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PROTOPENEROPLIDE FORAMINIFERS FROM LOWERMOST CRETACEOUS OF THE ŠTRAMBERK CARBONATE PLATFORM (OUTER WESTERN CARPATHIANS)

(Figs. 4, Pls. 4)



Abstract: The paper brings information on the presence of species *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE 1974 in the sequences of the Štramberk carbonate platform. Microfacial as well as biofacial characteristics of its occurrence were evaluated into detail. Ephemeral appearance of rich finds of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* shows the features of acme-zone which is defined as a biostratigraphic unit of benthic foraminifers in the upper carbonate platform-stage of sedimentary area of the Baška cordillera (Lower to Middle Berriasian). The depicted occurrence of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* brings new biostratigraphic evidences on extension of the Štramberk Limestones to Lower Cretaceous.

Резюме: В статье дается информация о наличии вида *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE 1974 в толщах штрамберкской карбонатовой платформы. Детально была оценена микрофацциальная и биофацциальная характеристика его появления. Эфемерный участок обильных находок *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* показывает признаки акме-зоны, определенной как биостратиграфической единицы бентосных фораминифер на верхнекарбонатовой платформенной стадии осадочной области кордильеры Башка (нижний-средний берриас). Описанное появление *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* приносит новые биостратиграфические доказательства о проникании штрамбекских известняков в нижний мел.

Introduction

In the Western Carpathians there have been some incongruities felt for a longer time in biostratigraphic interpretation of Jurassic protopeneroplide foraminifers, and first of all with regard to placing in order of microoncolite limestones with *Protopeneroplis striata* WEYNSCHENK taken from pebbles of Upper Cretaceous conglomerates of the Klippen Belt (Mišík—Sýkora, 1981), Senonian conglomerates of the Silica unit (Mišík—Sýkora, 1980), Jablonica conglomerates Lower Miocene - Mišík, 1986), flysch conglomerates of the Rača unit of the Magura nappe (Soták, 1987) and allodapic Barmstein limestones of the Čachtické pohorie Mts. (Mišík—Sýkora, 1982). The age of these limestones has been dated back to Oxfordian up to Kimmeridgian. On the other hand, however, occurrences of protopeneropliids were stated also in Upper Tithonian up to Lowermost Cretaceous limestones of the Outer Western Carpathians (Eliáš—Eliášová, 1984, 1986; Soták, 1981, 1987) and eastern sector of the Klippen Belt (personal contact with M. Mišík and M. Sýkora) which required a revision of these foraminifers in order to

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intercept possible morphogenetic changes of successive species *Protopenneroplis striata* — *Protopenneroplis trochangulata*. This change of protopenneroplid foraminiferal spectra having also considerable biostratigraphic consequences was demonstrated in the Štramberský carbonate platform sequences.

The aim of this work is to clarify vertical distribution of protopenneroplid foraminifers in the Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous of the Western Carpathians and to interpret stratigraphically the presense of species *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE in the Štramberský Limestones.

Position and facial development of the Štramberský carbonate platform

The Štramberský carbonate platform represents a two-stage cycle of shallow-water carbonate deposition on the Baška elevation in the Silesian sedimentary area (Outer Western Carpathians) dividing by the interphase of the Upper Tithonian biotect of the Štramberský Limestones. The lower stage of the carbonate platform can be seen through sedimentation of biopelmicritic and pelbiomicrosparitic limestones with rare ooids and blue-green algae (Eliáš — Eliášová, 1986). This calpionellid-free stage is dated by the occurrences of *Carpistomiosphaera tithonica* NOWAK for Lower Tithonian (Eliáš — Eliášová, 1985). The Štramberský reef complex itself has its basis fixed in calpionellid zone *Chitinoidea* (uppermost Middle Tithonian and lowermost Upper Tithonian — Houša, 1978) and reaches the climax in calpionellid zone *Cras-sicollaria* (Eliáš — Eliášová, 1986). The limestones are built up by coral framestones and bindstones with extremely manifold fauna of corals (see Eliášová, 1975, 1978, 1981a, etc.), ammonites, shells of *Diceras*, chaetids, echinoids, bryozoans, hydrozoans, echinoderms, sphinctozoans, serpulid worms, dasycladacean floras (see Steinmann, 1903; Eliáš — Eliášová, 1984, 1986), binding and encrusting microorganisms (see Eliášová, 1981, 1985 etc.), stromatolites, oncoids etc.

