

ACOELOMATES

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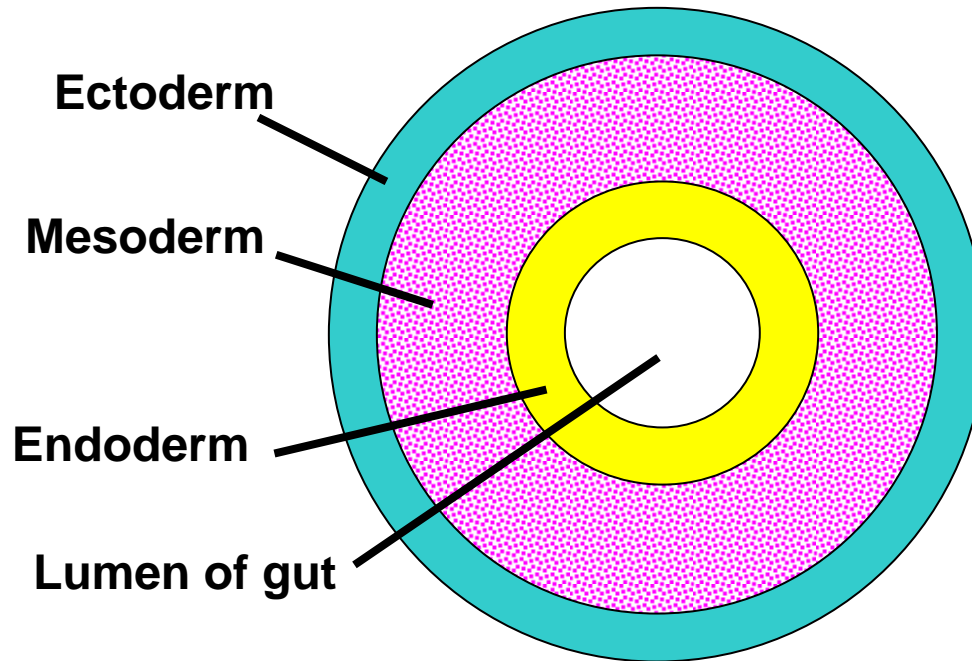
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The ACOELOMATE Condition



Any triploblastic organism which lacks a body cavity
is said to be an acoelomate...

PLATYHELMINTHES

'Flatworms'

- **ORGAN** grade of body organization
- **TRIPLOBLASTIC**
- **MESENCHYME** = Middle layer derived from mesoderm germ layer = space-filling packing tissue
- **ACOELOMATE** - Mesoderm obliterates the blastocoel in the embryo

PLATYHELMINTHES

3 main classes

- CLASS **Turbellaria** - Free-living flatworms
- CLASS **Trematoda** - Endoparasitic Flukes
- CLASS **Cestoda** - Endoparasitic Tapeworms

