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HAUTERIVIAN RADIOLARIAN ASSOCIATION FROM THE LÚČKOVSKÁ FORMATION, MANÍN UNIT (MT. BUTKOV, WESTERN CARPATHIANS)

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Abstract: The paper deals with the occurrence of a rich radiolarian microfauna in the limestones of the Lúčkovská Formation of the Manín Unit (Mt. Butkov, Strážovské vrchy Mts., Central Western Carpathians). 36 taxa of radiolarians and four new species - ? Acaeniotyle florea n. sp, Cyclastrum decorum n. sp, Orbiculiforma trispinosa n. sp. and Paronaella trifoliacea n. sp. have been identified in prospecting gallery Št-02-38 m. The associations found represent the stratigraphical range of Uppermost Valanginian - Hauterivian. Findings of tintinnids and ammonites (Vašíček & Michalík 1986; Borza et al. 1987; Michalík et al. 1990) in this formation prove Barremian age. However, the calcareous microfauna and calcareous nannoplankton found in prospecting gallery Št-02-38 m does not determine the exact age. The older age of radiolarian associations can be explained here either by intraclasts of underlying rocks (Michalík et al. 1990) or by the assignation of the part of the Lúčkovská Formation to Hauterivian in this prospecting gallery.

Key words: Western Carpathians, Hauterivian, Barremian, Radiolaria.

Introduction

Mt. Butkov is situated in the western foot of the Strážovské vrchy Mts. (Fig. 1). In 1889 a factory producing portland cement was established here (the first one in the area of present day Slovakia). Up to the present time an exploitation of the Butkov deposit for cement purposes has discovered a continuous succession of Oxfordian to Lower Albian carbonate formations which have been a subject of complex lithological - paleontological studies (Borza et al. 1987; Borza & Michalík 1987; Michalík & Vašíček 1987; Michalík et al. 1990; Rakús 1977, Vašíček et al. 1983; Vašíček & Michalík 1986; Žítt & Michalík 1988).

A detailed lithostratigraphy was worked out, on the basis of biostratigraphical research of tintinnids, stomiospheras, cadosinas and calcispherulas. The attention was mainly directed to ammonites, aptychi and belemnites (Michalík et al. 1990). The other groups of organisms - calcareous nannoplankton (Halásová & Gašparíková in Michalík et al. 1990), crinoids (Žítt in Michalík et al. 1990), sea urchins, brachiopodes, teeth of fish, etc.) have not been studied in detail yet (ibidem) (Fig. 2).

Radiolarian microfauna was gained from fbananaf radiolarites of the Czajakowa Formation (Michalfk et al. 1990). The composition of associations with species Andromeda podbielensis, Archaeospongoprunum imlayi, Emiluvia chica, Emiluvia orea, Homoeoparonanella sp., Hsuum brevicostatum, Hsuum maxwelli, Obesacapsula morroensis, Orbiculiforma sp., Pantanellium lanceola, Paronaella kotura, ?Paronaella sp., Perispyridium tamanense, Tetraditryma corralitosensis, Tetraditryma pseudoplena, Tetratrabs zealis, Thanarla sp., Triactoma blakei, Tritrabs casmaliaensis, Tritrabs hayi indicates a stratigraphical range from the upper part of the Lower Oxfordian to the Upper Oxfordian (Baumgartner 1984, 1987 - U.A.7-U.A.8).





Fig. 1. Situation map of the studied area and geological scheme of Mt. Butkov.

Radiolarians were also gained from cherts of the Kališčo Formation (Peterčáková 1990). The following genera and species have been identified in the associations: Acanthocircus dicranacanthos, Alievium helenae, Alievium sp., Archaeodictyomitra pseudoscalaris, Archaeodictyomitra rigida, Archaeodictyomitra puga, Archaeodictyomitra sp., Cecrops septemporatus, Crucella sp., Cyclastrum sp., Ditrabs sansalvadorensis, Mirifusus sp., Sethocapsa uterculus, Sphaerostylus hastatus, Thanarla conica, Thanarla sp., Triactoma echiodes, Triactoma sp., Tritrabs worzeli. They represent Cecrops septemporatus Zone of Hauterivian age (Schaaf 1984).

