

## BADENIAN RADIOLARIA FROM THE KRAKÓW AREA (SOUTH POLAND)

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**Abstract:** Thirty four Upper Badenian radiolarian species from the Kraków area have been analysed. Seventeen species are illustrated. This assemblage represents the *Dorcadospyris alata* radiolarian Zone. The comparision of Badenian Radiolaria assemblage from the Kraków area with the contemporaneous ones from Gliwice area and eastern part of the Carpathian Foredeep shows some dissimilitarity between them. The assemblages from the western part of the Carpathian Foredeep include some warm water species, while assemblages from the central and eastern parts include predominantly cold water species.

The comparision of Miocene radiolarian assemblages from Polish part of the Carpathian Feredeep with the contemporaneous ones from Romanian part of the Carpathian Foredeep, Italy (Apennine Foredeep) and South California (intermountain depression) is also presented.

**Abstrakt:** Z górnego badenu okolic Krakowa opisano zespół promienic (Radiolaria) złożony z 34 gatunków, 17 spośród nich zilustrowano. Zespół ten został włączony do zony radiolariowej *Dorcadospyris alata*. Porównanie zespołu badeńskich promienic z okolic Krakowa z równowiekowym zespołem z okolic Gliwic oraz z zespołami ze wschodniej części zapadliska przedkarpackiego wykazało istnienie pewnych różnic między nimi. Zespoły z zachodniej części zapadliska przedkarpackiego zawierają kilka gatunków ciepłolubnych promienic, natomiast zespoły z części wschodniej zawierają gatunki typowe dla klimatu chłodnego.

Porównano także mioceńskie zespoły promienic z polskiej części Paratetydy z zespołami z Rumunii, Włoch i USA.

**Key words:** Paratethys, Carpathian Foredeep, Kraków area, Badenian, Radiolaria, stratigraphy, taxonomy.

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### INTRODUCTION

The Carpathian Foredeep is a long, narrow region situated in the north and east-north of Carpathians. The trough was filled with Miocene deposits of the Paratethys ocean. The most important are the Badenian deposits. They consist of gray clays so-called subgypsum clays, gypsum and anhydrite layer and supragypsum gray clays with tuffite intercalations and sandstones.

Radiolaria occurrence in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Polish part of the Carpathian Foredeep has been known for a long time (Łuczkowska, 1953). Rich radiolarian fauna in study occurs within clayey deposits (about 20–30m thick) located about 10 to 20m above the evaporites. It occurs within the foraminiferal zone IIIA (Alexandrowicz, 1961, 1963). These radiolarian-bearing deposits belong to the *Velapertina indigena* planktonic foraminifera Zone distinguished by Łuczkowska (1971) (Table 1). In the Upper Badenian deposits of the whole Paratethys they form characteristic “radiolarian horizon”. The Badenian Radiolaria from the Polish part of the Paratethys have been a sub-

ject of several taxonomical investigations. The research was carried in the areas of Gliwice, Lędziny, Posadza, Kraków, Wieliczka, Bochnia and several other places between Tarnów and Przemyśl (Barwicz-Piskorz, 1978, 1981, 1997; Smoleń, 1980).

In this paper, the abundant radiolarian fauna from five shallow boreholes and wells from the suburbs of Kraków have been analized (Fig. 1.).

### GEOLOGICAL SETTING

In boreholes gray marly clays with sandy intercalations and tufits have been drilled. They are considered to be a part of Chodenice beds. The Chodenice beds in their lower part include abundant radiolarian faunas, which are present only in clay layers. Scarcity of microfauna in Bronowice (BR) and Tonie (TN) profiles is undoubtedly the effect of destruction. Nineteen samples with Radiolaria were taken from the following boreholes: Bronowice, Ojców Street 100 (O-100); Pasternik, Tetmajer Street (OW); Kobierzyń (KB);

Table 1

Stratigraphy of the Badenian deposits in the Polish part of the Paratethys

Stratigraphical units			Lithostratigraphical units		Foraminiferal zones (after Łuczkowska, 1971)		
Miocene	Badenian	Kossovian	Grabowiec beds	IIIB	<i>Hanzavaia crassiseptata</i>	<i>Velapertina indigena</i>	
			Chodenica beds	IIIA	<i>Neobulimina longa</i>		
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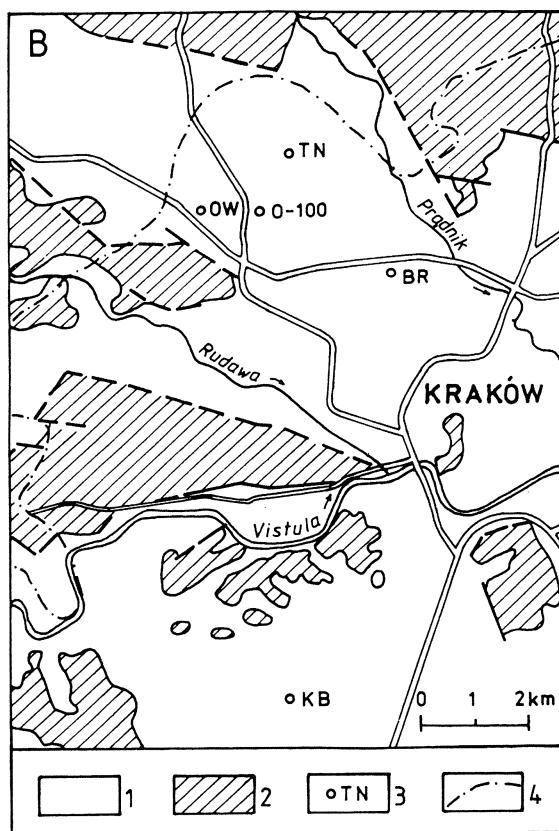
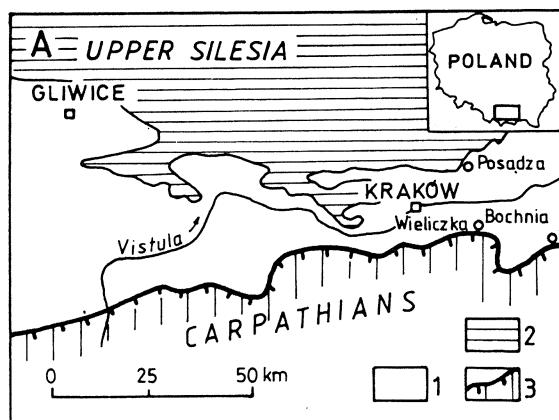