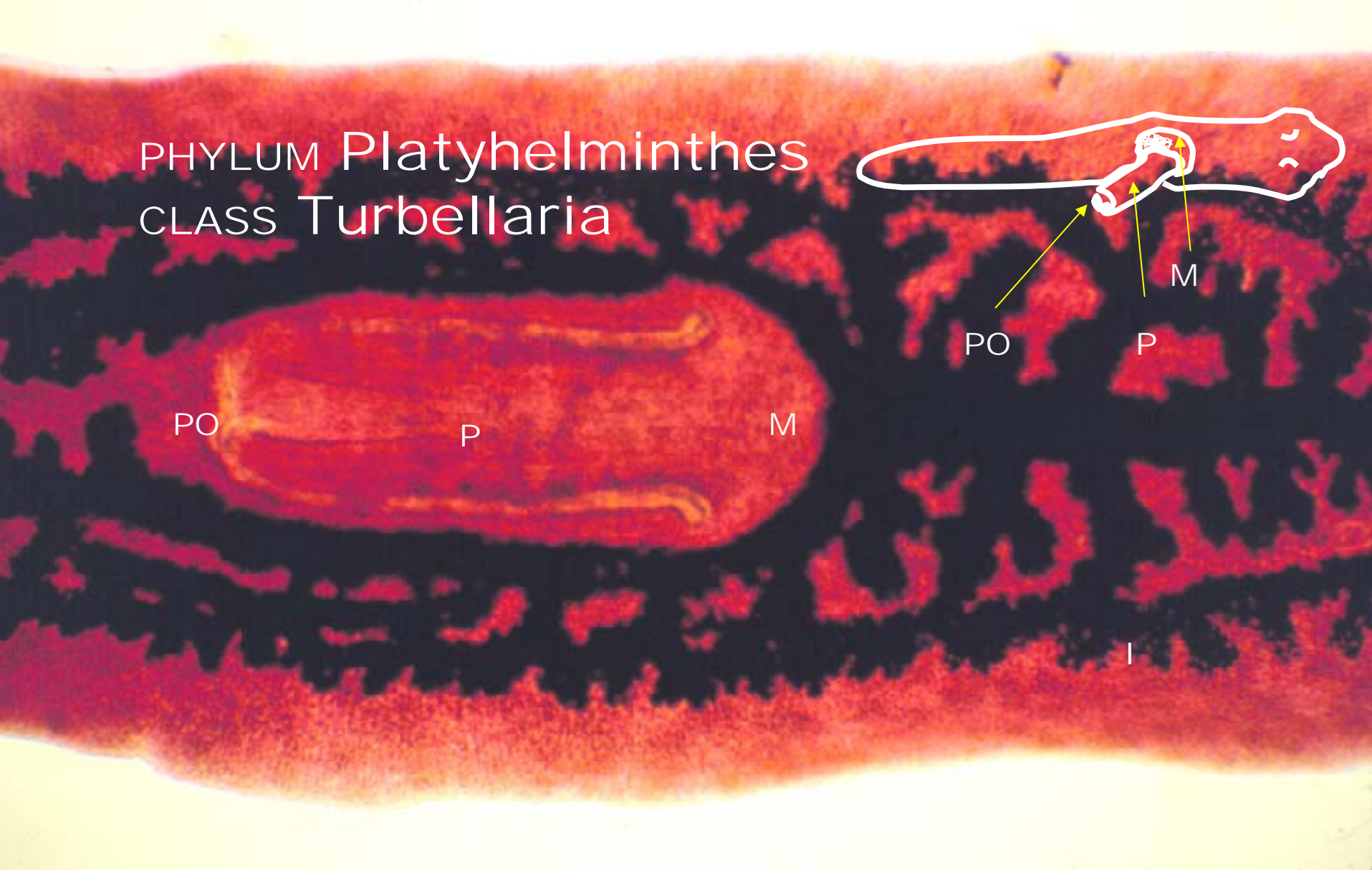


Marine
flatworms...

But what
we saw in
lab was a
freshwater
flatworm. It
was brown
and looked
as if it were
boss-eyed.



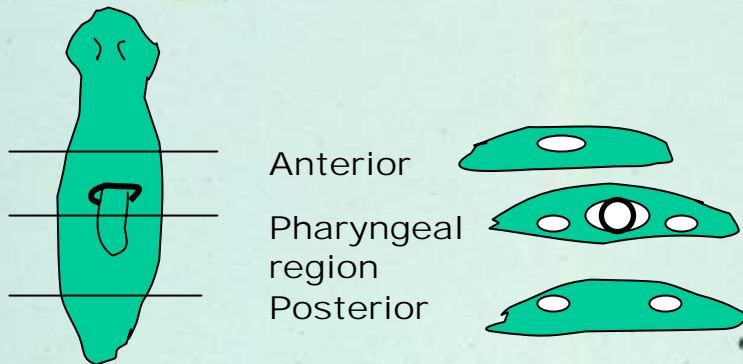
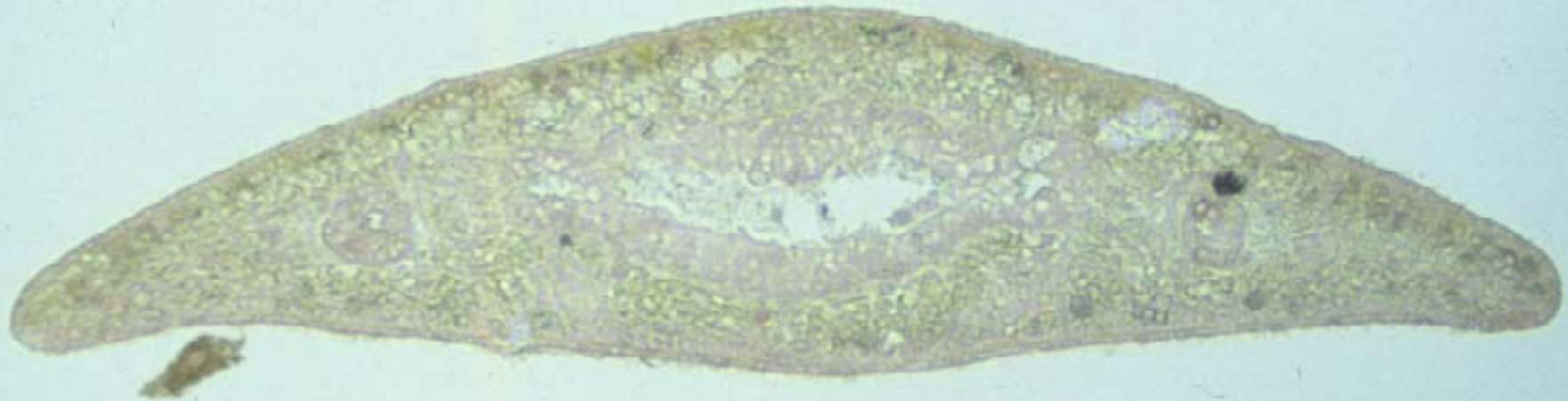
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CLASS Turbellaria



Note extensible pharynx (P), pharyngeal opening (PO), mouth (M) & intestine (I) [fig 3.2-A]

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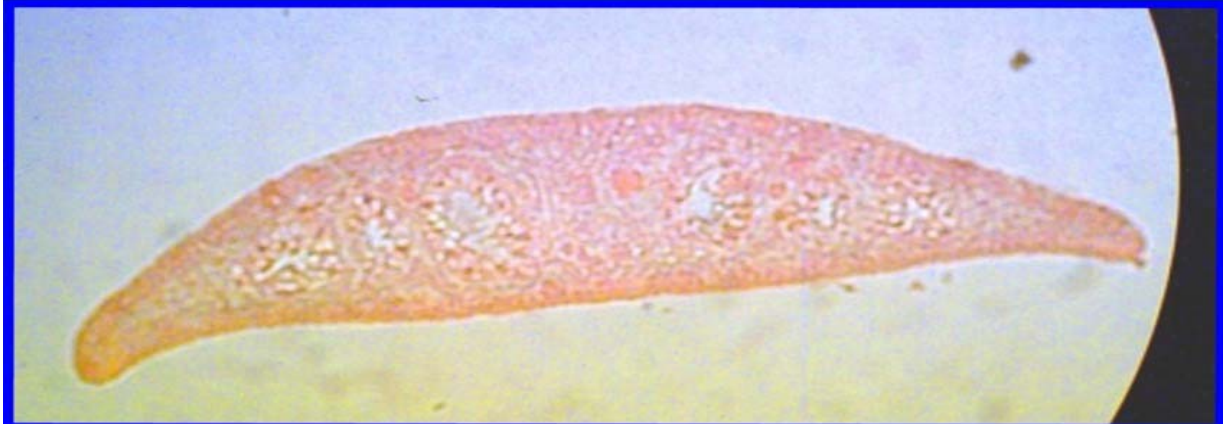


cs through anterior of organism [fig 3.4]
aka Batman's plane. Note No pharynx, only caeca