On the Jurassic/Cretaceous boundary a change of sedimentation regime was detected and this gradually ended strong reef sedimentation (Štramberský Limestones) which was replaced by that on carbonate platform (Eliáš — Eliášová, 1984). In this developmental stage there was taking place sedimentation of internal carbonate platform facies (wackestones, packstones and grapestones) with bahamite type particles — especially coated grains, micritized grains, pseudoooids, peloids, aggregated lumps etc. — however, the formation of organic buildups on carbonate platform edges and in patch-reefs was still lasting. Considerable changes in biofacial composition can be seen mostly in higher upbuilding of skeletal fragments of echinoderms and other biotritus as well as in striking appearance of the platform "fusulinids" of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* type. The type of sedimentation like this had been proceeding to Hauterivian (on the basis of the presence of *Colomisphaera heliosphaera* (according to Eliáš — Eliášová, 1985), but on the other hand, Houša (1978, 1983, etc.) with regard to the rules of calpionellid zonation of Rome division (1970) supposes the Štramberský cycle ending within the boundary of Tithonian-Berriasian. These contraindicatory views suggest complicated processes of the Štramberský carbonate platform dying out within Berriasian to Hauterivian which can be seen in overlying Olivetská hora Formation, strong carbonate platform fracturing with phase separation and fissure filling, brecciation, bio-

erosion of fissures, microbearing processes at the surfaces of *Tubiphytes*-bioclasts, boreal microfauna elements penetration [*Lenticulina nodosa* (REUSS) and other nodosaroid foraminifers], planar corrosion originating hardgrounds up to Hauterivian karstification at the end (see H o u š a 1965, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1981, 1983 and our own observations). Sedimentation of the Olivetská hora cycle took the character of "Spaltenfüllung" and in the form of either neptunic dikes or filled fissures. The sediments from fissures and dikes are formed by clayey, micritic, organodetritic and breccia limestones (H o u š a 1976).

Systematic part

Order Foraminiferida EICHWALD, 1830

Sub-order Fusulina WEDEKIND, 1937

Super-family Endothyracea BRADY, 1884

Family Endothyridae BRADY, 1884

Sub-family Loeblichinae CUMMINGS, 1955

emend. FARINACCI, 1964; emend. SEPTFONTAINE, 1974

Protopenneroplis trochangulata SEPTFONTAINE, 1974

Pl. 2, Figs. 1—9; Pl. 3, Figs. 1—9

? 1969 *Protopenneroplis striata* LUPERTO SINNI, Pl. 1, Fig. 1.

? 1972 *Protopenneroplis striata* BRÖNNIMANN, DURAND-DELGA et GRAND-JACQUET, Pl. 1, Figs. 4—5.

1974 *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE, pp. 608—614, Pl. 1, Figs. 1—18.

1977 *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* AZEMA, CHABRIER, FOURCADE et JAFFREZO, pp. 126, 130, 132, Pl. 3, Figs. 4—5.

1978 *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* CHIOCCHINI et MANCINELLI, Pl. 10, Figs. 1—2, Pl. 11, Fig. 1.

1979 *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* CHIOCCHINI et MANCINELLI, pp. 22—24, Pl. 1, Figs. 1—12.

1980 *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE, pp. 190—191, Pl. 3, Fig. 24.

1984 *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* SALVINI-BONNARD, ZANINETTI et CHAROLLAIS, pp. 179—180, Pl. 2, Fig. 12.

non Fig. 1985 *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* BUCUR, pp. 206, 298.

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Description: Characteristic morphology of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* tests was shown mainly in sub-axial sections as the diagnostic values of equatorial sections are limited. However, cross-sections of monoserial type with ventral lamina (ventrolaminide types) were detected most often. The tests are asymmetric, trochospiral and in equatorial sections mostly evolute [according to numerical expression of spiro-axial relations $\frac{H_1}{D} : \frac{U}{D}$ is the test coiling of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* evolute (ratio <), in several cases only, it is close to semi-involute type (ratio =)]. The test is formed by $1\frac{1}{2}$ up to 2 whorls freely coiling around bud umbilicuses. Early stage of spire coiling with 8—10 chambers passes to trochospiral stage of the last whorl consisting of 10—12 chambers. The chambers consecutively grow in size (expansion rate of chambers reaches the mean value 1.09 from the calculation of $D : d$ correlation) and their septa are rather convex to aperture. In basal parts of septa prosiphon

perforations can be seen. The chambers of trochospiral stage are asymmetric and angular in axial sections. The absence of light and dark striata on spire faces which are typical of *Protopeneroplis striata* is an indirect sign. The presence of calcareous pustules on hyaline layer of spire face is striking. The wall-structure of the tests is heterogenous. In most cases the tests are two-layer formed by inside microgranular and outside hyaline layers, the latter being with fibre-radial habit. Often the microgranular one is missing or appears through slight turning dark of inside contours of chambers. Such appearance of microgranular layer could suggest its recrystallization origin and that is by micritization of hyaline layer (Reiss, 1958). The hyaline layer is highly developed in bud umbilicuses where it becomes thicker in lateral faces and in coiling plane it is transformed into the form of outside peripheral cordon skirting adult stages of spire. The course of peripheral cordon is interrupted in the places of septa grippings by ribbing thickenings. This new phenomenon of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* test ornamentation which can be observed also in the illustrations by Chiocchini—Mancinelli (1979, Pl. 1, Figs. 1, 3, 10) is considered a valuable diagnostic of the given species in equatorial and subequatorial sections.

