

41. ANTARCTIC NEOGENE RADIOLARIANS FROM THE KERGUELEN PLATEAU, LEGS 119 AND 120¹

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ABSTRACT

Abundant, generally well-preserved radiolarians from Sites 737, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, and 751 were used in stratigraphic analysis of Neogene, and particularly middle Miocene to Holocene, Kerguelen Plateau sediments. The composite Kerguelen section is more complete than the Weddell Sea sections recovered by Leg 113, and the radiolarians are better preserved. Leg 113 radiolarian zonations of Weddell Sea sites were applicable with only slight modification, and three new zones—*Siphonosphaera vesuvius*, *Acrosphaera? labrata*, and *Amphymenium chalongerae*—are proposed for the latest Miocene. Geologic age estimates are given for all radiolarian zones used. Major hiatuses affecting most sites were seen within the middle Miocene, in the latest Miocene, and latest Pliocene. Five new species are described: *Acrosphaera? labrata*, *Acrosphaera? mercurius*, *Siphonosphaera vesuvius*, *Actinomma? magnifnestra*, and *Helotholus? haysi*.

INTRODUCTION

Radiolarians are one of the most important microfossil groups for Antarctic Neogene marine stratigraphy and paleoceanography. Initial studies based on piston cores and Deep Sea Drilling Project rotary drilled sections (Chen, 1974, 1975a, 1975b; Hays, 1965; Hays and Opdyke, 1967; Keany and Kennett, 1972; Keany, 1979; Lombardi and Lazarus, 1988; Petrushevskaya, 1967, 1975; Weaver, 1976a, 1976b) provided descriptions of some of the more common species and established a preliminary stratigraphic framework for Neogene sections. The Pliocene-Pleistocene stratigraphy was calibrated to geologic time using paleomagnetic stratigraphy (Hays and Opdyke, 1967), but the Miocene stratigraphy was not calibrated because of incomplete sections, endemic forms, and a lack of good paleomagnetic data.

Knowledge of Antarctic radiolarians has improved in the last few years with the recovery and study of many high-quality, hydraulic-piston-cored sections from the Falkland Plateau (Weaver, 1983) and Weddell Sea (Abelmann, 1990; Lazarus, 1990). This work has resulted in a refined radiolarian zonation for the Neogene (Abelmann, 1990; Lazarus, 1990), with a calibration of the radiolarian zonation to the geologic time scale, and new descriptions of Cretaceous radiolarian faunas (Ling, 1990; Ling and Lazarus, 1990).

Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) Legs 119 and 120 recovered many Paleogene and Neogene sections from the Kerguelen Plateau with abundant, well-preserved radiolarians, together with diatoms, calcareous microfossils, and paleomagnetic stratigraphy. These sections provide an opportunity to confirm and refine previous radiolarian stratigraphy, and to provide more complete sections across the middle Miocene and Miocene/Pliocene boundary hiatuses than those recovered by previous coring in the Antarctic.

Preliminary descriptions of Legs 119 and 120 radiolarian occurrences and stratigraphy are given by Caulet (in Barron, Larsen, et al., 1989; Barron et al., 1991) for Leg 119 radiolar-

ians and by Lazarus (in Schlich, Wise, et al., 1989). This report describes in more detail late middle Miocene to early Pliocene radiolarians from Legs 119 and 120, together with a preliminary survey of earlier Miocene radiolarian stratigraphy. Caulet (1991) treats the Pliocene-Pleistocene and Paleogene radiolarians of Leg 119, whereas Abelmann (this volume) gives a more detailed description of early to early middle Miocene radiolarians from Leg 120. Paleogene radiolarians from Leg 120 are described by Takemura (this volume). In this report radiolarian stratigraphy is covered fully; however, because of time limitations, taxonomic descriptions are kept to a minimum and will be presented more fully in a future report.

A species list with references to the original author and a recent illustration are given for all taxa mentioned in the text or tables. A map showing the location of all Leg 119 and 120 sites is given in Figure 1. Sites shown on this map but not discussed here had either very little Neogene section (Sites 749 and 750), recovered only late Pliocene to Pleistocene sediments (Site 736), or had too few or too poorly preserved radiolarians to warrant further study (i.e., all Prydz Bay sites).