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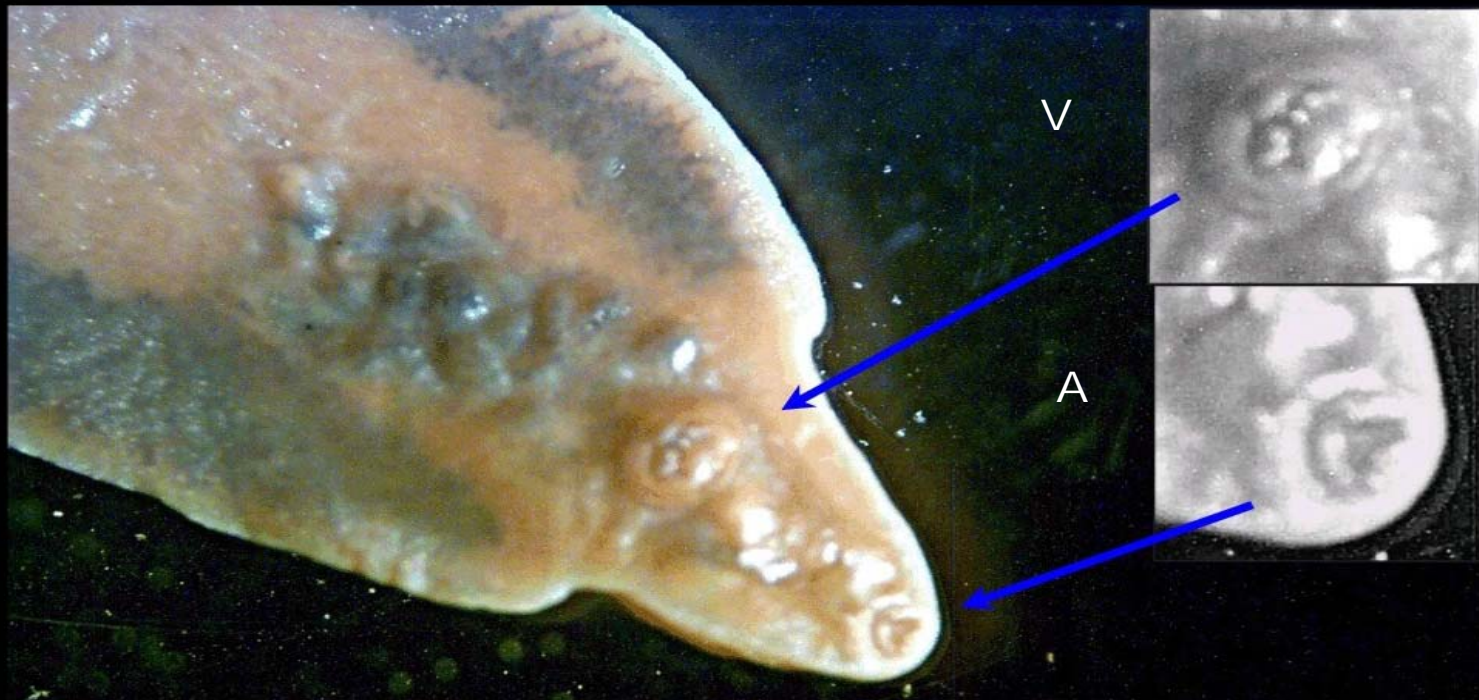


c.s. through pharyngeal region [fig 3.4] Note Pharynx, gastric caeca & Mesenchyme (Cilia!?) First of 2 Acoelomate c.s