Fig. 1. A. Location of places with radiolarian-bearing Upper Badenian deposits in western part of the Carpathian Foredeep. 1 – Miocene deposits, 2 – pre-Miocene deposits, 3 – Carpathian flysch; B. Location of studied profiles. 1 – Miocene deposits, 2 – Mesozoic deposits, 3 – Boreholes investigated: O-100 – Bronowice, Ojców Street; OW – Pasternik, Tętnajer Street; BR – Bronowice, Rydel Street; TN – Tonie; KB – Kobierzyn, 4 – Town boundary

Bronowice, Rydel Street (BR) and Tonie (TN).

Occurrences of Radiolaria in samples investigated is presented on Tables 2 and 3.

## RADIOLARIAN ASSEMBLAGE

Thirty four radiolarian species have been recognised in nineteen samples taken from the Upper Badenian deposits from the Kraków area (Tables 2, 3). The assemblage is dominated by spumellarians which show the greatest diversity. The order Spumellaria is represented by twenty five species belonging to fifteen genera as: *Cenosphaera*, *Melitosphaera*, ?*Halio-metta*, *Caryosphaera*, *Didymocyrtis*, *Cyphonium*, *Prunopyle*, *Euchitonnia*, *Hymeniastrum*, *Rhopalastrum*, *Porodiscus*, *Spongodiscus*, *Tetrapyle*, ?*Lithelius*, *Cenodiscus* and to four families: Actinommidae, Coccodiscidae, Spongodiscidae and Lithelidae. Order Nassellaria includes nine species belonging to one family Theoperidae and to four genera as: *Cyrtocapsella*, *Eucyrtidium*, *Stichocorys*, ?*Theocorys*.

## CHARACTERISTIC OF THE UPPER BADENIAN RADIOLARIAN ASSEMBLAGE IN THE POLISH PART OF THE PARATETHYS

The Upper Badenian Radiolaria from the Kraków area is distinguishable among the others of the same age described previously, from localities in the Polish part of the Capathian Foredeep mentioned above. It shows some features distinguishing it from the Upper Silesian assemblage (Barwickz-Piskorz, 1997). It is also different, although in less importance, from Bochnia assemblage (Barwickz-Piskorz, 1978). The radiolarian assemblage from Kraków area is similar to the assemblage from Posadza (Smoleń, 1980).

Discussed microfauna is characterised by:

- numerous occurrence of articinids (*Didymocyrtis laticonus*, *D. cf. mammifera*, *Cyphonium virgineum*, *Prunopyle hayesi*), litheliids (?*Lithelius minor*) and spongodiscids (*Spongodiscus* div. sp.) like in Posadza region;
- quite numerous occurrence of species belonging to family Euchitonidae like in vicinity of Bochnia town (in Upper Silesia they are rare);
- smaller frequency of Nassellaria than in the Upper Silesia region;
- lack of pylonids, which are abundant in the Upper

Table 2

Occurrence and frequency of the Badenian Radiolaria in borehole O-100

Radiolaria	Borehole O-100							
	samples, depth (m)							
	9.0	10.0	12.0	16.5	20.0	21.0	23.0	32.0
<i>Caryosphaera sphaerica</i>	++	+						
<i>Cenosphaera coronata</i>	+	+	+	+			++	
<i>Cenosphaera eridami</i>	+	+					+	
<i>Cenosphaera</i> sp.	+							+
<i>Cyphonium virgineum</i>	+	+++	+++					
<i>Dictyastrum trirhopalum</i>							+	
<i>Didymocyrtis laticonus</i>	++	+++	+++			+		
<i>Didymocyrtis</i> cf. <i>mammifera</i>		++	++					
<i>Euchitonita furcata</i>	+	+	+	+			+++	
? <i>Haliometta miocenica</i>							+	
<i>Hymenialstrum euclidis</i>							++	
? <i>Lithelius minor</i>	+++	+++	+++					
<i>Melitosphaera minima</i>	++	+		++			+++	
<i>Melitosphaera</i> sp.			+	+				+
<i>Porodiscus concentricus</i>				+				
<i>Prunopyle hayesi</i>	+	+	+					
<i>Rhopalastrum irvinense</i>							++	
<i>Rhopalastrum malagense</i>							+	
<i>Spongodiscus enodatus</i>			+	+		+		+
<i>Spongodiscus gigas</i>				+				
<i>Tetrapyle</i> sp.		+		+				
<i>Cyrtocapsella tetrapera</i>		++	+				++	+
<i>Cyrtocapsella cornuta</i>		+++	++					
<i>Cyrtocapsella cylindroides</i>		+	+					
<i>Cyrtocapsella japonica</i>		+	+					
<i>Eucyrtidium cienkowskii</i>			+			+		
<i>Eucyrtidium calvertense</i>		+	+	+				
<i>Stichocorys coronata</i>		+					+	
<i>Stichocorys delmontensis</i>		+	+				+	
? <i>Theocorys</i> sp.			+				+	

Numbers of specimens: + 1–4; ++ 4–100 specimens; +++ more than 100 specimens.

## Silesia region;

- lack of actinomids with many concentrically arranged shells and spines, which are common in Bochnia region;
- lack of species *Lithopera renzae* Sanfilippo & Riedel, which is rather common in the Upper Silesia and Bochnia regions.

The radiolarian-bearing Upper Badenian deposits and underlying evaporites horizon in Kraków region are covered directly by the Quaternary sediments. They form here an elevated area, named Kraków bold, which devidec Pa-

ratethys into easter and western parts. It may have influenced the differentiation of radiolarians in both parts of the Carpathian Foredeep.

