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Electron Microscopic Investigation of Calcareous Nannoflora from Neogene Pelites in Slovakia

After mentioning the history of investigation and importance of calcareous nannoflora the lecture dealt with the biostratigraphy of Neogene sediments in the western part of Slovakia.

The age of calcareous nannoflora pelites studied from the localities Vel'ká Čausa, Pôtor, Bajtava, Salka, Semerovce, Lontov, Devínska Nová Ves and Pavlová was determined on the basis of planktonic foraminifers in the most cases; it has become known more completely and precisely with investigation by aid of electron microscopy.

In the last years great stratigraphic importance has been ascribed to calcareous nannoplankton in zonation and interregional correlation.

The earliest sediments concerned in the study under consideration are of Eggenburgian age from the locality Vel'ká Čausa (borehole ČČ-3). From calcareous nannoflora the following are most abundantly represented:

Coccolithus eopelagicus
Coccolithus sp. 1
Coccolithus sp. 2
Microrhabdulus cf. decoratus
Reticulofenestra umbilica
Reticulofenestra ovalis
Reticulofenestra cf. danica
Zygodiscus diplogrammus

The pelitic sediments from the Modrý Kameň area, locality Pôtor (borehole M-2) belong to the Carpathian. The calcareous nannoflora consisted of the following species:

Coccolithus pelagicus Discoaster sp. 1 Ericsonia ovalis Helicosphaera carteri Reticulofenestra sp. 1 etc.

The most part of the studied material is Badenian (Tortonian s. l.) in age, from the localities Salka, Bajtava, Lontov and Semerovce, with very rich associations of nannoflora. The main component was formed by heliolithic forms; discoasterids as well as rhabdoliths were found sporadically only.

Most abundantly were represented: Coccolithus cf. celticus Coccolithus eopelagicus Coccolithus floridanus Coccolithus cf. minutulus Coccolithus cf. muiri Coccolithus parvulus Coccolithus ex gr. pelagicus Coccolithus sp. Cribrosphaerella? sp. Cruciplacolithus devinensis Cyclococcolithus cf. formosus Cyclococcolithus leptoporus Cyclococcolithus reticulatus Cvclococcolithus rotulus Cyclococcolithus sp. Discoaster challengeri Discolithina macropora Discolithina multipora Discolithina phaseola Discolithina sp. Ericsonia occidentalis Ericsonia ovalis Helicopontosphaera carteri Lithostromation perdurum Microrhabdulus sp. Microrhabdulus sp. 1 Reticulofenestra dictyoda Reticulofenestra sp. Reticulofenestra sp. 3 Rhabdosphaera claviger Rhabdosphaera sp. Scapholithus fossilis Syracosphaera sp. Syracosphaera sp. 1 nov. spec. ? Umbilicosphaera cf. mirabilis

The latest sediments in the Neogene of the Paratethys, thus also in our country, in which calcareous nannoflora is represented, are Upper Miocene, Sarmatian, in age. So far we have obtained coccoliths only from its lowermost horizon, the horizon with large *elphidia*. Among the forms found in the Sarmatian the following were of greatest importance:

Braarudosphaera bigelovi Discoaster sp. Reticulofenestra sp. Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica Discolithina macropora

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