Dimensions (in μm):

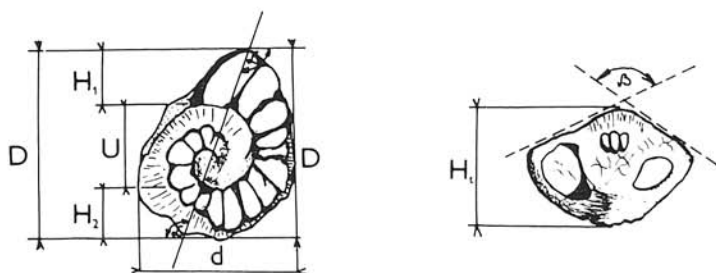


Fig. 1. Measured parameters of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* test.

$D = 474-715$

$U = 189-282$

$H_2 = 136-202$

$d = 435-655$

$H_1 = 149-231$

$H_1 = 340-561$

mean thickness of septa (the last whorl): 18—20

conical angle $\beta = 120^\circ$

$\alpha = 90-110^\circ$

*Microfacies and associated microorganisms accompanying
Protopeneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE occurrences

The occurrences of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE were detected in the following patterns of the Stramberk carbonate platform. Their population is the most strikingly adapted to basinal intraplatform niches. Carbonate sediments of this environment are represented by packed biopelmicrites

(wackestones — packestones) with bahamite particles (coated and micritized grains, agglutinated peloids, algal pellets, pseudoooids and superficial ooids, grapestones, etc.). The accompanying microfauna and microflora comprise skeletal segments of echinoderms, echinoid spines, microgastropods, ostracods, algae *Campbelliella striata* (CAROZZI), *Clypeina? solkani* CONRAD et RADOIČIĆ, *Acicularia elongata* CAROZZI, *Acicularia* aff. *endoi* PRATURLON, *Carpathocodium anae* (DRAGASTAN), foraminifers *Neotrocholina valdensis* REICHEL, *Neotrocholina friburgensis* (GUILLAUME et REICHEL), *Trocholina alpina* (LEUPOLD), *Conicospirillina basiliensis* MOHLER, *Valvulina* aff. *lugeoni* SEPTFONTAINE, *Everticyclammina* sp., *Feurtilia* sp., miliolids, textularids, coprolites *Favreina cuvillieri* BRÖNNIMANN and plentiful calpionellid and globochaete plankton. Moreover the occurrences of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* were detected also in carbonate platform-edge facies. In these limestones it is possible to determine three following subfacies: coral — *Tubiphytes* bindstones, encrusting bindstones and coated grainstones. Their organic assemblages consist of algae *Tubiphytes morronensis* CRESCENTI, *Bacinella irregularis* RADOIČIĆ, *Koscinobullina socialis* CHERCHI et SCHROEDER, *Thaumatoporella parvovesiculifera* (RAINERI), *Muranella parvissima* (DRAGASTAN), *Porostromata*-encrusters, *Salpingoporella pygmaea* (GÜMBEL), *Triploporella remesi* (STEINMANN), *Linoporella capriota* (OPPENHEIM), *Ethelia-Diversocallis*, serpulide worms, sessile bryozoans, hydrozoans and less the above mentioned neotrocholine and trocholine associations. The proposed microfacial and biofacial characterization suggests that the described limestones still retain typical features of the Upper Tithonian complex of the Štramberk Limestones.

Similar facial control of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* occurrences in environmental zones of carbonate platform was shown also by Septfontaine (1974, 1980); Chiocchini—Mancinelli (1979) and others.

Stratigraphic interpretation of Protopenneroplis trochangulata SEPTFONTAINE in the Štramberk carbonate platform and their broader regional and paleogeographic context

Species *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE was originally described from the Calcaire de Thoiry Formation in southern Jura (Ain, France) near Geneva which belongs to Berriasian (Septfontaine, 1974). *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* occurs in the same stratigraphic level in near region of High Savoy (Monte Salève, France — Septfontaine, 1974; Salvini-Bonnard — Zaninetti — Charollais, 1984). The assemblages of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* from the Middle East (Iran) are situated in the superposed layer of horizon with Tithonian calpionellids which is roughly limiting their age to Berriasian (Septfontaine, 1974). Brönnimann et al. (1972) presents redeposited protopenneroplide foraminifers of trochangulata type in association with Neocomian calpionellids in the Galestrino flysch series in southern Italy. The rules of vertical distribution of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* were used to limit Berriasian—Lower Valanginian biozone in Sardinia (Azéma et al., 1977) and Berriasian—Valanginian subzone in the Gran Sasso region in Italy (Chiocchini—Mancinelli, 1978, 1979). Recently the occurrences of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* have been detected also in Reșița—Moldova Nuovă zone in the Southern Carpathians (Bucur, 1985, 1986) in assemblages

of the terminal part of Marila Limestones (Lower—Middle Berriasian up to Lower Valanginian). The presented data suggest that the interval of the *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* occurrences is in interregional measure limited to Berriasian—Lower Valanginian.