The occurrence of radiolarian-bearing deposits close the Quaternary sediments in discussed area is the reason of destruction of the weak and fragile skeletons. Scanning microphotographs show different stages of tests preservation i.e. *Didymocyrtis laticonus*, ?*Lithelius minor*, *Caryosphaera sphaerica* and *Melitosphaera minima* (Figs 2B, C, E-G, J-L, 3A, B).

**Table 3**

Occurrence and frequency of the Badenian Radiolaria in boreholes Pasternik (OW), Kobierzyn (KB), Bronowice (BR) and Tonie (TN)

Boreholes	OW				KB				BR		TN
Radiolaria	samples, depth (m)				samples, depth (m)				nr		nr
	11.0	21.0	30.0	38.0	10.0	12.0	20.0	23.0	609	610	
<i>Caryosphaera sphaerica</i>	++		++	++		++				+	++
<i>Cenodiscus rotula</i>		++			++	+	+++	+++			
<i>Cenosphaera coronata</i>	+		+						+		
<i>Cenosphaera eridami</i>	++	+									
<i>Cenosphaera</i> sp.							+	+	+	+	++
<i>Cyphonium virgineum</i>	+	++	++	++	++	+			++	+	
<i>Dictyastrum trirhopalum</i>					+	++	+	+		+	+
<i>Dictyocoryne triangularis</i>					+	+					+
<i>Didymocyrtis laticonus</i>		+++	+++	+++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
? <i>Didymocyrtis mammifera</i>		++	++	++							
<i>Euchitonita furcata</i>	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	++		++	
? <i>Haliometta miocenica</i>	+										
<i>Hymenastrum euclidis</i>	+				+	++	+	+			+
? <i>Lithelius minor</i>	+	+++	++	++	+++						
<i>Melitosphaera minima</i>	++	+	++	+						++	++
<i>Melitosphaera</i> sp.			+	+			+	+			+
<i>Porodiscus concentricus</i>	+		+	+							
<i>Prunopyle hayesi</i>	+	++	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Rhopalastrum irvineae</i>			+	+	+			+			
<i>Rhopalastrum malagaense</i>		+	+	+			+	+			
<i>Spongodiscus bulla</i>	+									+	
<i>Spongodiscus charybdaeus</i>											+
<i>Spongodiscus enodatus</i>	++	++	++	++	++	++			+	++	
<i>Spongodiscus gigas</i>	++	+	++	++	++	+	+	++	+		
<i>Cyrtocapsella cornuta</i>			+	+							
<i>Cyrtocapsella tetrapera</i>			+	+							
<i>Eucyrtidium calvertense</i>	+		+			++	+	+			
<i>Eucyrtidium cienkowskii</i>			+	+							+
<i>Stichocorys delmontensis</i>	++	+	+	+				+	+		

Numbers of specimens: + 1–4; ++ 4–100 specimens; +++ more than 100 specimens.

## SYSTEMATIC PALEONTOLOGY

The taxonomy follows classification as proposed by Riedel (1971) from Pacific with some modifications after Petrushevskaya & Kozlova (1972) from Atlantic. In some cases the classification after Haeckel (1887) is adopted.

Subclass RADIOLARIA Müller, 1858  
 Superorder POLYCYSTINA Ehrenberg, 1838;  
     emend. Riedel, 1967  
 Order SPUMELLARIA Ehrenberg, 1875  
 Family ACTINOMMIDAE Haeckel, 1862;  
     emend. Riedel, 1967  
 Subfamily ACTINOMMINAE Haeckel, 1862;  
     emend. Riedel, 1967  
 Genus *Cenosphaera* Ehrenberg, 1854

*Cenosphaera* sp.  
 Fig. 2 A

**Material:** More than 50 well preserved specimens.

**Diagnosis:** Test sphaerical, porous, with surface fairly rough. Pores are rounded, different in shapes and dimensions; spaced closely and irregularly.

**Dimensions:** diameter of tests 160–200 µm, diameter of pores 10–30 µm, spaces between pores about 5 µm.

**Occurrence:** Common in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep.

Genus *Melitosphaera* Haeckel, 1882

*Melitosphaera minima* (Clark & Campbell, 1942)  
 Fig. 2 E-G

1942. *Carposphaera (Cerasosphaera) minima* n.sp.: Clark & Campbell, 21, pl. 4, figs 8, 9.

1978. *Melitosphaera minima* (Clark & Campbell): Barwicz-Piskorz, 226, pl. 2, fig. 2.

**Material:** 20 specimens well preserved, about 100 incomplete.

**Occurrence:** Common in the Upper Badenian of Upper Silesia and Kraków regions.

Genus *Caryosphaera* Haeckel, 1887

*Caryosphaera sphaerica* Barwicz-Piskorz, 1978  
 Fig. 2 B-D

1978. *Caryosphaera sphaerica* n.sp.: Barwicz-Piskorz, 228, pl. 2, fig. 6.

1980. *Caryosphaera sphaerica* Barwicz-Piskorz: Smoleń, 312, pl. 3, fig. 1.

**Material:** 120 specimens well preserved, some incomplete.

**Occurrence:** Common in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep.

Family COCCODISCIDAE Haeckel, 1862; emend.  
 Sanfilippo & Riedel, 1980  
 Subfamily ARTISCINAE Haeckel, 1881;  
     emend. Riedel, 1967

Genus *Didymocyrtis* Sanfilippo & Riedel, 1980

*Didymocyrtis laticonus* (Riedel, 1959)  
 Fig. 3 C-F

1959. *Cannartus laticonus* n.sp.: Riedel, 291, pl. 1, fig. 5.

1985. *Didymocyrtis laticonus* (Riedel): Sanfilippo et al., 658, pl. 8, fig. 5a, b.

**Material:** 50 specimens well preserved.

**Remarks:** Shape variability of the shells is observed (Figs. 2 B-C, E)

**Occurrence:** Common in the Upper Badenian deposits of Kraków area.

Genus *Cyphonium* Ehrenberg 1860

*Cyphonium virgineum* Haeckel 1887  
 Fig. 2 H, I

1887. *Cyphonium virgineum* n. sp.: Haeckel, 363, pl. 39, figs 12, 12a

1978. *Ommatospyris virginea* (Haeckel): Barwicz-Piskorz, 235, pl. 1, figs 3, 9.