METHODS

Shipboard examination of strewn slides from the >63- μ m-size fraction established a preliminary stratigraphy. More closely spaced samples of the >63- μ m-size fraction were prepared onshore using the strewn-slide method and the settling method of Moore (1973). Generally, a minimum of one third of one 24 \times 50 mm coverslip, and often the entire coverslip, was examined for stratigraphic species, depending on their abundance (i.e., generally between 1,000 and 10,000 individual radiolarians). Because taxonomic work was conducted in parallel with the stratigraphic study, some taxa recorded in more recently studied samples were not routinely recorded in samples examined early in the investigation. Although selected samples were rechecked for the presence or absence of key species after examining the preliminary range charts, some gaps remain in the range charts that may reflect incomplete data recording rather than an actual absence of species. Taxonomic descriptions are based on a minimum of several hundred observed specimens from at least two different locations. Measurements were taken from video prints and are accurate to ~5% of the given value.

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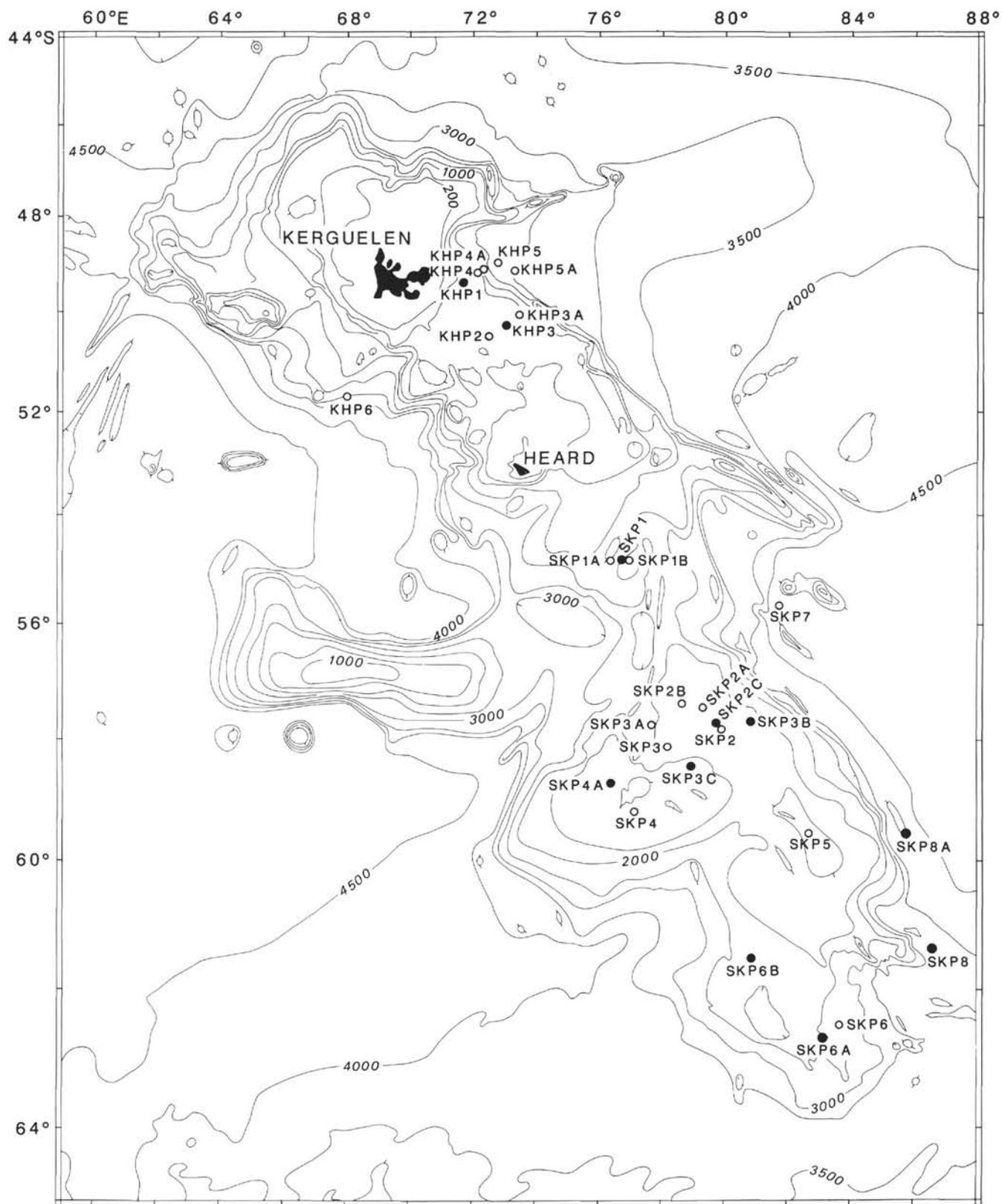


Figure 1. Map showing location of Legs 119 and 120 cores (from Schlich, Wise, et al., 1989).