The rules of vertical distribution of protopeneroplid foraminifers in the Štramberg carbonate platform sequences were derived from the known course of calpionellid zones (determinations and data on calpionellid zonation were rendered by V. Houšá). The occurrences of protopeneroplids were from time to time detected already in *Chitinoidea* and *Crassicollaria* biozones, however these forms in spite of clear tendency to trochospiral coiling still show relics of striae and pustules on the hyaline layer surface, and so they belong to species *Protopeneroplis striata* (Fig. 2, Pl. 3, Figs. 10—12). Clear appearance of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* falls within *Calpionella alpina* biozone which according to Rome standard zonation corresponds to Uppermost Tithonian and Lower Berriasian (Alleman et al., 1971). This is connected with the basic problem of stratigraphic interpretation of the Štramberg specimens of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata*. The limestones of Štramberg cycle were for the absence of persuasive Cretaceous fossils, but first of all with regard to Rome position of *Calpionella* Standard Zone, assigned only to Upper Tithonian by Houšá (1978, 1983, etc.). However, following the latest re-arrangement of biostratigraphic ranges of calpionellid zones in Sümeš 1984 (Remane et al., 1986; Nagy, 1986; Pop, 1986, etc.) the zone of *Calpionella alpina* is assigned to Lower Berriasian and the boundary Tithonian/Berriasian is identified with that of *Crassicollaria*/*Calpionella* zones. Regarding such a conception of *Calpionella alpina* biozone the occurrences of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* in limestones of the Štramberg succession appears natural and well-founded. It confirms Berriasian age of a certain part of the Štramberg sequence. Ephemeral appearance of rich finds of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* in the Štramberg carbonate platform shows however a well-defined acme-zone which has its functional parastratigraphic place in facial developments missing calpionellids. The acme-zone of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* is defined as a biostratigraphic unit of benthic foraminifers in upper carbonate platform-stage of sedimentary area of the Baška cordillera (sensu Eliáš—Elišová, 1984, 1986). Its preliminary chronostratigraphic range is Lower to Middle Berriasian.

A survey of known occurrences of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* (Fig. 3) suggest their spatial distribution in carbonate platforms of Tethyan shelves along Eurasian margins as well as in the Apulia microplate (Fig. 4). The occurrence of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* from the Štramberg carbonate platform completes the chain of occurrences of this species along Eurasian margins (Sardinia, Jura Mts., Helvetic — Dauphiné zone of the Western Alps, Getic domain of the Southern Carpathians and Iran) with nearly the same paleogeographic position, time level and tectonofacial setting of its appearance. This parallelization takes a certain concrete expression in views on joining of equivalent zones of Alps and Western Carpathians. Following it the paleogeographic position of the Štramberg carbonate platform (and generally the whole sedimentary area of Silesian unit as well) should correspond to that of the Jura Mts., and or Helvetic—Dauphiné belt of the Western Alps. Corresponding positions of both belts are obvious not only from similar historical sequences and material filling of their pre-Cretaceous cycles of sedimentation (belonging to cratonized massifs

of platform margin which show only epicontinental development of Triassic to Middle Jurassic or they were even an archipelago in this period, Malm downcast with successive or transgressive "superimposing" of shallow-water or at most hemipelagic sediments of Upper Jurassic, late rejuvenation of substrates, similarity of Upper Jurassic biofacies, mixing of Tethyan and boreal fauna elements, etc.) but also from synchronous Late Kimmerian upheaval movements indicated by Purbeck regressions, faunal changes or strong development