**Material:** 20 specimens well preserved.

**Remarks:** According to present taxonomy the species has been included to the genus *Cyphonium*.

**Occurrence:** Only few specimens have been recognized in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep.

Genus *Prunopyle* Dreyer, 1888

*Prunopyle hayesi* Chen, 1975  
 Fig. 3 G-J

1975. *Prunopyle hayesi* n.sp.: Chen, 454, pl. 9, figs 3-5.

1978. *Prunopyle* sp.: Barwicz-Piskorz, 106, pl. 3, fig. 5.

**Material:** 30 specimens.

**Remarks:** Well preservation enabling good photographic documentation (Fig. 2G-J).

**Occurrence:** In the Upper Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep few to common.

Family SPONGODISCIDAE Haeckel, 1896,  
     emend. Riedel, 1967

Genus *Porodiscus* Haeckel, 1881

*Porodiscus concentricus* (Ehrenberg, 1838)  
 Fig. 3 A

1875. *Flustrella concentrica* Ehrenberg: Ehrenberg, 72, pl. 22, fig. 13.

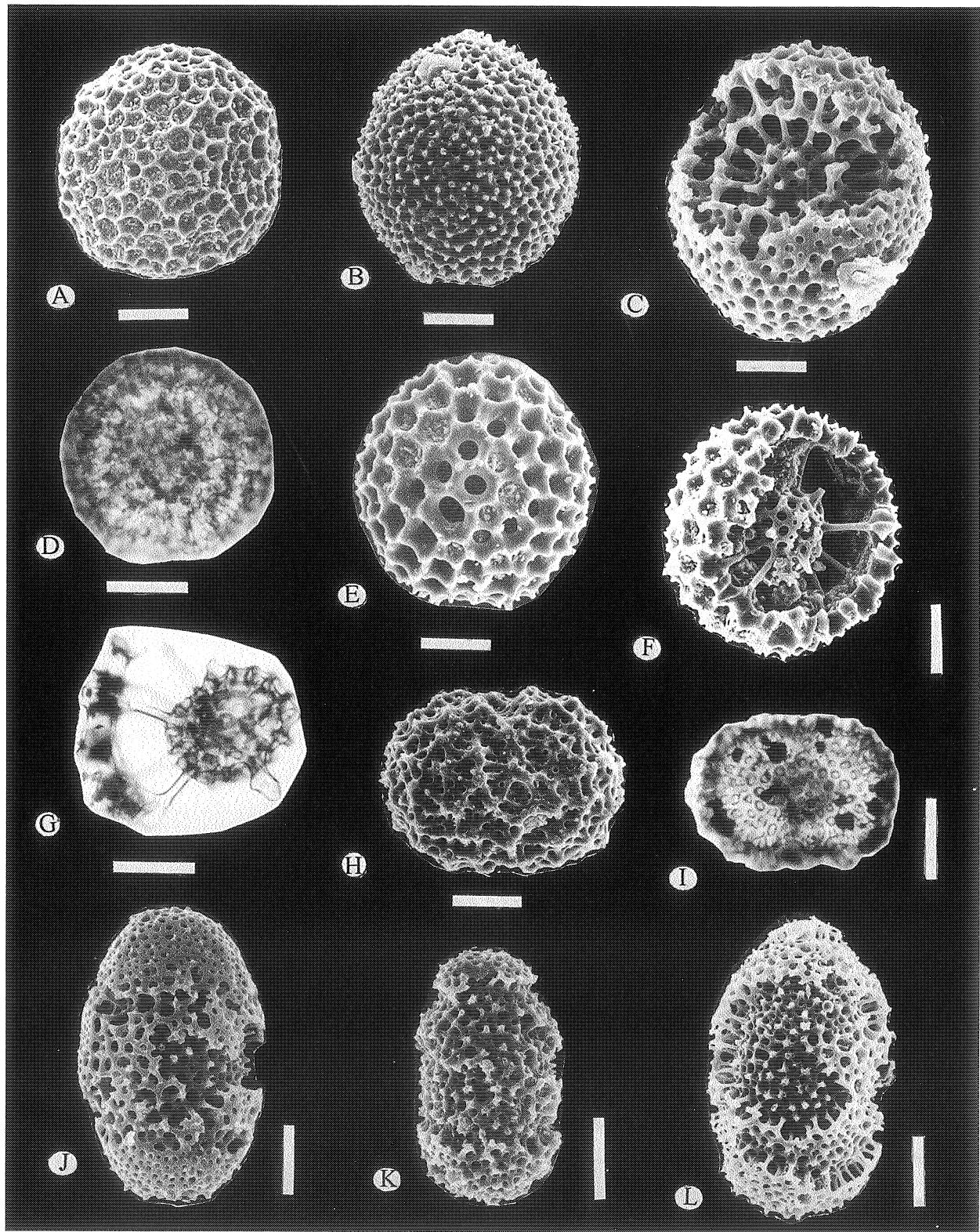
1887. *Porodiscus concentricus* (Ehrenberg): Haeckel, 492.

1978. *Flustrella concentrica* Ehrenberg: Barwicz-Piskorz, 238, pl. 1, fig. 6, pl. 5, fig. 1a, b.