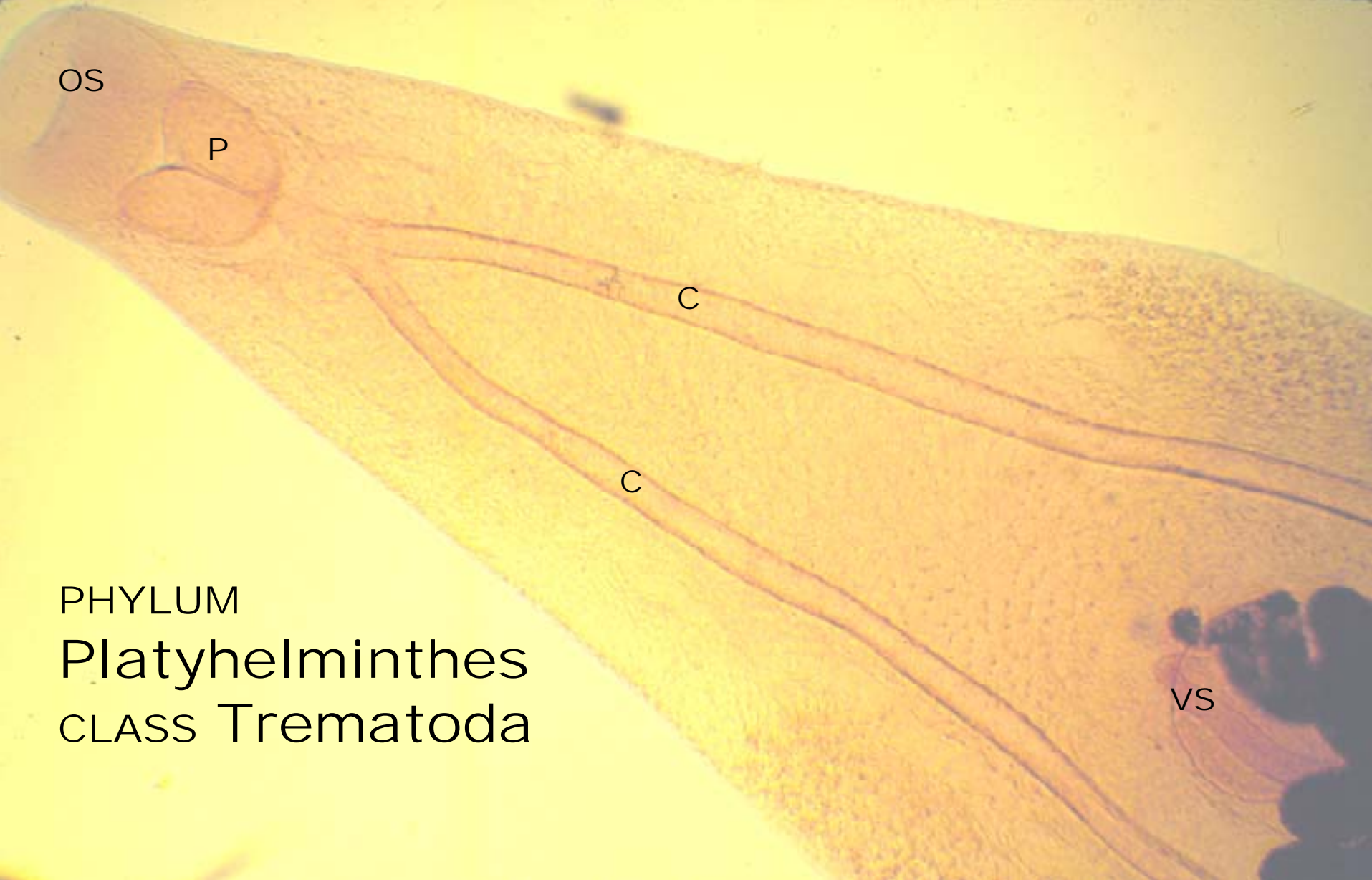




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View of whole fluke organism. Note the two suckers. Anterior (A) one is for feeding, the ventral (V) one is for attachment



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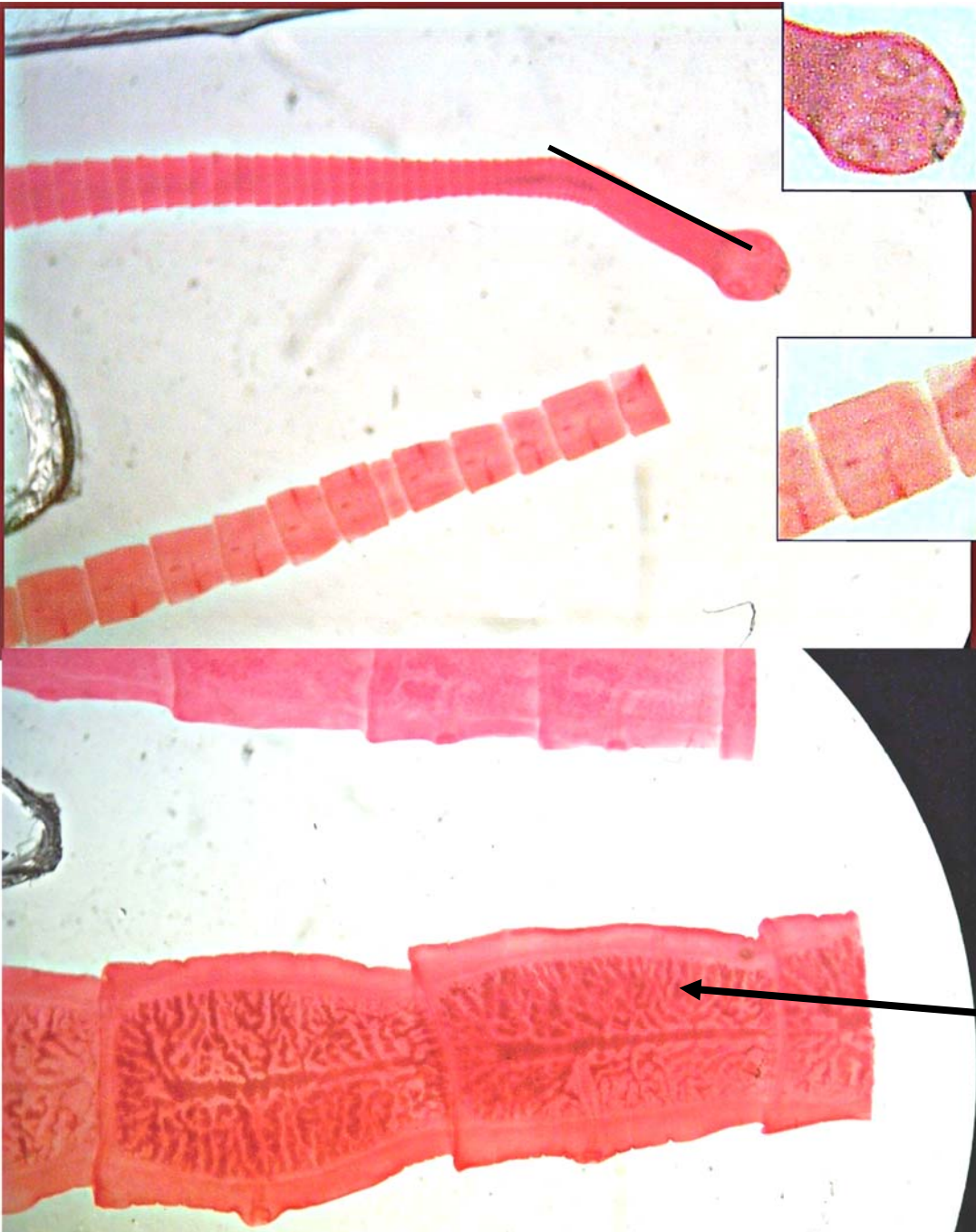
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Anterior end of fluke. Note oral sucker (OS), pharynx (P), caeca (C) & ventral sucker (VS) (for attachment) [fig 3.5]