STRATIGRAPHY

Antarctic radiolarian zonation schemes were recently reviewed by Lazarus (Schlich, Wise, et al., 1989). Zonation of the Pliocene-Pleistocene interval by most workers, including Lazarus (1990), has generally followed (with some modifications) that of Hays (1965). The zonation of the Pliocene-Pleistocene interval used in this report is identical to that of Lazarus (1990), although the ages of some of the datums have been slightly revised, based on the results of Caulet (1991) from Leg 119. For the late middle and late Miocene, a revised zonation is presented, in part based on the earlier stratigraphic work of Chen (1975a, 1975b), Weaver (1983), and Lazarus (1990). The zonal scheme used for earlier Miocene Leg 119 material (*A. golownini* zone and older) is that described by Abelmann (this volume), who should be consulted for detailed information about these zones. Ages of Miocene datums are based on Leg 113 results (Gersonde et al., 1990) and the biostratigraphic/magnetostratigraphic syntheses of Legs 119 and 120 (Barron et al., 1991; Harwood et al., this volume). A summary of the zonation used in this report is given in Figure 2.

DEFINITION OF ZONES

Cycladophora antiqua Zone (~22.4–21.0 Ma)

Base. First appearance datum (FAD) of *Cycladophora antiqua* Abelmann.

Top. FAD of *Cyrtocapsella longithorax* (Petrushevskaya) Abelmann.

Cyrtocapsella longithorax Zone (21.0–19.4 Ma)

Base. FAD of *Cyrtocapsella longithorax*.

Top. FAD of *Cycladophora golli regipileus* (Chen) Lombardi and Lazarus.

Cycladophora golli regipileus Zone (19.4–17.3 Ma)

Base. FAD of *Cycladophora golli regipileus*.

Top. FAD of *Eucyrtidium punctatum* (Ehrenberg) Ehrenberg.

Eucyrtidium punctatum Zone (17.3–14.2 Ma)

Base. FAD of *Eucyrtidium punctatum*.

Top. FAD of *Cycladophora humerus* (Petrushevskaya) Lombardi and Lazarus.

Cycladophora humerus Zone (14.2–13.4 Ma)

Base. FAD of *Cycladophora humerus*.

Top. FAD of *Actinomma golownini* Petrushevskaya.

Actinomma golownini Zone (3.4–12.3 Ma)

Base. FAD of *Actinomma golownini*.

Top. FAD of *Cycladophora spongothorax* (Chen) Lombardi and Lazarus.

This zone is divided into two subzones by the FAD of *Dendrospyrus megaloccephalis* Chen at 12.45 Ma.

Cycladophora spongothorax Zone (12.3–9.7 Ma)

Base. FAD of *Cycladophora spongothorax*.

Top. Evolutionary transition from *Acrosphaera murrayana* (Haeckel) Strelkov and Reshetnjak to *Acrosphaera australis* Lazarus.

This zone is divided into three subzones (lower, middle, and upper) by two datums. The lower/middle boundary is defined by the last appearance datum (LAD) of *Actinomma golownini* (10.2 Ma), and the middle/upper boundary by the FAD of *Eucyrtidium pseudoinflatum* Weaver (10.0 Ma). The top of the *C. spongothorax* Zone is defined slightly differently from that of Lazarus (1990), where the FAD of *A. australis* was used to mark the top of the zone. Because rare individuals of *A. australis* can be found in some, but not all, sections even below the FAD of *E. pseudoinflatum*, the upper boundary of the *C. spongothorax* Zone is redefined as the point when *A. australis* becomes the dominant morphotype in transitional popu-