**Material:** 5 specimens.

**Remarks:** Rare, poorly preserved specimens have been found in the vicinity of Kraków.

**Occurrence:** Few to common in the Upper Badenian deposits of the whole Carpathian Foredeep.



**Fig. 2.** Badenian radiolarians from the Kraków area. A. *Cenosphaera* sp. B-D. *Caryosphaera sphaerica* Barwicz-Piskorz. B-C. Specimens different preservation. D. Inner structure of the test, transmitted light. E-G. *Melitosphaera minima* (Clark & Campbell). F. Specimens with visible medular shell. G. Inner structure, transmitted light. H-I. *Cyphonium virginicum* Haeckel. I. Inner structure, transmitted light. J-L. ? *Lithelius minor* Jörgensen, specimens different preservation. A: O-100, depth 21–23 m, B-D, H-L: O-100, depth 10–12 m, E-G: O-100, depth 9–10 m. Length of scale bar – 50 µm

## Family LITHELIIDAE Haeckel, 1862

Genus *Lithelius* Haeckel, 1862*?Lithelius minor* Jörgensen 1900

Figs 2 J-L, 3 A, B

1978. *Cromyodruppa concentrica* Lipman: Barwicz-Piskorz, 233, pl. 1, fig. 2, pl. 3, figs. 4a, b.1984. *Lithelius minor* Jörgensen: Nigrini & Lombari, S95, pl. 14, fig. 1a, b.1997. *Spongurus* ? sp.: Barwicz-Piskorz, 93, pl. 1, fig. 6.**Material:** 60 specimens well to moderately preserved, some skeletons incomplete (broken).**Remarks:** Limited resistance to destruction caused the different state of tests preservation which makes identification more difficult. In some cases similar forms were described under different species and genera names.**Occurrence:** Common to abundant in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep.

## Order NASSELLARIA

Suborder CYRTIDA Haeckel, 1862,  
emend. Petrushevskaya, 1971Family THEOPERIDAE Haeckel, 1881,  
emend. Riedel, 1967Genus *Cyrtocapsella* Haeckel, 1887*Cyrtocapsella tetrapera* Haeckel, 1887

Fig. 3 D

1887. *Cyrtocapsa tetrapera* n.sp.: Haeckel, 1512, pl. 78, fig. 5.1973. *Cyrtocapsella tetrapera* Haeckel: Sanfilippo et al., 221, pl. 5, figs 4-6.1980. *Cyrtocapsella tetrapera* Haeckel: Smoleń, 319, pl. 2, fig. 5.**Material:** 50 specimens well preserved.**Occurrence:** Common in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Upper Silesia and Kraków area.*Cyrtocapsella cornuta* Haeckel, 1887

Fig. 3 C

1887. *Cyrtocapsa cornuta* n.sp.: Haeckel, 1513, pl. 78, fig. 8.1973. *Cyrtocapsella cornuta* (Haeckel): Sanfilippo et al., 220, pl. 5, figs 1, 2.1980. *Cyrtocapsella cornuta* Haeckel: Smoleń, 320, pl. 4, fig. 1.**Material:** 40 specimens well preserved.**Occurrence:** Common in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Upper Silesia and Kraków area.*Cyrtocapsella japonica* Nakaseko, 1963

Fig. 3 E

1963. *Cyrtocapsella japonica* n.sp.: Nakaseko, 193, pl. 4, figs. 1-3.1973. *Cyrtocapsella japonica* Nakaseko: Sanfilippo et al., 220, pl. 5, fig. 3.**Material:** 5 specimens well preserved.**Occurrence:** Rare in the Upper Badenian deposits of Kraków area.*Cyrtocapsella cylindroides* (Principi, 1909)

Fig. 3 I, J

1909. *Stichocapsa cylindroides* n.sp.: Principi, 21, pl. 1, fig. 43.1984. *Cyrtocapsella cylindroides* (Principi): Nigrini & Lombari, N103, pl. 16, fig. 2.**Material:** 10 specimens well preserved.**Occurrence:** Rare in the Upper Badenian deposits of Kraków area.Genus *Eucyrtidium* Ehrenberg, 1872*Eucyrtidium cienkowskii* Haeckel group, 1887

Fig. 3 H

1887. *Eucyrtidium cienkowskii* n.sp.: Haeckel, 1493, pl. 80, fig. 9.1973. *Eucyrtidium cienkowskii* Haeckel group: Sanfilippo et al., 221, pl. 5, figs 7-11.1980. *Eucyrtidium cienkowskii* Haeckel group: Smoleń, 318, pl. 2, figs 3, 3a.**Material:** 10 specimens.**Occurrence:** Few to common in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep.*Eucyrtidium calvertense* Martin, 1904

Fig. 3 G

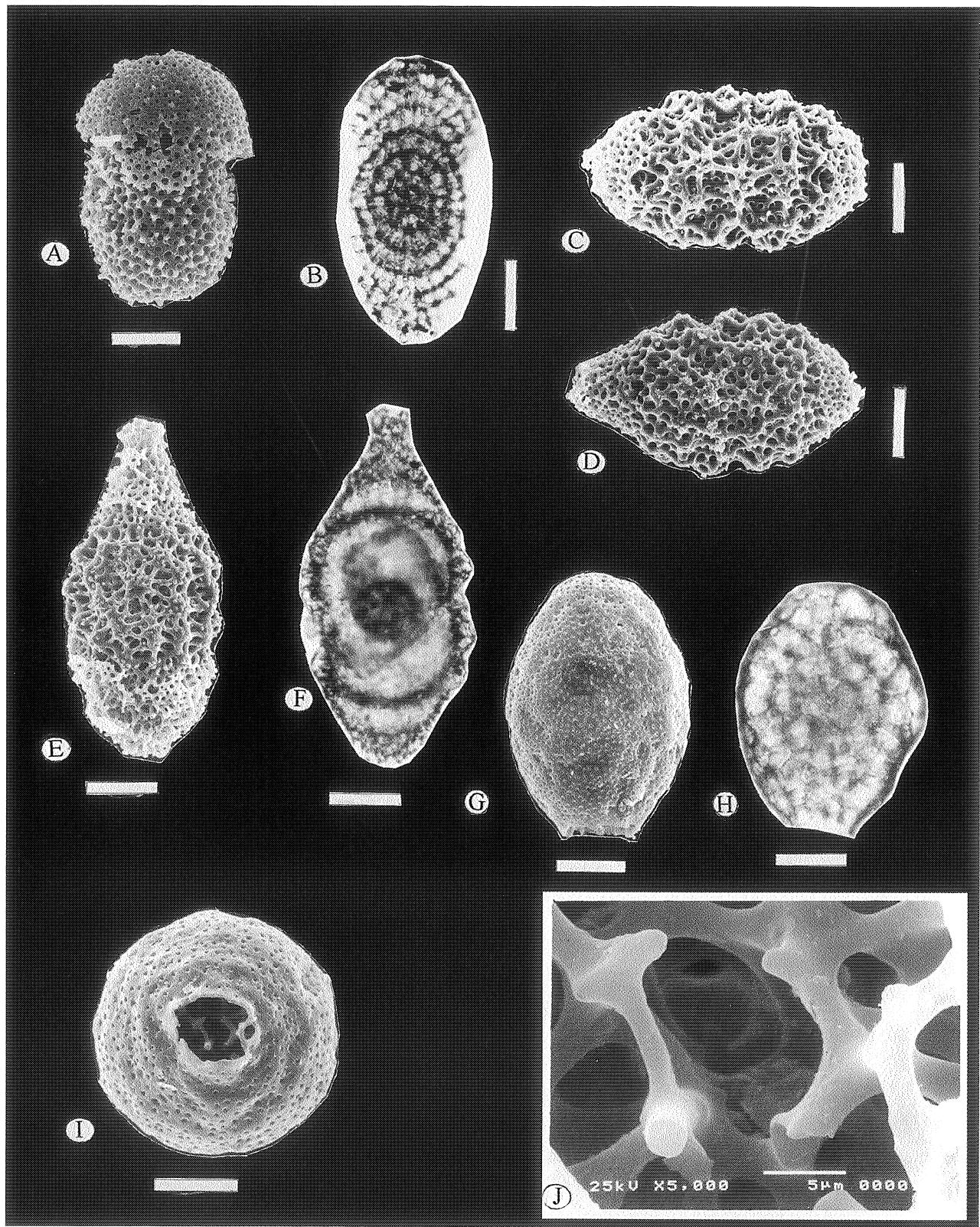
1963. *Eucyrtidium calvertense* Martin: Nakaseko, 120, pl. 3, figs 7, 8.1997. *Eucyrtidium calvertense* Martin: Barwicz-Piskorz, 93, pl. 2, fig. 5.**Material:** 10 specimens.**Occurrence:** Few in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep.Genus *Stichocorys* Haeckel, 1881*Stichocorys delmontensis* (Campbell & Clark, 1944)

