

**EOMENACANTHUS CORNUTUS (SCHÖMMER),
(MALLOPHAGA) – A NEW PARASITE OF DOMESTIC FOWL
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

From the members of the genus *Eomenacanthus* Uchida, 1926, which is regarded as a synonym of *Menacanthus* Neumann, 1912 by some authors, only *E. stramineus* (Nitzsch, 1818) is reported to parasitize the domestic fowl in Czechoslovakia (I. BAJEROVÁ, Acta univ. agric., Brno, series D, 1: 77–82, 1965). On September 9, 1968 two hens were examined in the Institute of Parasitology, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague and were found to be heavily infested with *Eomenacanthus cornutus* (Schömm-mer, 1913). This species, less than 2 mm long,

is characterized by the presence of two transverse rows of setae on abdominal tergites III–VII and a few short setae on the lateral margins of the dorsum of meso-metathorax (K. C. EMERSON, J. Kans. Ent. Soc. 29: 63–79, 1956). *E. cornutus* is known to occur also in Germany and Poland (EICHLER, in litt.) and its occurrence in Czechoslovakia is therefore not surprising. It is a hematophagous species.

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