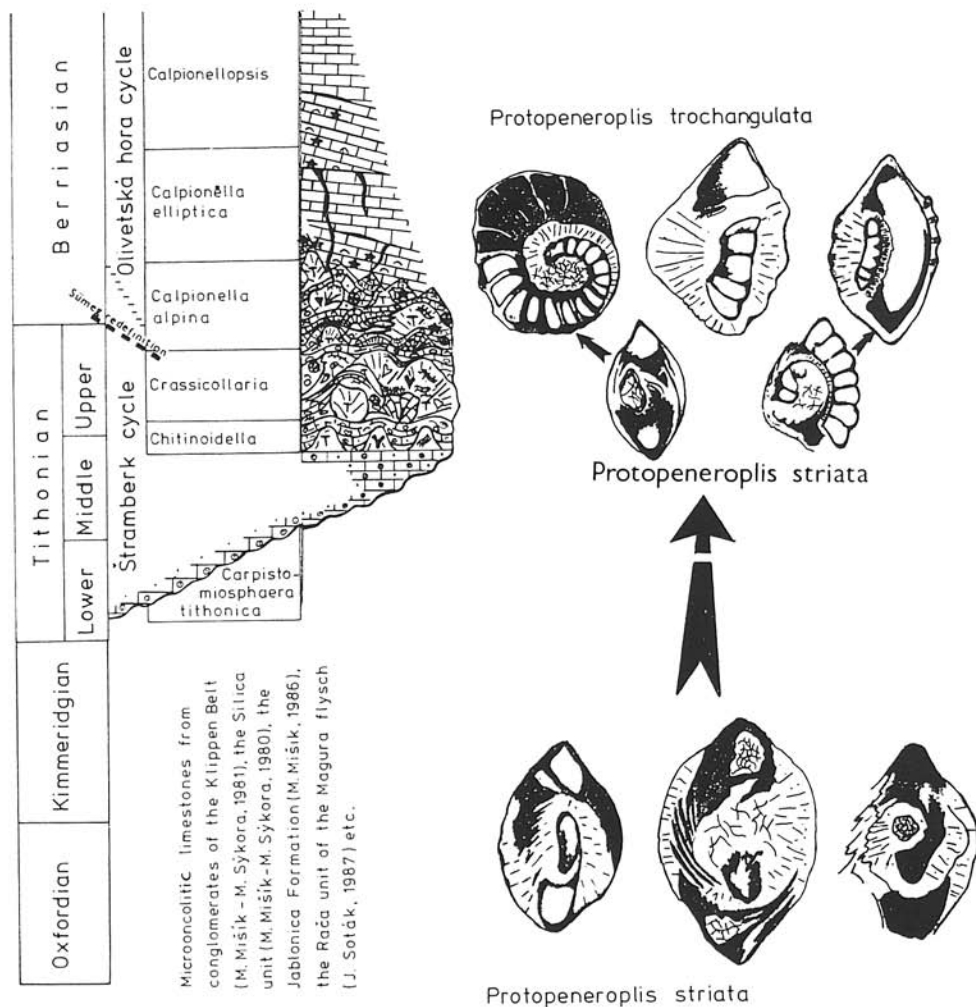


Fig. 2. Evolutionary scheme of successive species of the genus *Protopeneroplis* in Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous of the Western Carpathians. Generalized profile of the Štramberk carbonate platform with the interphase of the Štramberk reef complex and overlying Olivetská hora Formation (type of particles drawn according to the legend by Wilson, 1975).

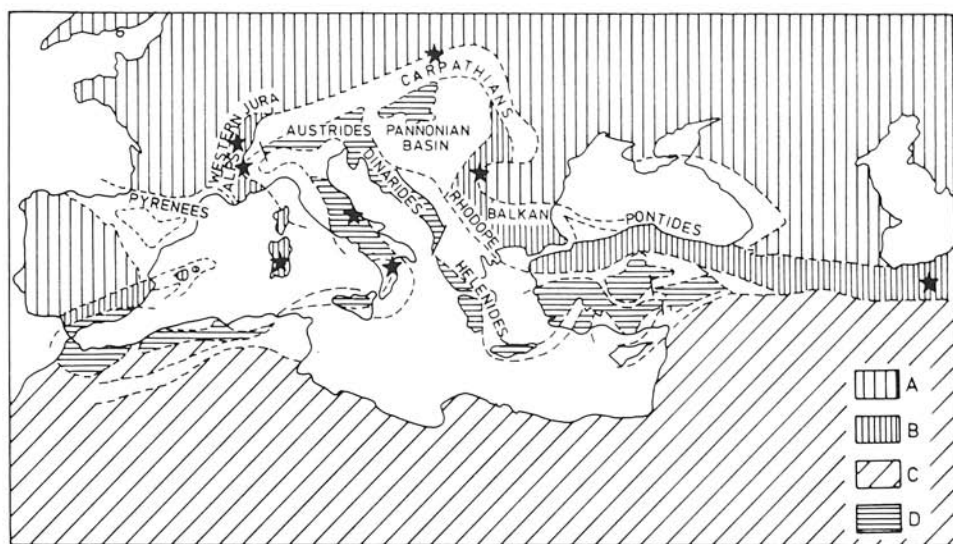


Fig. 3. Geographic distribution of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* occurrences in Tethyan domain (base map of Mediterranean Tethys adapted according to Ricou et al., 1986.)

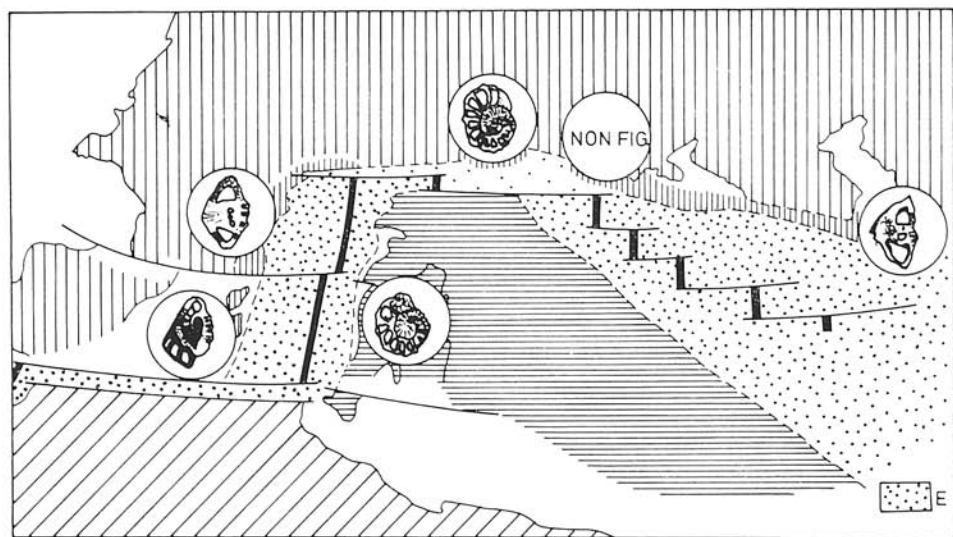


Fig. 4. Distribution of *Protopeneroplis trochangulata* in carbonate platforms of Tethyan shelves along Eurasian margins and on the Apulia microplate (distribution of continental and oceanic components of Tethyan system in Lower Cretaceous taken from Homewood, 1983).