Fig. 3 B

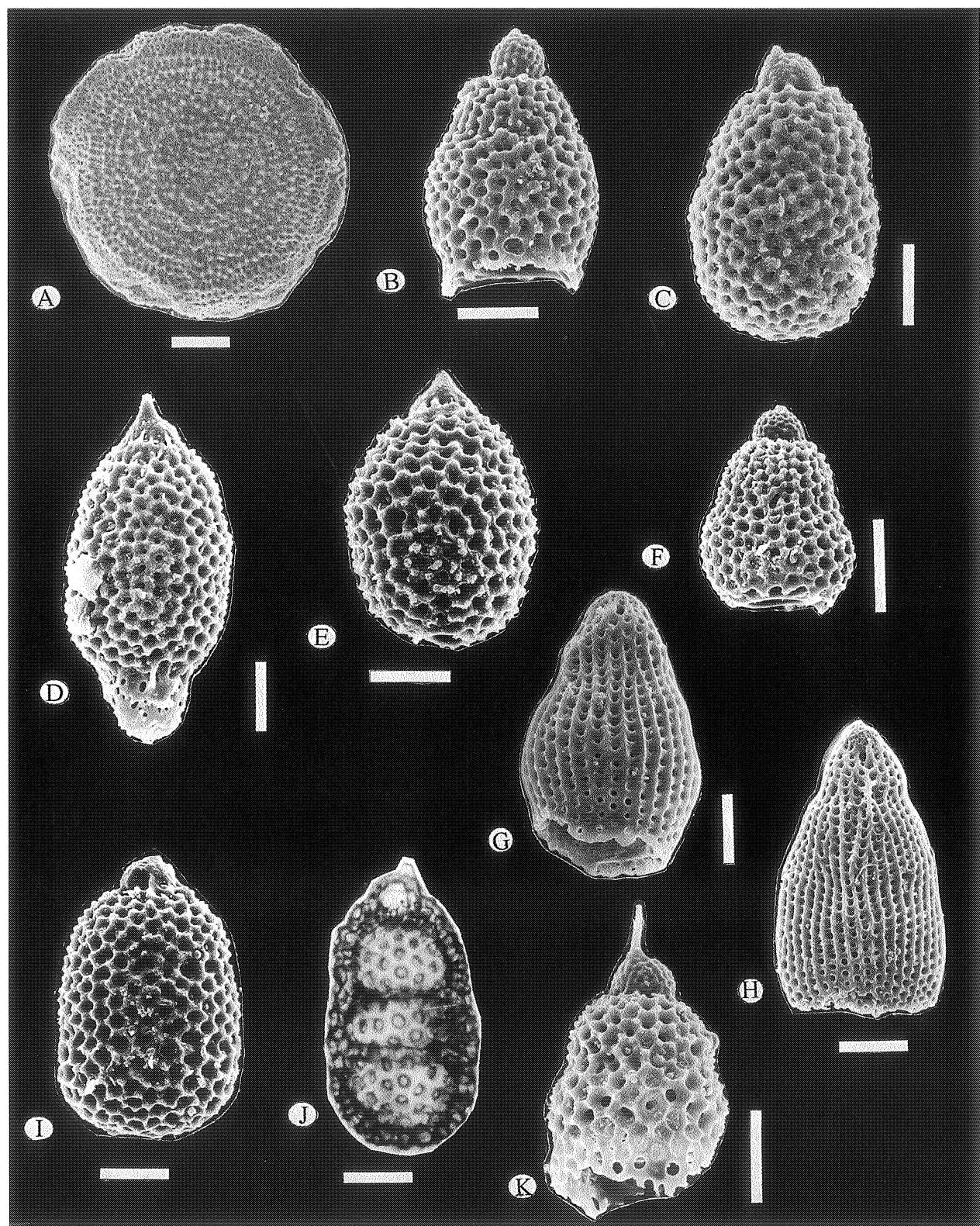
1944. *Eucyrtidium delmontense* n.sp.: Campbell & Clark, 56, pl. 7, figs 19, 20.1973. *Stichocorys delmontensis* (Campbell & Clark): Sanfilippo et al., 222, pl. 6, fig. 3.1980. *Stichocorys delmontensis* (Campbell & Clark): Smoleń, 319, pl. 2, fig. 4.**Material:** 20 specimens.**Occurrence:** Few in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Upper Silesia and Kraków regions.*Stichocorys coronata* (Carnevale, 1908)

Fig. 3 F

1908. *Calocyclus coronata* n.sp.: Carnevale, 33, pl. 4, fig. 24.1972. *Stichocorys coronata* (Carnevale): Petrushevskaya & Kozlova, 547, pl. 25, figs 23, 24.**Material:** 3 specimens.**Occurrence:** Rare in the Upper Badenian deposits of the Upper Silesia and Kraków area.