Note eggs E, ovaries O, shell gland,
caeca C, uterus U and testes T [fig 3.5]



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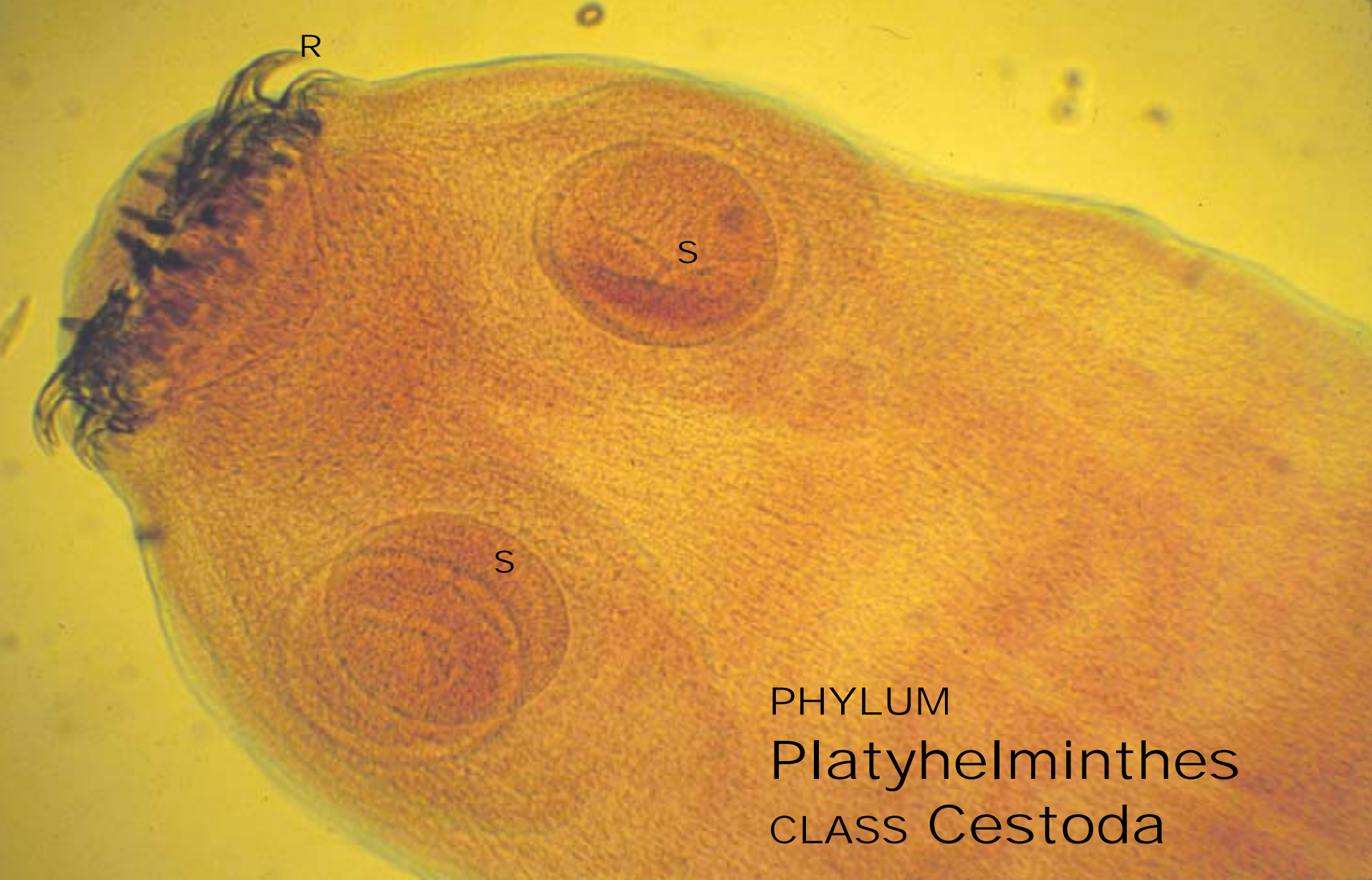
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Scolex (I) and
maturing proglottids.

The most
reproductively mature
sections are at the
posterior end of the
tapeworm.

What are these
sections called?