Explanations: A. Foreland of European continent; B. Tethyan shelves of European continent; C. Foreland of African continent; D. Shelf dependences of African continent (Apulia); E. Oceanic basins.

of breccia horizons (e.g. in Helveticum — Furrer, 1950; Maync, 1938; Trümpy, 1960, 1971, etc.). The outline of the Štramberk carbonate platform development corresponds to this conception. These relations were pointed out by Eliáš—Elišová (1984) by comparison of "accumulations" of the Štramberk Limestone with Helveticum breccias and were correctly interpreted in syntheses by Leško—Varga (1980); Prey (1965, 1978); Maheľ (1981) etc.

*Other occurrences of Protopenneroplis trochangulata SEPTFONTAINE
in the Western Carpathians*

In the Western Carpathians region foraminifers of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* appeared besides the Štramberk carbonate platform in three secondary occurrences. They were found in limestone pebbles with *Triploporella? neo-comiensis* RADOIČIĆ, *Salpingoporella aff. melitae* RADOIČIĆ and *Anchispiro-cyclina lusitanica* (EGGER) in the Milovice locality (conglomerates of Zďánice unit, Outer Western Carpathians), pebbles of algal-foraminiferal limestones in the Beňatina locality (Paleogene conglomerates of the Klippen Belt in Eastern Slovakia — personal contact with M. Mišík and M. Sýkora) and pebbles of algal-foraminiferal limestones in the Merník conglomerates in Eastern Slovakia (conglomerate formation of indefinite age). All other mentioned limestone clasts are supposed to belong to Berriasian—Lower Valanginian.

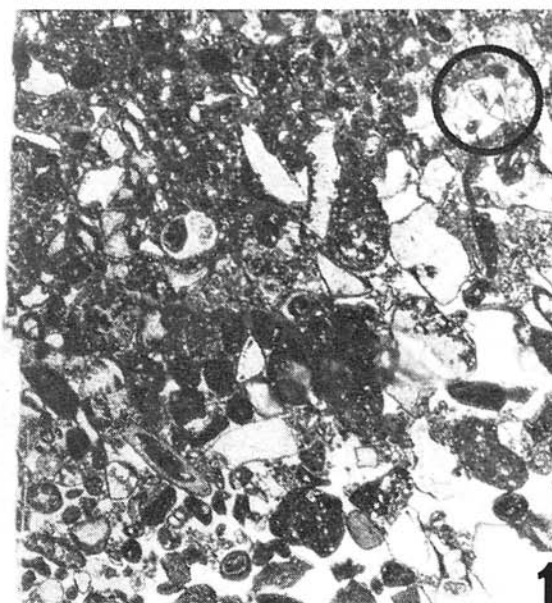
Conclusion

There was traced the change of successive species *Protopenneroplis striata* — *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* in the evolution of protopenneropliide foraminifers of the Štramberk carbonate platform. Temporal breaking of protopenneropliide phylogenetic line arose at the limit of calpionellid zones *Crassicollaria Caplionella* which is according to the meeting in Sümeg (1984) identified with the boundary Tithonian Berriasian. The development of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* assemblages falls within the biozone *Calpionella alpina* and was supported by a change of paleogeographic regime of sedimentation in the upper platform stage of the Štramberk cycle (preferential bond to basinal intraplatform niches). Stratigraphic evaluation of rich occurrences of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* in limestones of the Štramberk carbonate platform thus required the need to limit a separate acme-zone of Lower up to Middle Berriasian. The acme-zone of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* represents the first biostratigraphic unit of benthic microorganisms in shallow-water Lowermost Cretaceous of sedimentary area of the Baška cordillera which seems to be more useful for age identification of limestone clasts from the derived sequences of strata of the other Western Carpathians cordilleras.