**Fig. 3.** Badenian radiolarians from the Kraków area. A-B. *? Lithelius minor* Jörgensen. B. Inner structure, transmitted light. C-F. *Didymocyrtis laticonus* (Riedel). F. Inner structure, transmitted light. G-J. *Prunopyle hayesi* Chen. H. Inner structure, transmitted light. I. Pylom side view. J. Inner structure of pylom. A, B, G-J: O-100, depth 10–12 m, C-F: O-100, depth 12–13 m. Length of scale bar – 50 µm



**Fig. 4.** Badenian radiolarians from the Kraków area. **A.** *Porodiscus concentricus* (Ehrenberg). **B.** *Stichocorys delmontensis* (Campbell & Clark). **C.** *Cyrtocapsella cornuta* Haeckel. **D.** *Cyrtocapsella tetraptera* Haeckel. **E.** *Cyrtocapsella japonica* Nakaseko. Borehole **F.** *Stichocorys coronata* (Carnevale). **G.** *Eucyrtidium calvertense* Martin. **H.** *Eucyrtidium cienkowskii* Haeckel. **I, J.** *Cyrtocapsella cylindroides* (Principi). **J.** Inner structure, transmitted light. **K.** ?*Theocorys* sp. A-D, F, I, J: O-100, depth 10–12 m. E, G, H, K: O-100, depth 12–13 m. Length of scale bar – 50 µm

Table 4

Miocene radiolarian and foraminiferal zones (Sanfilippo *et al.*, 1985)

Stratigraphy		Radiolarian zones (after Sanfilippo <i>et al.</i> , 1985)	Ranges of radiolarian species	Foraminiferal zones
Pliocene		<i>Stichocorys peregrina</i>	⑤	
Miocene	Late	<i>Didymocyrtis penultimus</i>	②	-N17
		<i>Didymocyrtis antepenultimus</i>	③	N16-
	Middle	<i>Diarthus petersoni</i>	①	-N15
		<i>Dorcadospyris alata</i>	④	N13- -N12 N9-
Early		<i>Calocycletta costata</i>		-N8
		<i>Calocycletta virginis</i>		N4-

① - *Didymocyrtis mammifera*, ② - *D. laticonus*, ③ - *Cyrtocapsella tetraptera*, ④ - *C. cornuta*,  
 ⑤ - *Stichocorys delmontensis*.

The Paratethys species ranges are shaded.

#### Genus *Theocorys* Haeckel, 1882

? *Theocorys* sp.  
Fig. 3 K

**Material:** 10 specimens poor preservation, lower parts of tests are destroyed.

**Diagnosis:** Test consist of hemispherical cephalis, thorax and abdomen. Cephalis with many, very small pores and short, thick apical horn.

**Dimensions:** Length of the test about 110 µm, maximum breadth 80 µm, length of the horn 20 µm, diameter of pores on abdomen and thorax 5 µm.

**Occurrence:** Rare in the Upper Badenian deposits of Kraków area.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The Badenian Radiolarian microfauna from the Polish part of the Paratethys shows some similarities to the radiolarian associations of the same age from another regions of the world. In the Badenian deposits of the Carpathian Foredeep in Romania has been described by Dumitrica (1978) seven radiolarian species the same as in Poland occur: *Can-nartus laticonus*, *Stichocorys wolffii* Haeckel, *Stichocorys delmontensis*, *Lithopera renzae*, *Eucyrtidium cienkowskii*, *Cyrtocapsella tetraptera*, *Tetrapyle* sp. Many spumellarian species looking very similar like there from Poland but included to another genus and species occur too.

In the Italian Miocene (Carnevale, 1908; Principi, 1909) occur several species common in the Badenian de-

posits of Paratethys. Relatively numerous species described from the California Miocene have been found in Poland (Campbell & Clark, 1944). Some species from the Miocene deposits of Pacific (Haeckel, 1887; Nakaseko, 1963) and Atlantic (Petrushhevskaya & Kozlova, 1972) have been observed in the Badenian deposits of the Polish part of Paratethys.

Radiolarian associations from the open ocean regardless the climatic zones are more differentiated than those from Paratethys Badenian especially concerning the number of Nassellaria species. It is caused by the paleogeographical situation as Paratethys was a narrow bay with distant connection with the ocean.

Upper Badenian Radiolaria from the Polish, Ukrainian and Romanian parts of the Carpathian Foredeep have been included in the *Dorcadospyris alata* radiolarian Zone (Sanfilippo *et al.*, 1985) – zonation for the low geographical latitudes (Table 4). In the material discussed the index species is absent. But some typical species occur: *Didymocyrtis laticonus*, *D. cf. mammifera*, *Stichocorys delmontensis*, *Cyrtocapsella cornuta* and *C. tetraptera*.

In the material studied the index species (Abelmann, 1990) of the high latitude zones is not observed, although some considered as cold water species (*Prunopyle hayesi*, ? *Lithelius minor*, *Spongodiscus enodatus* and *S. bulla*) occur, sometimes very frequently. In major gatherings they occur only in the eastern part of the Carpathian Foredeep and in Kraków vicinity.

