Canton 1983. A new kind of Eunicidae (Annelidae: Polychaeta) of the Gulf in Catania. Animalia 10(1/3): 81-86.

It subsequently deals with individuals of small dimensions all incomplete ones, that introduces conic prostomium with two small eyes, 3 smooth antennae, subequal, pointed at the extremities; the first two segments are apodous, from the 3rd the parapodia are well developed with dorsal and ventral cirri, from 7th to the 11th-13th parapodia they are present pectinate gills to 4-5 filaments. The mandibles are well developed, the jaws are clearly provided with long supports, without unpaired median piece.

[Description of Lysibranchia]

Conic prostomium, two eyes, three smooth occipital antennae, the first 2 segments apodous; tentacled cirri absent; pectinate gills present. Jaws with 4 pairs of dentate plates: MI = 1 + 1; MII = 7 + 8; MIII = 8 + 10; MIV = 1 + 1; 2 long maxillae support the destination of the maxillary apparatus and without unpaired median piece; jaws well developed. Capillary simple setae; composite bristles falcigers and spinigers; acicular setae bidentate.

Key of the genera of the family Eunicidae s. str.

1 1 only prostomial antenna Nematonereis
3 prostomial antennae
5 prostomial antennae
2 present gills Lysibranchia[=juvenile Marphysa (not a valid genus)]
absent gills Lysidice
3 present tentacled cirri
absent tentacled cirri
4 acicular setae & pectinate setae present
acicular setae & pectinate setae absent Palola
5 present gills Marphysa
absent gills Paramarphysa
6 present gills7
Absent gills Eunice (Nicidion)
7 composite setae falcigers Eunice s.s.
composite setae spinigers Euniphysa
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