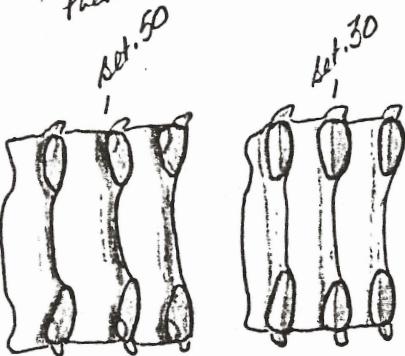


mid-ventral lines prominent
in first 30 setigers, although gradually
fading, absent or just traces for 10-15 setigers,
then become very noticeable again



L. Harris

set 1-4 digitate
5 small knob, round
6-on pad like; 6th ~~markedly~~
smaller in size than others
cirrophores stain blue
ventrally only

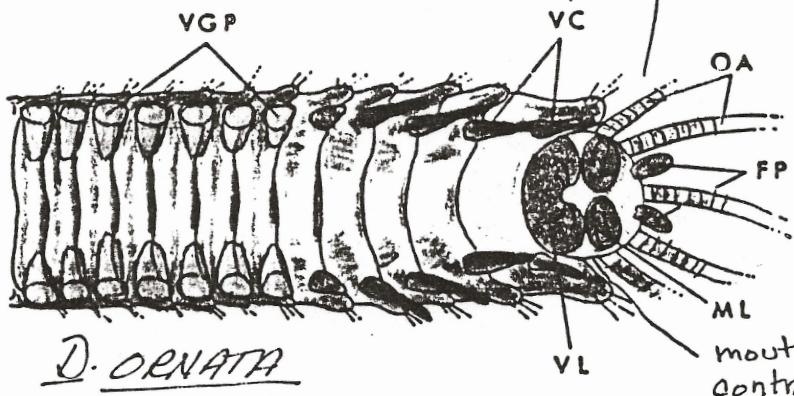
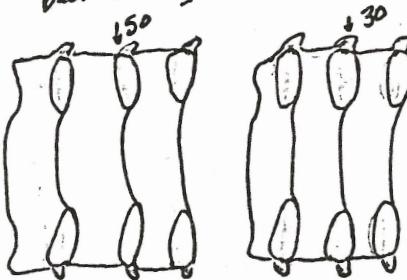
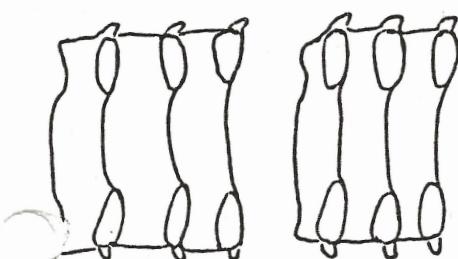
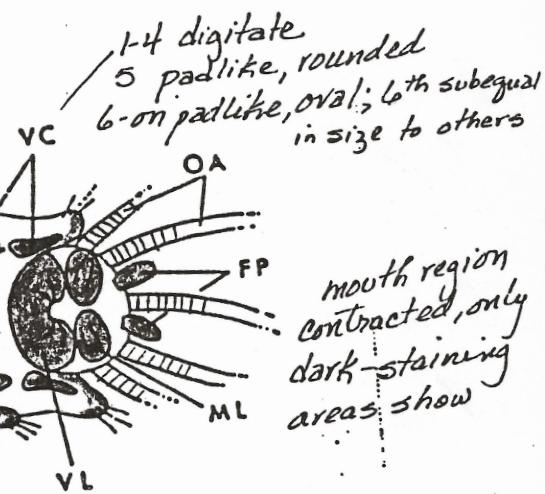


Fig. 2. Ventrum of a general onuphid. (VGP ventral glandular pads; VC ventral cirri; OA occipital antennae; FP frontal palps; ML mouth lobe, VL ventral lip.)