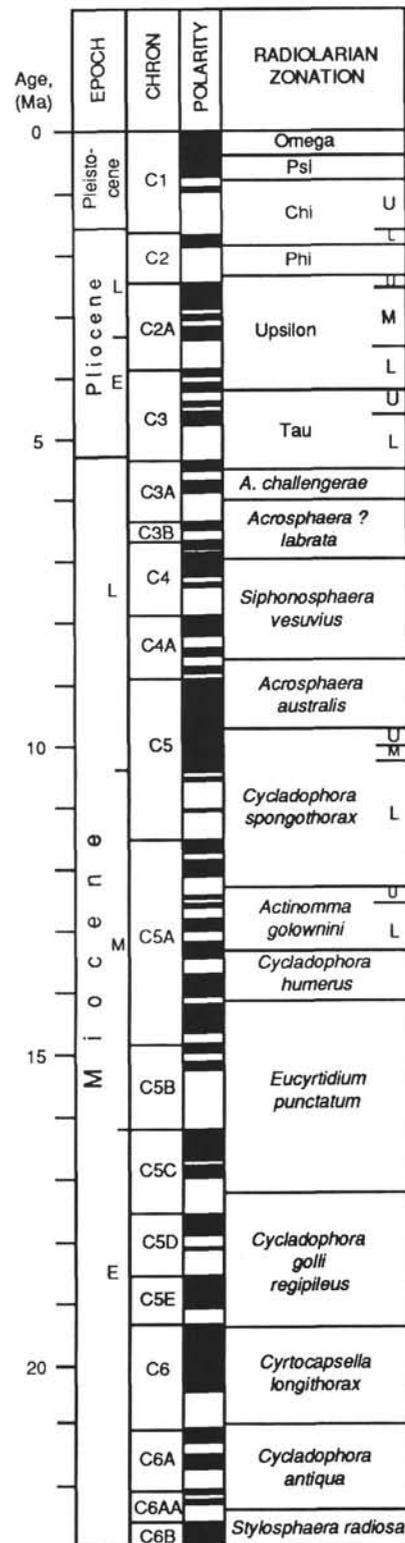


Figure 2. Summary of radiolarian zonation used in this report. *A. golownini* and lower zones are those of Abelmann (this volume).

lations between it and its ancestor *A. murrayana*. The LAD of *Cycladophora humerus* occurs within the upper *C. spongothorax* Subzone at ~9.9 Ma.

Acrosphaera australis Zone (9.7–8.3 Ma)

Base. Evolutionary transition from *A. murrayana* to *A. australis*.

Top. LAD *C. spongothorax*.

Lithomelissa stigi Björklund, is a species with a discontinuous range in the Antarctic; it is absent in *C. spongothorax* Zone sediments but reappears and is present within this zone (FAD ~9.0 Ma, LAD ~8.5 Ma). The first common occurrence (FCO) of *Stichocorys peregrina?* (Riedel) Sanfilippo and Riedel occurs within the *A. australis* Zone at ~8.4 Ma. Earlier reports (Weaver, 1983; Caulet, 1991) placed the base of this species at ~6.0 Ma, equal to the FAD of this form in low-latitude regions (Sanfilippo et al., 1985).

Siphonosphaera vesuvius Zone (8.3–7.0 Ma)

Base. LAD *C. spongothorax*.

Top. FAD *Acrosphaera? labrata* n. sp.

Helotholus haysi n. sp. and *Siphonosphaera vesuvius* n. sp. are generally present in this zone. The LAD of *S. vesuvius* occurs at or slightly above the top of this zone.

Acrosphaera? labrata Zone (7.0–6.0 Ma)

Base. FAD *Acrosphaera? labrata*.

Top. FAD *Amphymenium challengerai* Weaver.

Lithotractus timmsi?, generally absent in both the upper *C. spongothorax* Zone and the *A. australis* Zone, reappears and is present in much of the *A.? labrata* zone.

Amphymenium challengerai Zone (6.0–5.5? Ma)

Base. FAD *A. challengerai*.

Top. LAD *A. challengerai*.

The top of this species appears to be older than reported by Weaver (1983), who gave an age of 4.35 Ma. Note, however, that the calibration used here may be incorrect (see discussion of Site 745 under "Radiolarians at Each Site" below).

Tau Zone (5.5?–4.2 Ma)

Base. LAD *A. challengerai*.

Top. FAD *H. vema*.

This zone is subdivided into two subzones (lower and upper) by the last common occurrence (LCO) of *Lychnocanium grande* Campbell and Clark at 4.6 Ma. As noted previously by Lazarus (1990; see also Schlich, Wise, et al., 1989), this species generally occurs less commonly (rare to few) throughout most of the upper Tau Subzone. The consistency of this pattern in both the Weddell Sea and Kerguelen Plateau regions, and the highly variable (or even discontinuous) ranges of other Antarctic species such as *L. timmsi?*, *Lithomelissa stigi*, and *A. golownini* suggest that these relatively rare, late-occurring specimens are stratigraphically *in situ* and are not reworked.