A section sampling in prospecting gallery Št-02 also enables biostratigraphical correlation of the Lúčkovská Formation on the basis of occurrence of radiolarian microfauna.

The Lúčkovská Formation is generally composed of bedded massive limestones with dark grey to black cherts. Radiolarians were separated from the calcareous part of the rock, the cherts did not contain a separable radiolarian microfauna. The limestones are intercalated with marls. The Lúčkovská Formation contain an abundance of fossils - belemnites, ammonites, brachiopodes, sea urchins, gastropodes, corals, crinoids, teeth of fish, placed in family *Hexacanthidae*, foraminifers and tintinnids. A research of calcareous microplankton as well as macrofauna indicates Barremian age (Michalfk 1990) (Fig. 3).



Fig. 2. Lithostratigraphical scheme of the Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous sequence exposed in the Butkov quarry.

Evaluation of radiolarian microfauna

Prospecting gallery Št-02

The limestones contain a very rich, diverse and well preserved radiolarian microfauna. The following genera and species have been identified: Acaeniotyle diaphorogona, Acaeniotyle umbilicata, Acanthocircus dicranacanthos, Acanthocircus carinatus, Acanthocircus sp. A., Acanthocircus sp. B, Alievium helenae, ?Angulobracchia crassa, Archaeodictyomitra pseudoscalaris, Archaeodictyomitra sp., Cecrops septemporatus, Crucella sp., Cyrtocapsa grutterinki, Holocryptocanium barbui, Mesosaturnalis hueyi, Mesosaturnalis aculeatus, Microsciadiocapsa monticelloensis, Mirifusus chenodes, Obesacapsula rotunda, Orbiculiforma coronata, Orbiculiforma tecta, Orbiculiforma sp. A, Orbiculiforma sp. B. Pantanellium lanceola, Parvicingula boesii, Parvicingula cf. dhimenaensis, Podobursa triacantha, Pseudodictyomitra carpatica, Pseudodictyomitra cf. lilyae, Sethocapsa leiostraca, Sethocapsa trachyostraca, Syringocapsa agolarium Thanarla conica, Triactoma echiodes, Ultranapora praespinifera, Xitus spicularius, Gen. et sp. indet. Four new species were described in these associations.

The dominant species of the associations are *C. septemporatus* and *A. dicranacanthos*. The former appears together with *A. carinatus* in the Uppermost Valanginian. On the other hand the species *A. dicranacanthos* and *O. rotunda*, according to available data finish their occurrence in Hauterivian. The composition of associations prove Uppermost Valanginian to Hauterivian age.

This fact is in contradiction to the age of the Lúčkovská Formation (Barremian), established on the basis of macrofauna and calcareous microplankton. However, intraclasts of underlying rocks with *Tintinopsella carpathica*, which evidently arose from the older strata during their erosion were found in the bedded limestones (Michalík et al. 1990). This matter of fact made for explanation of the older age of radiolarians associations (ibidem). In the upper part of the underlying Kališčo Formation, however, radiolarians were not found. In view of that fact, that the composition of calcareous microfauna and calcareous nannoplankton in the Lučkovská Formation in prospecting gallery Št-02 does not enable the clear stratigraphical assignation, we incline to the opinion, that the part of the Lúčkovská Formation in this prospecting gallery belongs to Hauterivian.

Systematical part

The chapter deals only with those specimens, whose specific assignation was problematic or which did not quite well correspond to the diagnosis of the species.

Genus Aceaniotyle Foreman 1973 Type species: Xiphosphaera umbilicata Rüst 1898.

> ?Acaeniotyle florea Ožvoldová n. sp. Pl. 5, Figs. 6 - 8

H o l o t y p e : No. 7183, 7185, Pl. 5, Figs. 7, 8. Deposited in the Slovak National Museum in Bratislava.

Type locality: Mt. Butkov, Strážovské vrchy Mts., Central Western Carpathians.

S t r a t o t y p e: Limestones of the Lúčkovská Formation, Hauterivian.

D e n o m i n a t i o n: Lat. floreus - flower: after the test, resembling the perianth.