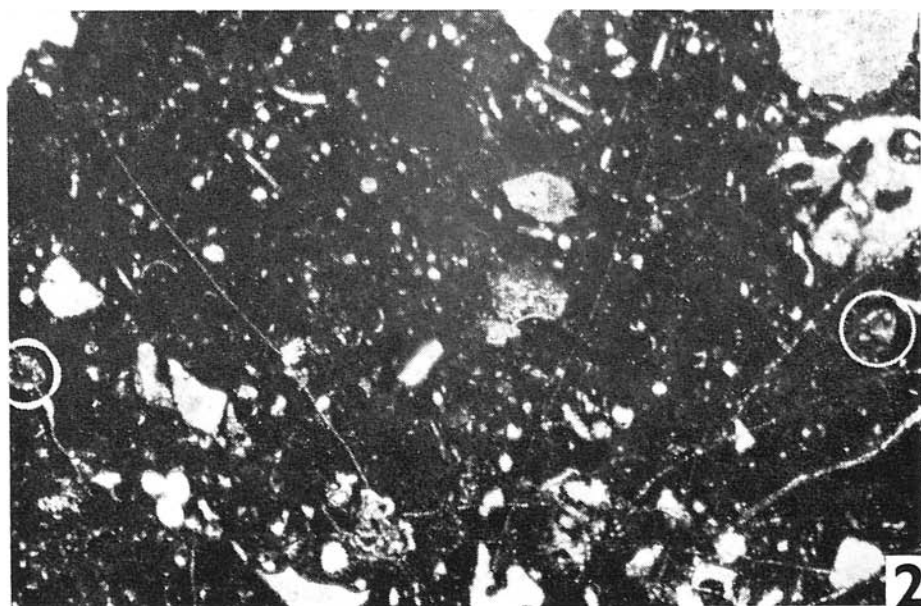
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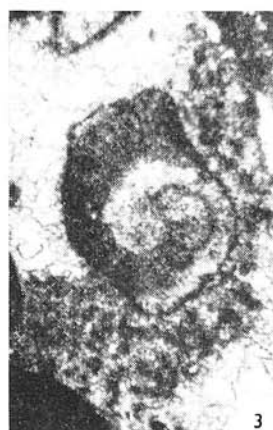
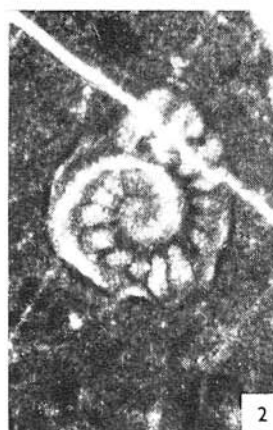


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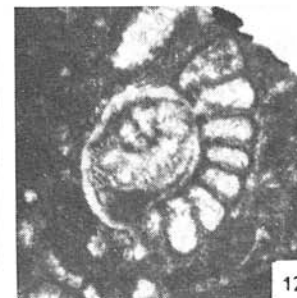
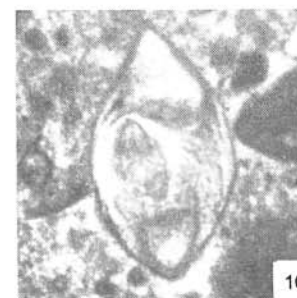
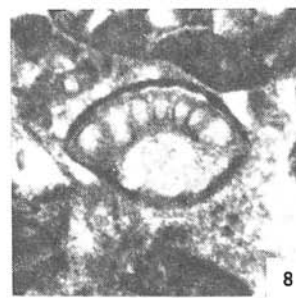
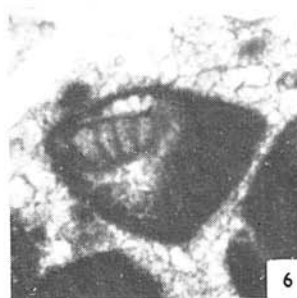
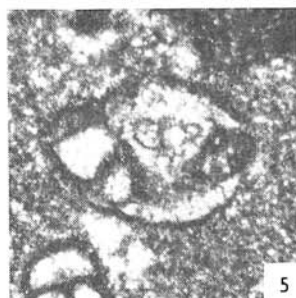
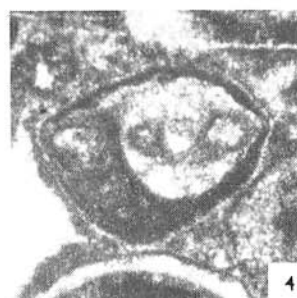
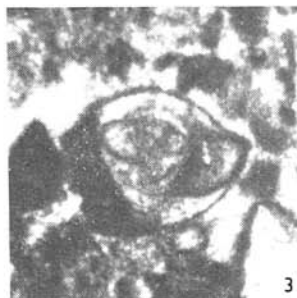
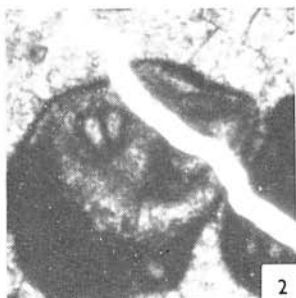
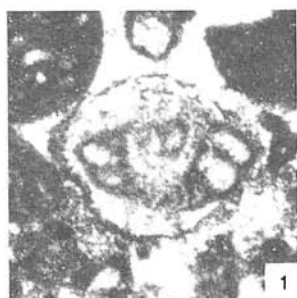