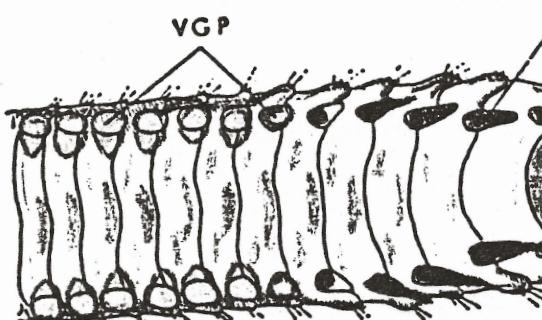
mid-ventral stripes don't begin until set. 35-55 (further back in larger worms)



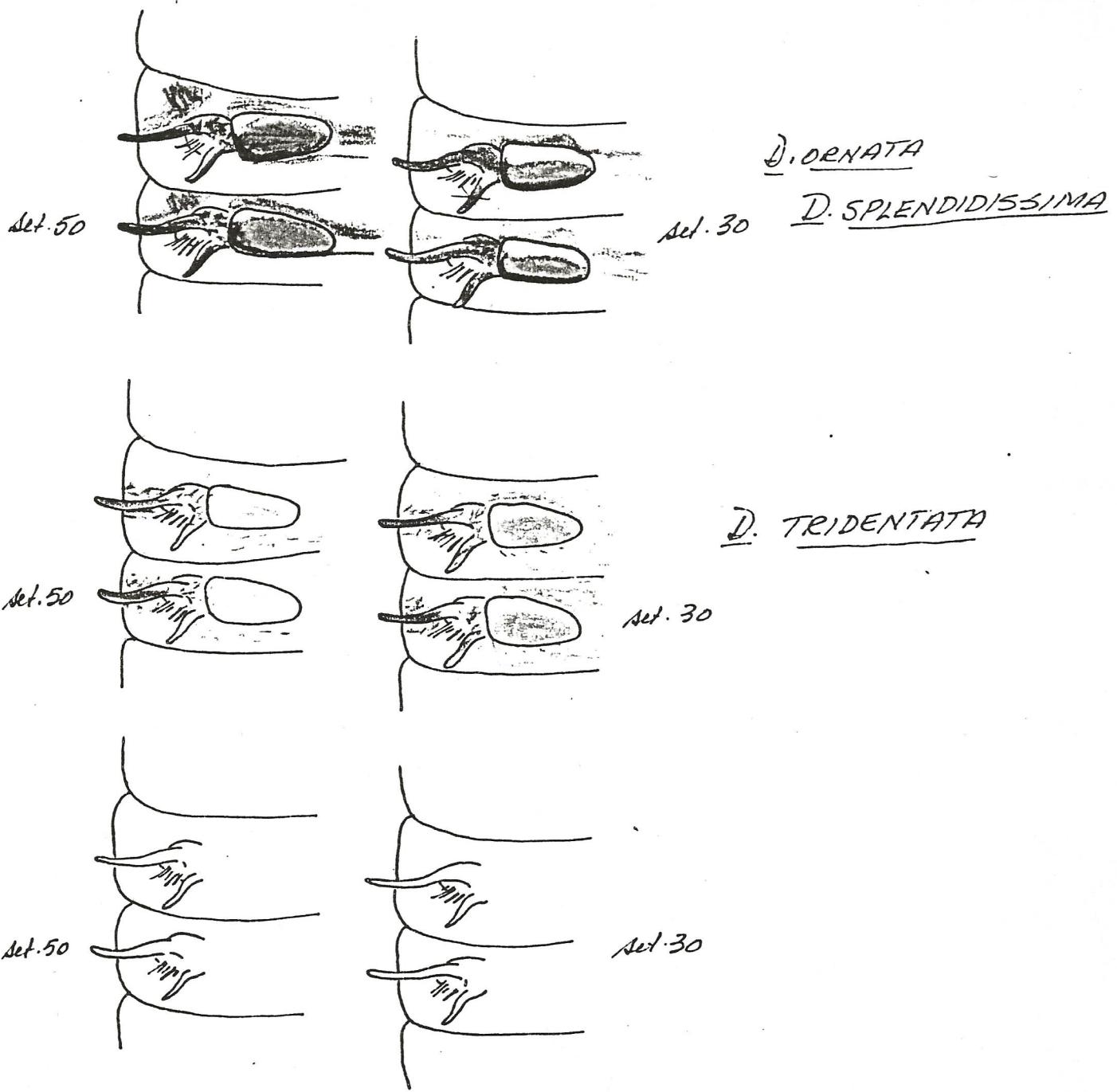
white glandular areas of pads smaller than in ornata, disappear sooner