D e s c r i p t i o n: Test is of drum-like shape, with slightly bulged top and bottom and with four massive spines, arranged in the shape of a cross. Spines are composed of three longitudinal ridges separated by deep grooves. On the periphery of the top and the bottom sides there are protruding 10 - 12 subspherical nodes with coarse meshwork arranged like a garland. In the inner part the nodes are smaller and their arrangement is indistinct. Between nodes there is fine meshwork. Pores on the lateral side of the test are of medium to large size.

Measurements:	holotype	min.	max.
Diameter of the top and			
the bottom of the test	0.156	0.135	0.158
Max. thickness of the test	0.136	0.131	0.140
Length of spines	0.125	0.093	0.125
Diameter of nodes	0.025	0.021	0.025

Genus Acanthocircus Squinabol 1903; sensu Donofrio et Mostler 1978

Type species: Acanthocircus irregularis Squinabol 1903

Acanthocircus sp. A Pl. 1, Fig. 4

1981 Acanthocircus sp. - A. Schaaf, p. 531, Pl. 7, Fig. 7

D e s c r i p t i o n: Elliptical ring with one flat spine of oval shape on each pole.

R e m a r k: Our specimens resemble speciman *Acanthocircus* sp. in Schaaf (1984, p. 431, Pl. 7, Fig. 7) which occurs in Lower Cretaceous associations in Middle Pacific (DSDP, leg. 62).

Acanthocircus sp. B Pl. 1, Fig. 3

D e s c r i p t i o n: Eliptical ring, with a small flat unsplitted spine on one pole, and a flat spine with a moderately lobate splitted on the other.

R e m a r k: The forms have a transitional signs between the species *Acanthocircus trizonalis* (Rüst) and *Acanthocircus dicranacanthos* (Squinabol).

Genus Angulobracchia Baumgartner 1980 Type species: Paronaella(?) purisimaensis Pessagno 1977

?Angulobracchia crassa (Ožvoldová 1979) nov. comb. emend. Pl. 2, Figs. 3, 4

1979 Dictyastrum crassum n. sp. - L. Ožvoldová, p. 10, Pl. 2, Figs. 1, 3

R e m a r k: The assignation to the species *Angulobracchia* is controversial because of raised central area and lacking tubular extensions at the end of the rays. On some specimens we can notice four small lateral spines on the expanded part of rays.

Genus Crucella Pessagno 1971; emend. Baumgartner 1980 Type species: Crucella messinae Pessagno 1971

Crucella sp. Pl. 2, Fig. 9

R e m a r k: The specimens resemble the species *?Haliodictya hojnosi* Riedel et Sanfilippo. They differ from the holotype in the spongy meshwork of the test and in irregularly rectangular shape of the test.

Genus Cyclastrum Rüst 1898 Type species: Cyclastrum infundibuliforme Rüst 1898

> Cyclastrum decorum Peterčáková n. sp. Pl. 5, Fig. 9

H o l o t y p e: No. 7479, Pl. 5, Fig. 9. Deposited in the Slovak National Museum in Bratislava.

Typelocality: Mt.Butkov, Strážovské vrchy Mts., Central Western Carpathians.

S t r a t o t y p e: limestones, Lúčkovská Formation, Hauterivian.

D e n o m i n a t i o n: Lat. decorus - decorative.

D e s c r i p t i o n: Three rayed test with small central area, consists of concentrically arranged fine porous meshwork. Rays are narrow in the proximal part. Towards the end they become wider, and wedge-shaped. At the ray tips there are one central and two lateral spines. The spines are short and thick. Meshwork of the rays consists of one longitudinal prominent row of large tetragonal pore frames, which has on both sides 1 - 2 rows of smaller pore frames, as well with linear arrangement. Rays are connected in their middle part by a round garland with spongy meshwork.

holotype	min.	max.
0.150	0.144	0.170
0.025	0.018	0.032
0.043	0.030	0.052
0.024	0.016	0.030
0.075	0.054	0.096
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Genus Orbiculiforma Pessagno 1973 Type species: Orbiculiforma quadrata Pessagno 1973

Orbiculiforma trispinosa Peterčáková n. sp. Pl. 5, Fig. 10

H o l o t y p e: No. 7445, Pl. 5, Fig. 10. Deposited in the Slovak National Museum in Bratislava.