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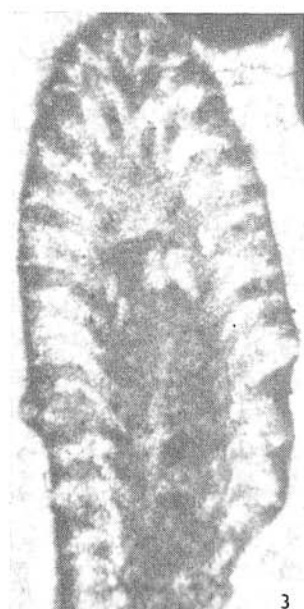
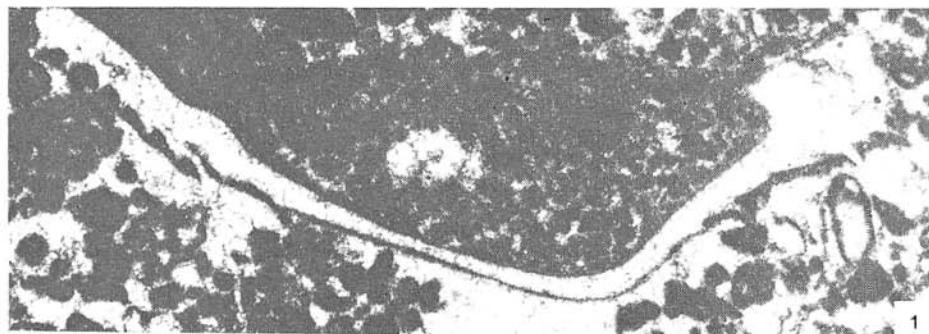


Plate 1

Fig. 1. — Packestone (washed biosparite) with *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* (tests in the middle of black circles), *Neotrocholina valdensis*, *Trocholina alpina*, microgastropods, echinoid spines, etc.; Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 145, Lower to Middle Berriasian. Magnif. 7×.

Fig. 2. — Bioclastic wackestone with *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* (tests in white circles), skeletal segments of echinoderms, hydrozoans fragments, etc.; Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 73, Lower to Middle Berriasian. Magnif. 14×. (Photo by F. Martančík)

Plate 2

Figs. 1–9 — *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE, 1974 — Štramberk carbonate platform (Outer Western Carpathians), Lower to Middle Berriasian. Magnif. 52×. Figs. 1–3 — equatorial sections; Fig. 1. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 70; Fig. 2. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 73; Fig. 3. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 140. Figs. 4–9 — subaxial sections; Fig. 4. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 145; Fig. 5. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 73; Fig. 6. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 145; Fig. 7. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 145; Fig. 8. Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O KV 1322; Fig. 9. Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O KV 722. (Photo by J. Soták)

Plate 3

Figs. 1–9 — *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* SEPTFONTAINE, 1974 — Štramberk carbonate platform (Outer Western Carpathians), Lower to Middle Berriasian. Magnif. 52×. Figs. 1–6 — subaxial sections; Fig. 1. Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O KV 907; Fig. 2. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 32; Fig. 3. Jurův kámen locality, thin sec. N_O KV 860; Fig. 4. Dolní Skála locality, thin sec. N_O SV 29; Fig. 5. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 147; Fig. 6. Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O KV 188. Figs. 7–9 — subtangential sections (ventrolaminide types); Fig. 7. Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 40; Fig. 8. Kotouč quarry, thin sec. KV 686; Fig. 9. Dolní Skála locality, thin sec. N_O SV 65. Fig. 10. — *Protopenneroplis striata* WEYNSCHENK, 1959 — Štramberk reef complex (Outer Western Carpathians), upper part of Middle Tithonian — lower part of Upper Tithonian (*Chitinoidea* zone), subaxial section; Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O KV 911. Magnif. 52×. Figs. 11–12 — *Protopenneroplis* cf. *striata* WEYNSCHENK, 1959 — Štramberk reef complex (Outer Western Carpathians), Upper Tithonian, equatorial sections; Fig. 11. Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O 832; Fig. 12. Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O KV 908b. Magnif. 52×. (Photo by J. Soták)

Plate 4

Figs. 1–7 — Microfossils accompanying of occurrences of *Protopenneroplis trochangulata* in limestones of Štramberk carbonate platform (Outer Western Carpathians), Lower to Middle Berriasian. Fig. 1. *Campbelliella striata* (CAROZZI), axial section through amphora-like whorl; Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 73. Magnif. 26×; Fig. 2. *Linoporella capriotica* (OPPENHEIM), transversal section through thallus; Dolní Skála locality, thin sec. N_O SV 56. Magnif. 35×; Fig. 3. *Salpingoporella pygmaea* (GÜMBEL), almost axial section through thallus; Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O OV 44. Magnif. 52×; Fig. 4–5. *Valvulina* aff. *lugeoni* SEPTFONTAINE, axial sections; Kotouč quarry, thin sec. N_O KV 722, N_O KV 673. Magnif. 52×; Fig. 6. *Neotrocholina valdensis* REICHEL, axial sections; Obecní lom quarry, thin sec. N_O 145. Magnif. 52×; Fig. 7. *Neotrocholina friburgensis* (GUILLAUME et REICHEL), axial section; Jurův kámen locality, thin sec. N_O KV 860. Magnif. 52×. (Figs. 1–2 photo by F. Martančík; Figs. 3–7 photo by J. Soták.)

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