology/ecology.** Host: *Synanthedon scitula* (Sesiidae).

**Distribution.** Canada (Ontario), United States (District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey, Texas, Virginia).

**Comments.** Two partial DNA barcodes (100 and 164 base pairs respectively) were obtained from specimens from Canada (Ontario) and United States (Florida).

*Pseudapanteles soniapicadoae* Fernández-Triana & Whitfield, sp. n.  
http://zoobank.org/908ACA74-A905-4BBA-95F5-C1B02F788E23  
Figs 174–179

**Holotype.** ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector Santa Rosa, Bosque Humedo, 290m, 10.85145, -85.60801, 23.ii.1998. ACG database code: DHJPAR0013238.

**Diagnosis.** It belongs to the *gouleti* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group by the combination of anteromesoscutum mostly dark brown to black, propodeum mostly smooth, with well-defined median carina and few short rugosities transverse to that carina, and antenna relatively shorter on its anterior half (with second flagellomere 2.5 × as long as wide, and eight flagellomere 2.2 × as long as wide).

**Description. Female.** Body length 1.8–1.9 mm. Fore wing length 2.0–2.1 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly dark brown to black, with pronotum, propleura, anteromesoscutum, spot on mesopleura, and scutellar disc at least partially orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): entirely dark brown to black. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 3.1–3.5 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.9–2.0 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 3.6–3.7 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly with longitudinally striate sculpture (sometimes with small, smooth area centrally). Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia.

**Male.** Unknown.

**Molecular data.** Sequences in BOLD: 1, barcode compliant sequences: 1.
Biology/ecology. Malaise-trapped.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Sra. Sonia Picado in recognition of her wise counsel in advising the legal-administrative process of the expropriation of Sector Santa Elena for ACG, while she was Costa Rica’s Ambassador to the United States.


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Holotype. ♀ in CNC. COSTA RICA, ACG, Guanacaste Province, Sector El Ha-cha, Quebrada La Leona, 255m, 11.03028, -85.54781, 3.v.2011. ACG database code: DHJPAR0048162.

Paratype. 1 ♀ (CNC). COSTA RICA, ACG database codes: DHJPAR0045346.

Diagnosis. It belongs to the *annulicornis* species-group, and can be separated from other species within that group based on metacoxa dark brown to black, ovipositor sheaths at least 1.0 × as long as metatibia, length of body and fore wing over 2.8 mm, and shape of T1 and T2.

Description. Female. Body length 2.8–2.9 mm. Fore wing length 3.0–3.1 mm. Head color: mostly dark brown to black; except for orange on most of frons and face, and yellow clypeus, labrum, mandibles, and spot on lower corner of gena near oral foramen. Flagellomere color: all flagellomere brown to black. Mesosoma color: mostly dark brown to black, with pronotum, propodeum, anteromesoscutum, spot on mesopleura, and scutellar disc at least partially orange. Metasoma color (dorsally): mediotalergites 1–2 orange-yellow, rest of mediotalergites brown. Coxae color: pale/pale/mostly or completely dark. Metatibia color: mostly pale, with posterior 0.1–0.2 dark. Metatarsus color: dark. Pterostigma color: mostly dark, but with anterior pale spot. Mediotergite 1 length/width at posterior margin 1.6–2.0 ×. Mediotergite 1 maximum width/width at posterior margin 1.5–1.6 ×. Mediotergite 2 width at posterior margin/length: 4.4–4.5 ×. Mediotergite 2 sculpture: Mostly smooth and polished. Ovipositor sheaths length: 1.0 × as long as metatibia.

Male. Unknown.

Molecular data. Sequences in BOLD: 3, barcode compliant sequences: 3.

Biology/ecology. Hosts: Undetermined Gelechiidae with interim name gelJan-zen01 Janzen830.

Distribution. Costa Rica, ACG dry forest.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Dr. Teofilo de la Torre in recognition of his many years of guidance of ICE (Instituto Nacional de Electricidad), the National Electricity Institute, and his acceptance of ICE partnerships with ACG in biodiversity development.
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