Type locality: Mt.Butkov, Strážovské vrchy Mts., Central Western Carpathians.

S t r a t o t y p e: Limestones, Lúčkovská Formation, Hauterivian.

D e n o m i n a t i o n: Lat. trispinosus - threerayed.

D e s c r i p t i o n: The test is of oval shape with narrow raised margin and extensive central depression. Three short regularly arranged spines protrude on the periphery of the test. Meshwork of the test consists of tetragonal to polygonal pore frames.

Measurements:	holotype	min.	max.
Diameter of the test			
in the widest part	0.247	0.241	0.260
Width of the rim	0.042	0.040	0.044
Length of spines	0.036	0.031	0.040

Orbiculiforma sp. A Pl. 2, Figs. 6, 8

Description: Discoidal test is of wide-oval shape. A central cavity is wide, a raised margin around the cavity has a sharp contour, and towards to a circumference is flat lowerd. It occupies about 1/8 of the test diameter only.

Orbiculiforma sp. B Pl.3, Fig. 1

D e s c r i p t i o n: Discoidal test is of wide-oval shape. A central cavity is wide, a raised margin around the cavity makes up about 1/8 of the test diameter only. The short, thin regularly arranged spines run on the circumference of the test. Meshwork of the raised margin consists of tetragonal to polygonal pore frames. Meshwork of the central cavity has an indistinct structure.

Genus Paronaella Pessagno 1971; emend. Baugartner 1980 Type species: Paronaella solanoensis Pessagno 1971

Paronaella trifoliacea Ožvoldová n. sp. Pl. 5, Figs. 1 - 5

H o l o t y p e: No. 6467, 6468, Pl. 5, Figs. 1 - 5. Deposited in the Slovak National Museum in Bratislava.

Type locality: Mt.Butkov, Strážovské vrchy Mts., Central Western Carpathians.

S t r a t o t y p e: Limestones, Lúčkovská Formation, Hauterivian.

D e n o m i n a t i o n: Lat. trifoliaceus - trefoil-like shape; course meshwork of trefoil shape in the central area.

D e s c r i p t i o n: The test is formed by three rays with slightly rised central area. The rays are short, in the proximal part broad, at the ending they become gradually narrower. The cross section of the rays is elliptical. On the lateral side of the rays and on their top there are short thin spines. The meshwork of the rays is irregular, with coarser pores, and with indication of sublinear arrangement in the distal part. Central area is large, in the periphery with raised coarse, porous margin, perpendicular to the rays. The inner part of central area has a fine meshwork. In the centre there is a coarse porous protuberance of trefoil-shape.

Measurements:		holotype	min.	max.
Length of rays A	AX	broken	0.156	0.186
	BX 0.165			
(CX 0.156			
Width of the wi	dest			
part of rays	0.071	0.071	0.106	
Diameter of central area		0.095	0.095	0.150

Genus Parvicingula Pessagno 1977 Type species: Parvicingula santabarbaraensis Pessagno 1977 Parvicingula cf. dhimenaensis Baumgartner 1984 Pl. 4, Fig. 2

1984 Parvicingula dhimenaensis Baumgartner n. sp. - P.O. Baumgart ner, p. 778, Pl. 7, Figs. 2 - 4

R e m a r k: Our specimens correspond with the diagnosis of the species *Parvicingula dhimenaensis* with the exception of the test shape, which is wide-conical and lacking of the tubular extension behind the last segment.

Genus Pseudodictyomitra Pessago 1977 Type species: Pseudodictyomitra pentacolaensis Pessagno 1977

> Pseudodictyomitra cf. lilyae (Tan Sin Hok 1927) Pl. 4, Fig. 3

1927 Dictyomitra lilyae sp. n. - Tan Sin Hok, p. 55, Pl. 10, Fig. 83
1981 Pseudodictyomitra lilyae (Tan Sin Hok) - A. Schaaf, p. 437, Pl. 3, Fig. 8, Pl. 18, Figs. 5a,b

R e m a r k: The first 3 - 4 postabdominal segments of our specimens have not noticeably raised longitudinal tubercules.