*L. minor* occurs in the Miocene deposits in California (Mullineaux & Westberg-Smith, 1986), and is regarded as useful palaeogeographical indicator of strong upwelling and

low paleotemperature. *S. enodatus* and *S. bulla* were described from Sachalin Island (Kozlova, 1960). The species *P. hayesi* is known from Antarctic (Abelmann, 1990, Lazarus, 1990) and North Pacific where it occurs in high latitude Radiolarian Zones (Morley & Nigrini, 1995, Shilov, 1995). In the latter the species of wide geographical range typical of Miocene biostratigraphical zones from high and low latitudes, such as: *Stichocorys delmontensis*, *Cyrtocapsella cornuta* and *C. tetrapera* occur.

The assemblage investigated herein lacks some typical, warm water species such as: *Tetrapyle octacantha* Müller, *Phorticium pylonium* Haeckel and *Larnacantha* sp., but these species are common in Gliwice vicinity.

Low differentiation of Nassellaria is the important feature of the Badenian Radiolaria association from the whole Polish part of the Carpathian Foredeep. All species observed belong to one suborder – Cyrtida and one family – Theoperidae. In coeval Miocene deposits in Romania some species belonging to the suborder Spyrida occur. These forms are also known from other regions such as Italy and USA, California.

It may be supposed therefore, that during Badenian time span the Kraków area was an elevated block impeding migration of radiolarian fauna. In the west (Upper Silesia) slightly differentiated associations containing warm water species were developed. In the east, however, as well as in the center (Kraków region) the species typical of cold water were more numerous and the radiolarian association was more differentiated.

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### Streszczenie

## BADEŃSKIE PROMIENICE (RADIOLARIA) Z OBSZARU KRAKOWA

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Promienice z badenu polskiej części zapadliska przedkarpackiego występują w obrębie zony otwornicowej IIIA (Alexandrowicz, 1963). Według Łuczkowskiej (1971) jest to zona *Velapertina indigena* (Tab. 1).

Przeanalizowano zespół promienic z pięciu płytowych wiercen wykonanych w okolicach Krakowa (Fig. 1). Badane utwory zaliczane do warstw chodenickich (górny baden), są rozwinięte jako szare ily margliste z wkładkami piaszczystymi oraz z tufitami. Zawierają one w dolnej swej części liczne promienice (Tab. 2–3).

Badany zespół składa się z 34 gatunków należących do 15 rodzin, pięciu rodzin i 2 rzędów: Spumellaria i Nassellaria. Rząd Spumellaria reprezentowany jest przez 25 gatunków, 15 rodzin: *Cenosphaera*, *Melitosphaera*, ?*Haliometta*, *Caryosphaera*, *Didymocyrtis*, *Cyphonium*, *Prunopyle*, *Euchitonia*, *Hymeniastrum*, *Rhopalastrum*, *Porodiscus*, *Spongodiscus*, *Tetrapyle*, ?*Lithelius*, *Cenodiscus*, należących do 4 rodzin: Actinommidae, Coccodiscidae, Spongodiscidae i Lithelidae. Do rzędu Nassellaria należy 9 gatunków zaliczonych do jednej rodziny Theoperidae. Omawiany zespół promienic wyróżnia się wśród równowiekowych zespołów z innych rejonów polskiej części zapadliska przedkarpackiego. Od

zespołu z Górnego Śląska (Barwicz-Piskorz, 1997) różni się mniejszą liczebnością Nassellaria, brakiem przedstawicieli rodziny Pylonidae i gatunku *Lithopera renzae*. Od zespołu z okolic Bochni (Barwicz-Piskorz, 1978) – mniejszą liczebnością form z rodziny Euchitonidae i brakiem wielopowłokowych Actinommidae z kolcami. Jest natomiast podobny do zespołu z Posądzy (Smoleń, 1980) dzięki obecności licznych Artiscinae, Litheliidae i Spongodiscidae.

Utwory górnego badenu z promienicami oraz niżejległy poziom osadów chemicznych na obszarze Krakowa leżą płytka pod czwartorzędem. Ten podniesiony obszar (rygiel krakowski) rozdzielaający zbiornik Paratetydy na część wschodnią i zachodnią mógł mieć wpływ na zróżnicowanie fauny promienic. Znaczny stopień skorodowania skorupek niektórych gatunków (Figs. 2 C, F, G, K, L, 3 A, B) spowodowany jest zwietrzeniem ilów z radiolariami leżących w badanym obszarze płytka pod czwartorzędem.

Mikrofauna promienic z badenu polskiej części zapadliska przedkarpackiego wykazuje pewne analogie do równowiekowych zespołów z innych regionów – górny baden zapadliska przedkarpackiego w Rumunii (Dumitrićă, 1978), miocen Włoch – zapadlisko przedapeninskie (Carnevale, 1908, Principi, 1909), miocen zapadliska śródgórskiego w Kalifornii (Campbell & Clark, 1944) oraz mioceńskie osady dna oceanu Spokojnego (Haeckel, 1887; Nakaseko, 1963) i Atlantyckiego (Petrushevskaya & Kozlova, 1972). Mikrofauna mioceńskich promienic pochodząca z dna oceanu światowego jest bardziej urozmaicona niż ta z osadów badenu polskiej części Paratetydy. Wynika to z sytuacji paleogeograficznej – Paratetyda stanowiła wąski zbiornik o odległych połączeniach z oceanem.

Radiolarie z osadów górnego badenu zapadliska przedkarpackiego zostały włączone do zony radiolariowej *Dorcadospyris alata* schematu biostratycznego wg Sanfilippo et al. (1985) (Tab. 4) – zonacji opracowanej dla niskich szerokości geograficznych.

W badanym materiale pojawiają się, niekiedy bardzo licznie, gatunki zimnolubne: *Prunopyle hayesi*, *Lithelius minor*, *Spongodiscus enodatus* i *S. bulla*, brak natomiast gatunków typowych dla wód ciepłych – *Tetrapyle octacantha*, *Phorticium pylonium* i *Larnacantha* sp.

Można przypuszczać, że rygiel krakowski stanowił w badenie próg utrudniający migrację radiolarii. Na zachodzie rozwijały się mało urozmaicone zespoły zawierające gatunki cieplolubne, na wschodzie i w centrum (okolice Krakowa) liczniejsze są gatunki typowe dla wód chłodnych, a zespoły są bardziej urozmaicone.