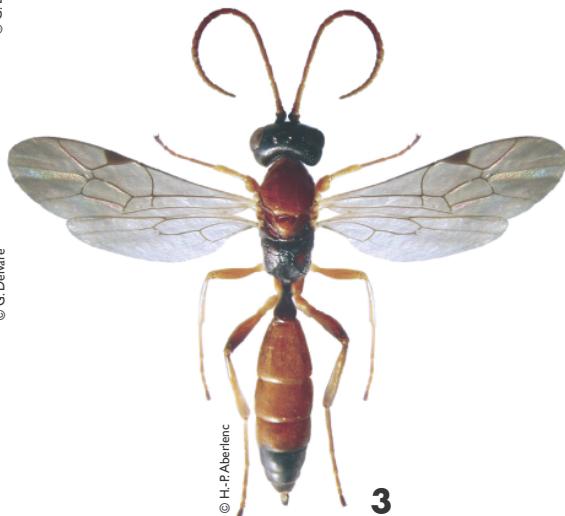
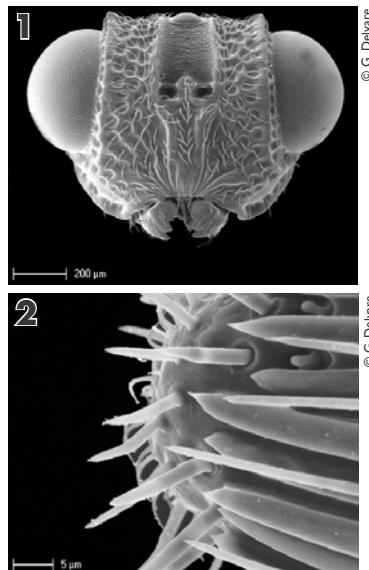


1. Aximopsis sp. (Hymenoptera, Eurytomidae): frontal view taken with a scanning electronic microscope, 70x.

2. Eurytoma sp. (Hymenoptera, Eurytomidae): detail of the ultrastructure of the top of the antenna; taken with a scanning electronic microscope, 5000x.

3. Diadromus collaris (Gravenhorst) (Hymenoptera, Ichneumonidae): parasitoid of diamondback moth; adult female.



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