Gen. et. sp. indet. Pl. 2, Fig. 10

D e s c r i p t i o n: Triangular spongy test with an indication of spines on the apexes.

Conclusion

The study of radiolarian microfauna in the Lúčkovská Formation is the part of the complex research of this formation within the biostratigraphical research of the Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous formations in the Manín unit Mt. Butkov section (Michalík et al. 1990).

Thirty six taxa were identified and four new species were described from associations in prospecting gallery \$t-02-38m. The evaluation of the associations prove Uppermost Valanginian - Hauterivian age.

The Lúčkovská Formation can be assigned to Barremian according to the evaluation of macrofauna and calcareous microfauna. However, the composition of the calcareous microfauna and calcareous nannoplankton in this formation in prospecting gallery Št-02 - 38 m does not enable the clear stratigraphical assignation.

The older age of radiolarian associations can be explained here either by intraclasts of underlying rocks (Michalík et al. 1990), or it necessary to accept that the part of Lúčkovská Formation still belongs to Hauterivian in this prospecting gallery.

Fig. 3. Occurrences of the microfossils in the gallery $\tilde{S}t$ -02 (Butkov quarry).



Plate 1: Fig. 1 - Acanthocircus dicranacanthos (Squinabol), 7519, 100 x magn.; Fig. 2 - Acanthocircus dicranacanthos (Squinabol), 4908, 110 x magn.; Fig. 3 - Acanthocircus sp. B - 7526, 110 x magn.; Fig. 4 -Acanthocircus sp. A - 6456, 110 x magn.; Fig. 5 - Acanthocircus carinatus Foreman - 7534, 110 x magn.; Fig. 6 - Mesosaturnalis hueyi (Pessagno) - 4899, 100 x magn.; Fig. 7 - Pantanellium lanceola (Parona) - 7541, 150 x magn.; Fig. 8 - Acaeniotyle umbilicata (Rüst) -7450, 120 x magn.; Fig. 9 - Mesosaturnalis aculeatus (Rüst) - 6470, 100 x magn.; Fig. 10 - Acaeniotyle umbilicata (Rüst) - 8458, 170 x magn.; Fig. 11 - Acanthocircus dicranacanthos (Squinabol) - 6457, 110 x magn.; Fig. 12 - Pantanellium lanceola (Parona) - 8435, 210 x magn.; Fig. 13 - Acaeniotyle diaphorogona Foreman - 8433, 145 x magn.; Fig. 14 - Triactoma echiõdes Foreman - 7543, 200 x magn.; Fig. 15 - Cecrops septemporatus (Parona) - 4894, 200 x magn.; Fig. 16 - Acaeniotyle diaphorogona Foreman - 7483, 180 x magn. (See page 319)

Plate 2: Fig. 1 - Triactoma echiodes Foreman - 7523, 200 x magn.; Fig. 2 - Alievium helenae Schaaf - 8450, 130 x magn.; Fig. 3 - ?Angulobracchia crassa (Ožvoldová) - 8448, 130 x magn.; Fig. 4 - ?Angulobracchia crassa (Ožvoldová) - lateral view of Fig. 3, 180 x magn.; Fig. 5 - Triactoma echiodes Foreman - 7536, 135 x magn.; Fig. 6 - Orbiculiforma sp. A - 6461, 125 x magn.; Fig. 7 - Alievium helenae Schaaf - 8451, 125 x magn.; Fig. 8 - Orbiculiforma sp. A - lateral view of Fig.6 - 8036, 200 x magn.; Fig. 9 - Crucella sp. - 7516, 190 x magn.; Fig. 10 - Gen. et sp. indet. - 7515, 140 x magn.; Fig. 11 - Orbiculiforma tecta Tumanda lateral view of Fig. 12, 7538, 175 x magn.; Fig. 12- Orbiculiforma tecta Tumanda - 7532, 160 x magn.; Fig. 13 - Orbiculiforma coronata Tumanda - 7208, 125 x magn., (See page 320)