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Scolex region. Note rostellum (R) (rings of hooks) & suckers (S) for attachment [fig 3.7-A]

Sperm in from partner

Sperm exit here
to enter another
partner's proglottid

Speckled
background =
Testes

Uterus
& Shell
Gland

Ovary

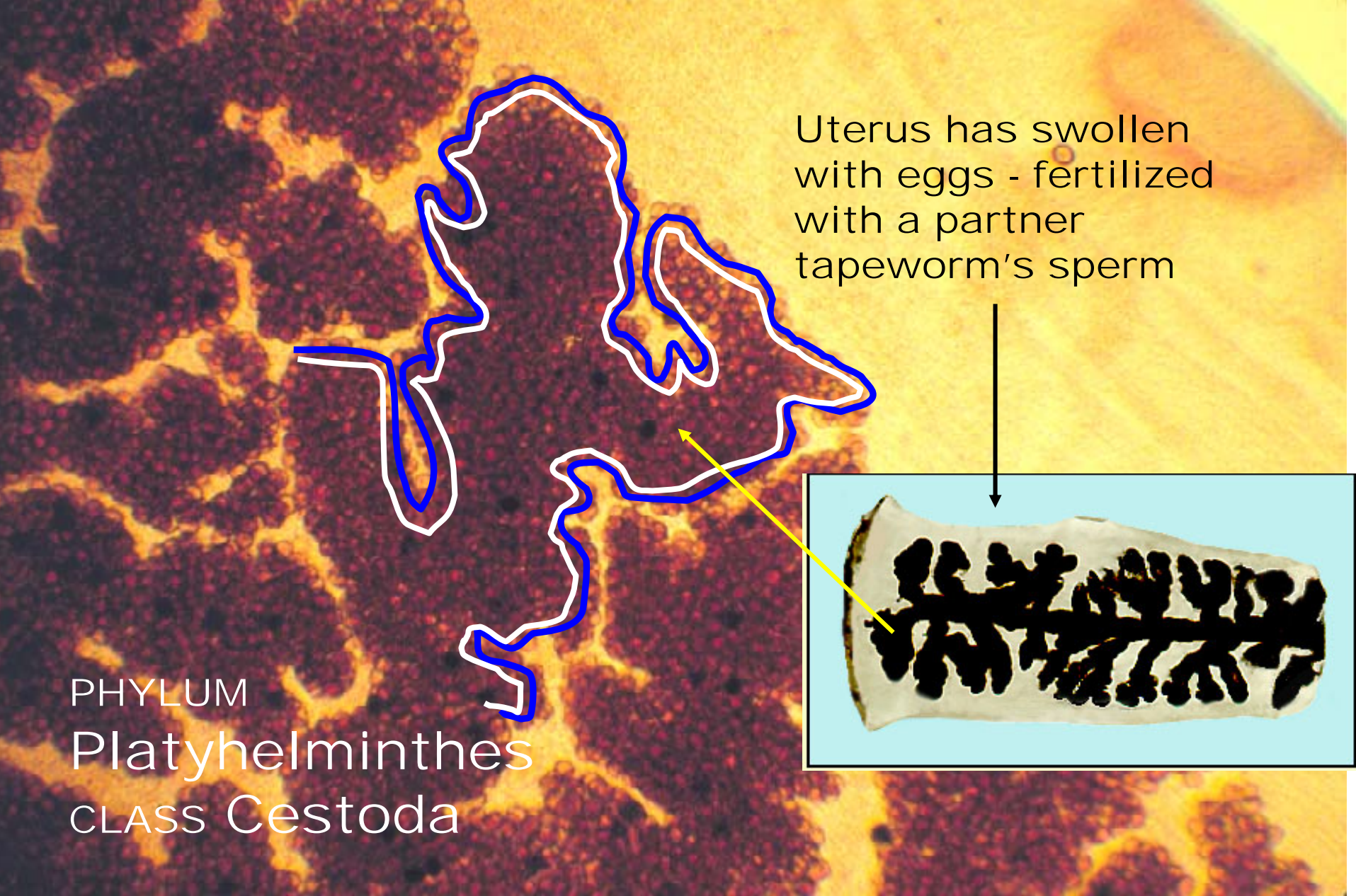
Uterus will swell
with many out-
pockets as the
eggs develop

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Mature proglottid w/ reproductive structures [fig 3.7-D]