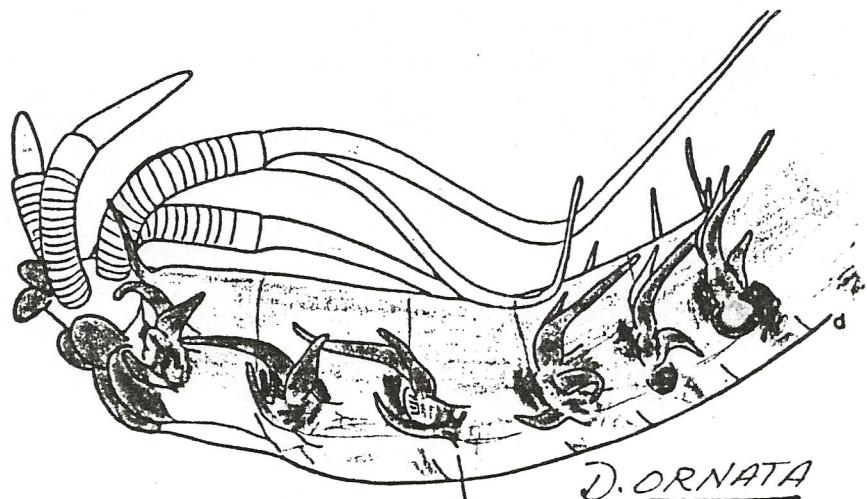
similar to D. ornata



1-4 digitate
5 small knob
6-on pad like, 6th markedly smaller than others
Very similar to D. ornata, including fading of ventral lines median body
Main difference is tri-part. ventral markings in first 12 setigers



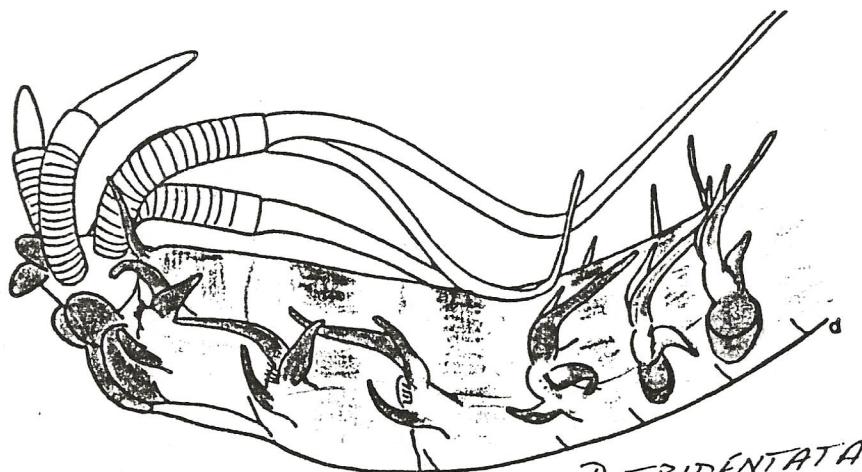
illustrations taken from Wisnes' article, and
are modified from an Onuphis sketch. The pedal
lobe for all 3 Diopatra species are actually
much shorter than shown and inconspicuous.
Branchiae were not included to keep the
figures simple.



D. ORNATA

all of the parapodial
tissue stains darkly

D. SPLENDIOISSIMA is very similar, except that the basal part
of the median parapodial lobe does not stain ~~darkly~~ and the
dorsum is not overall brownish



D. TRIDENTATA

only the cirri and
some marginal tissue of
the parapodia stain darkly