Plate 3: Fig. 1 - Orbiculiforma sp. B - 7478, 120 x magn.; Fig. 2 -Podobursa triacantha (Fischli) - 6466, 150 x magn.; Fig. 3 - Mirifusus chenodes (Renz) - 7546, 135 x magn.; Fig. 4 - Syringocapsa agolarium Foreman - 8463, 200 x magn.; Fig. 5 - Ultranapora praespinifera Pessagno - 8455, 190 x magn.; Fig. 6 - Holocryptocanium barbui Dumitrica - 7451, 100 x magn.; Fig. 7 - Holocryptocanium barbui Dumitrica - 4895, 280 x magn.; Fig. 8 - Sethocapsa leiostraca Foreman - 4910, 140 x magn.; Fig. 9 - Sethocapsa trachyostraca Foreman - 4898, 140 x magn.; Fig. 10 - Microsciadiocapsa monticelloensis Pessagno - 7473, 190 x magn.; Fig. 11 - Cyrtocapsa grutterinki Tan Sin Hok - 6465, 230 x magn.; Fig. 12 - Parvicingula boesii (Parona) - 8019, 230 x magn.; Fig. 13 -Cyrtocapsa grutterinki Tan Sin Hok - oral part of Fig. 11, 7551, 260 x magn. (See page 321)

Plate 4: Fig. 1 - Archaeodictyomitra pseudoscalaris (Tan Sin Hok) -6471, 225 x magn.; Fig. 2 - Parvicingula cf. dhimenaensis Baumgartner -8454, 140 x magn.; Fig. 3 - Pseudodictyomitra cf. lilyae (Tan Sin Hok) - 8428, 230 x magn.; Fig. 4 - Xitus spicularius (Aliev) - 8028, 230 x magn.; Fig. 5 - Archaeodictyomitra sp. -8459, 250 x magn.; Fig. 6 - Xitus spicularius (Aliev) - 7537, 205 x magn.; Fig. 7 - Archaeodictyomitra pseudoscalaris (Tan Sin Hok) - 4901, 230 x magn.; Fig. 8 - Thanarla conica (Aliev) - 6447, 285 x magn.; Fig. 9 - Obesacapsula rotunda (Hinde) - 8460, 170 x magn.; Fig. 10 - Thanarla conica (Aliev) - 6447, 285 x magn.; Fig. 11 - Podobursa triacantha (Fischli) - 8452, 180 x magn.; Fig. 12 - Sethocapsa trachyostraca (Foreman) - 7455, 160 x magn.; Fig. 13 - Pseudodictyomitra carpatica Lozynjak - 8429, 170 x magn. (See page 322)

Plate 5: Fig. 1 - Paronaella trifoliacea Ožvoldová n. sp.- holotype 6467, 210 x magn.; Fig. 2 - Paronaella trifoliacea Ožvoldová n. sp.- paratype 4914, 150 x magn.; Fig. 3 - Paronaella trifoliacea Ožvoldová n. sp.paratype 7199,130 x magn.; Fig. 4 - Paronaella trifoliacea Ožvoldová n. sp.- lateral view of Fig. 3, 7198, 170 x magn.; Fig. 5 - Paronaella trifoliacea Ožvoldová n. sp.- central area of Fig. 1, 6468, 400 x magn.; Fig. 6 - ?Acaeniotyle florea Ožvoldová n. sp.- paratype, 7178, 140 x magn.; Fig. 7 - ?Acaeniotyle florea Ožvoldová n. sp.- holotype, 7183, 160 x magn.; Fig. 8 - ?Acaeniotyle florea Ožvoldová n. sp. holotype, 7183, 160 x magn.; Fig. 7 - ?Acaeniotyle florea Ožvoldová n. sp. holotype, 7183, 160 x magn.; Fig. 8 - ?Acaeniotyle florea Ožvoldová n. sp. holotype, 7183, 160 x magn.; Fig. 8 - ?Acaeniotyle florea Ožvoldová n. sp. holotype, 7183, 160 x magn.; Fig. 9 - Cyclastrum decorum Peterčáková n. sp.- holotype, 7479, 160 x magn.; Fig. 10 - Orbiculiforma decora Peterčáková n. sp.- holotype, 7445, 190 x magn. (See page 323)











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