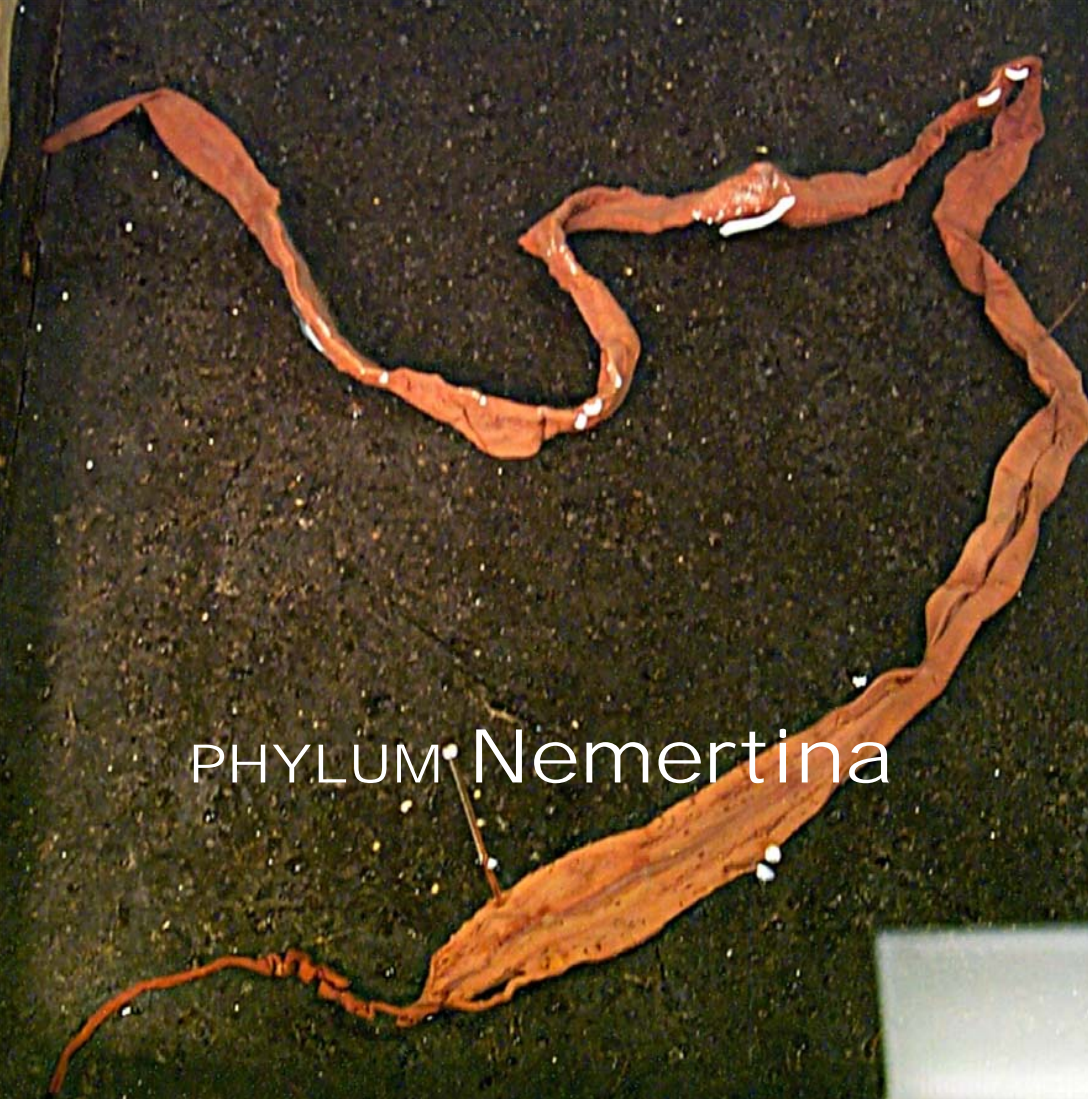
Uterus has swollen
with eggs - fertilized
with a partner
tapeworm's sperm

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Gravid proglottid chock full o' eggs [close-up of fig 3.7-E]

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(Acoelomate)



This is our 1st organism
with a COMPLETE
digestive tract -
(i.e. it has an anus)

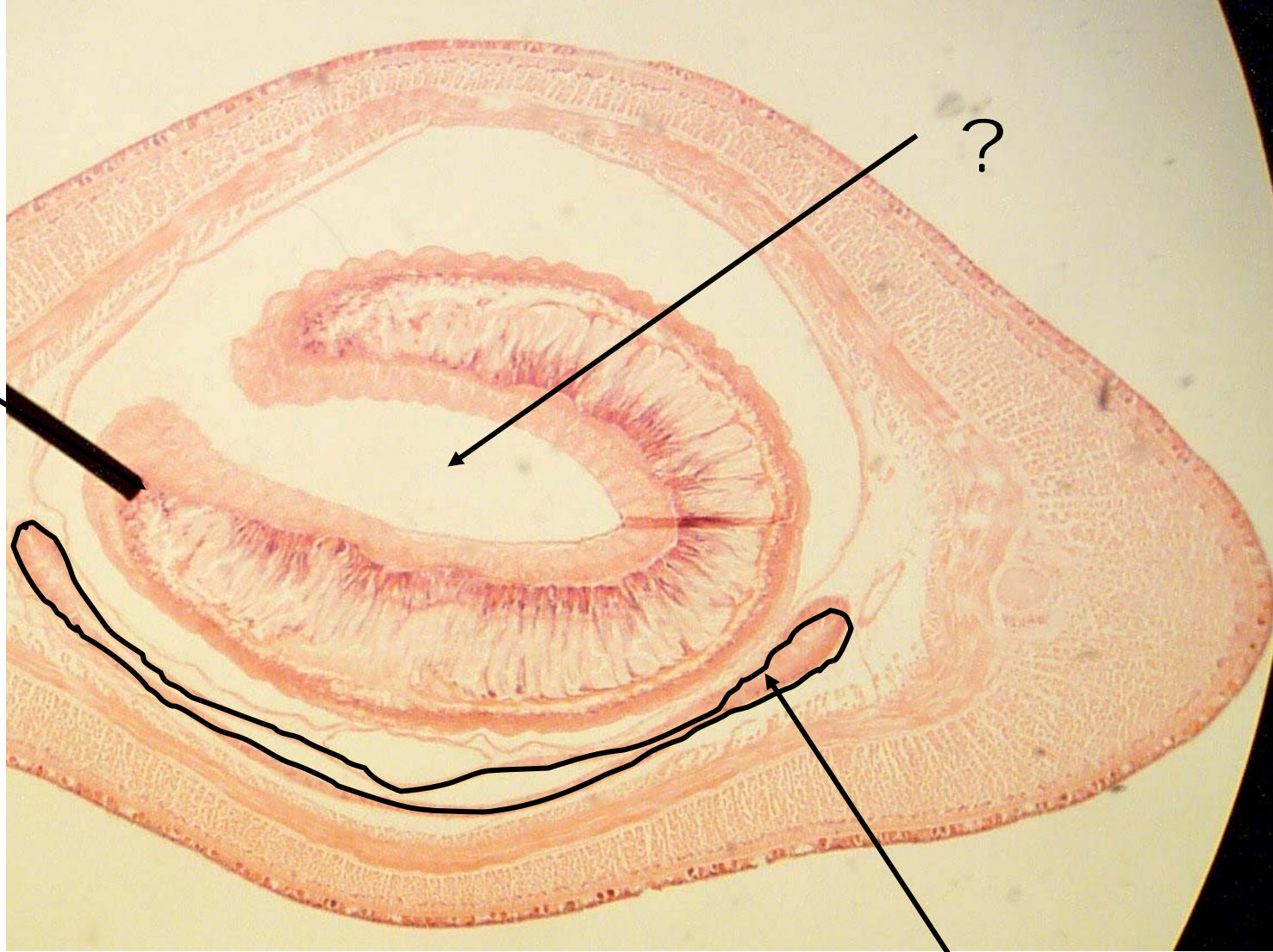
You did not see the specimen but had to fill out labels on a
diagram in your lab manual showing a slide of a c.s.

