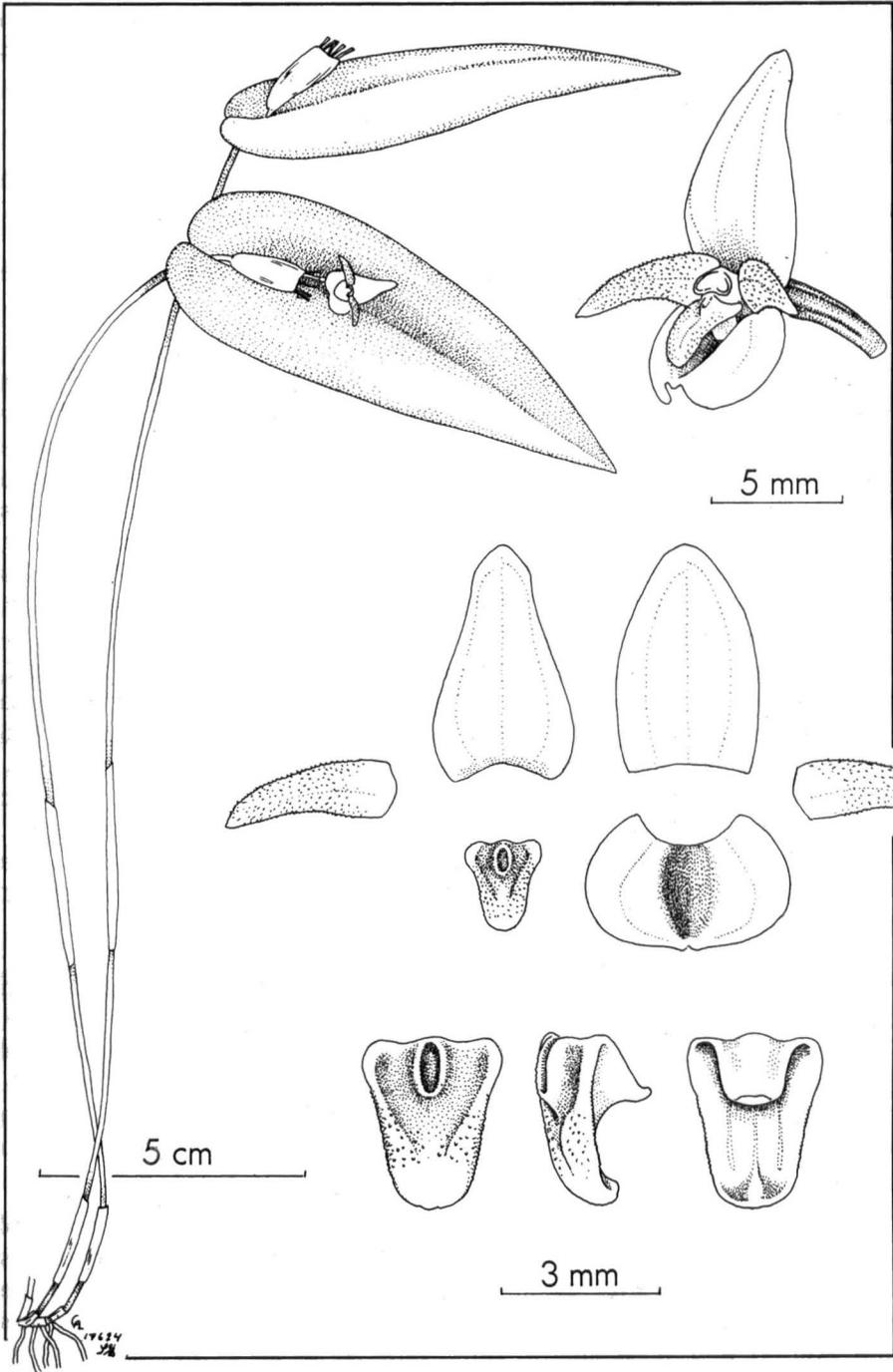


15. **PLEUROTHALLIS SANNIO** Luer & R. Escobar, sp. nov.

Species haec *P. octavioi* Luer & Escobar affinis, sed flore minore, sepalo dorsali convexo, synsepalo brevi transverso ad medium concavo cum lateribus deflexis, petalis serratis pubescentibus et labello ovato crasso callo infra medium manifeste differt.



15. *PLEUROTHALLIS SANNIO* Luer & R. Escobar.

COLOMBIA: Dept. of Chocó: epiphytic in cloud forest at the pass between Urrao and Carmen de Atrato, alt. ca. 2700 m, collected 12 Dec. 1994 by R. Escobar and W. Teague, flowered in cultivation at Colomborquídeas, 30 May 1995, C. Luer 17624 (Holotype: MO).

ETIMOLOGÍA: Del latín *sannio* (bufón), por el aspecto extraño de la flor.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin *sannio*, "a jester," in allusion to the strange flower.

Plant large, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Ramicauls slender, erect, 15-26 cm long, with a close, tubular sheath near the middle and 2 other sheaths at the base. **Leaf** horizontal, coriaceous, narrowly ovate, acute, 9-10 cm long, 2.5-3 cm wide, the base sessile, with cordate lobes 0.5 cm deep. **Inflorescence** a fascicle of successive, single flowers, from a suberect spathe 1.5 cm long, 5-7 mm wide; peduncles 2-3 mm long, concealed within the sheath; floral bracts thin, tubular, ca. 10 mm long; pedicels 15-18 mm long; ovary 6 mm long; flowers light orange-brown; **sepals** glabrous, the dorsal sepal ovate, obtuse, convex with recurved sides, 8 mm long, 5.5 mm wide expanded, 3-veined, the lateral sepals connate into a transversely obovate synsepal, 4 mm long, 8 mm wide, 4-veined, concave centrally, with the sides deflexed; **petals** obliquely triangular-ovate, acute, serrate, pubescent, 6 mm long, 2 mm wide, 1-veined; **lip** thick, ovate, rounded at the apex, cellular-glandular near the middle, 3 mm long, 2.5 mm wide, the disc with a thick, protruding callus below the middle with a large glenion, the base broadly truncate, with a thick reflexed claw, hinged to the column-foot; **column** 1 mm long, 2 mm wide, the foot thick, obsolescent, with the anther, rostellum and stigma apical.

La especie está emparentada con *P. octavioi* pero, por tener la bractea floral grande y suberecta, parece pertenecer a la subsección *Cardiostolae*. La flor es mucho más pequeña, con el sépalo dorsal convexo, y el sinsépalo corto, transverso, deflexo en los bordes y centralmente cóncavo. Los pétalos se presentan abiertos, aserrados, pubescentes. El labelo es ovado, grueso, y lleva debajo del centro un callo prominente con cavidad grande.

This species is related to *P. octavioi*, but with the large, suberect floral bract it appears to belong to subsection *Cardiostolae*. The flower is much smaller with the dorsal sepal convex and the short, transverse synsepal concave centrally with deflexed sides. The expanded petals are serrate and pubescent. The ovate lip is thick with a prominent callus below the middle upon which a large glenion is present.