= 2nd acoelomate c.s.

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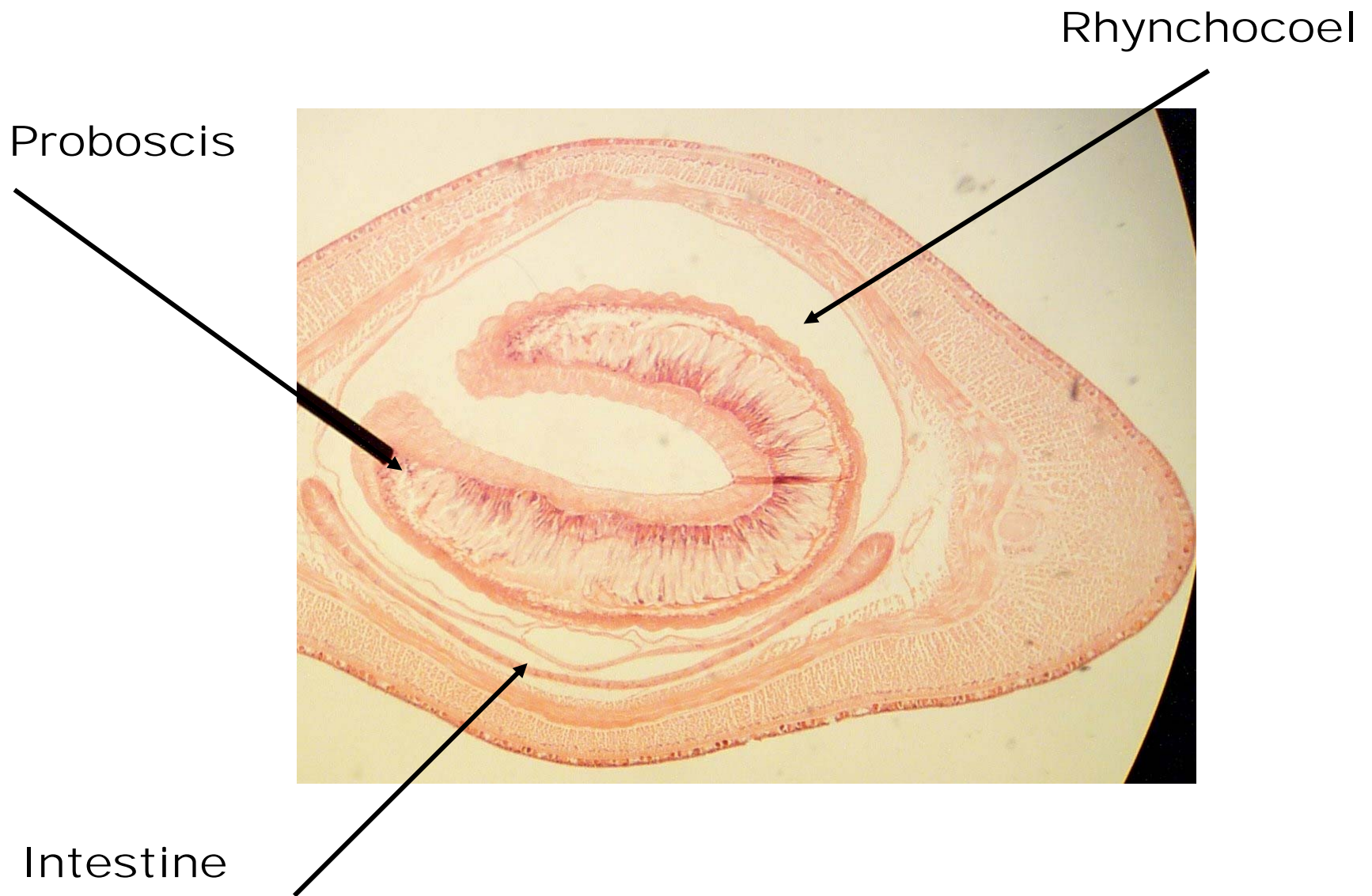
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c.s. through anterior end of a flatworm
at a point behind the mouth.

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Note proboscis in the rhynchocoel & the flattened intestine (outlined). [fig 4.3-B]