Upsilon Zone (4.2–2.3 Ma)

Base. FAD of *Helotholus vema* Hays.

Top. LAD *Helotholus vema*.

This zone is subdivided into three subzones. The lower/middle boundary is defined by the LAD of *Prunopyle titan* Campbell and Clark at 3.3 Ma, whereas the middle/upper boundary is defined by the FAD of *Cycladophora davisiana* Ehrenberg at 2.5 Ma. The LAD of *Desmospyris spongiosa* Hays occurs at approximately the same time as the LAD of *H. vema*. The LAD of *Lampromitra coronata* Haeckel occurs within the lower? Upsilon Subzone at ~3.5 Ma and may be a more reliable event than the LAD of *P. titan*, which is rare in the upper part of its range. The FAD of *H. vema* can be hard to pick, as it is small and rare in the very earliest part of its range; it can also be confused with *Helotholus haysi* or with other species present in early Pliocene sediments. The FAD of *H. vema* in this report is defined as the first appearance of specimens with six regularly arranged radial beams within the thorax, a small thorax, and small, antarctissid type lattice wall pores.

Phi Zone (2.3–1.85 Ma)

Base. LAD of *H. vema*.

Top. LAD of *Eucyrtidium calvertense* Martin.

Chi Zone (1.85–0.8 Ma)

Base. LAD of *E. calvertense*.

Top. LAD of *Pterocanium charybdeum trilobum* (Haeckel) Lazarus, Scherer and Prothero.

This zone is subdivided into two subzones (lower/upper) by the LAD of *Cycladophora pliocenica* (Hays) Lombardi and Lazarus at 1.7 Ma. The FAD of *Tricerapys antarctica* (Haecker) Haecker occurs within or at the base of this zone at ~1.8 Ma.

Psi Zone (0.8–0.4 Ma)

Base. LAD of *Pterocanium charybdeum trilobum*.

Top. LAD of *Stylatractus universus* Hays.

Omega Zone (0.4–0 Ma)

Base. LAD of *Stylatractus universus*.

Top. Holocene.

S. universus is rare in the upper part of its range, and its LAD is hard to pick without close sampling. The LAD of the much more common species *Antarctissa cylindrica* Petrushevskaya at ~0.6 Ma may be a more useful late Pleistocene marker.

RADIOLARIANS AT EACH SITE

Site 737

Neogene radiolarians at this site were rare in most samples because of dilution by abundant diatoms, or they contained non-age-diagnostic assemblages. Only a few samples of late Miocene age gave useful age information. Samples 119-737A-27X-2 and 119-737B-5R-2 can be tentatively assigned to the *A. australis* Zone, based on the presence of common *C. spongothorax*, *E. pseudoinflatum*, rare *A. australis*, and very rare *S. vesuvius*. Sample 119-737B-6R-4 is assigned to the lower *C. spongothorax* Subzone, based on the common occurrences of *C. spongothorax* and *A. golownini*. The difference in zonal assignment between these samples suggests a low rate of sedimentation in this interval or a hiatus. Samples 119-737B-7R-1 and -8R-2 contain common *C. humerus*, *L. timmsi*, and rare to few *A. golownini* and *D. megaloccephalis*. *C. spongothorax* was not seen; thus, these samples were assigned to the upper *A. golownini* Subzone. Samples below this level were not examined.

Site 744

Site 744, drilled in 2307 m water depth on the Southern Kerguelen Plateau, recovered a fairly condensed Neogene section of mixed calcareous and siliceous biogenic oozes (Table 1, microfiche, and Figure 3). Because of time and sampling limitations, only Cores 119-744A-1H to -10H, from the less completely recovered Hole 744A were used for radiolarian stratigraphic analysis. Radiolarians were abundant and well preserved in late Miocene to Holocene sediments; but, although abundant, they were only poorly to moderately preserved in earlier Miocene sediments. The *C. longithorax*, *C. g. regipileus*, *E. punctatum*, *C. humerus*, and *A. golownini* zones of Abelmann (this volume) can be recognized in this site. The *Cycladophora antiqua* Zone is tentatively recognized at the base of Core 119-744A-10H, although the occurrence of *C. longithorax*, whose FAD marks this zonal boundary, is too irregular to be confident of the event without further sampling. Poor recovery in Core 119-744A-9H prevents precise placement of the *C. g. regipileus/C. longithorax* boundary.

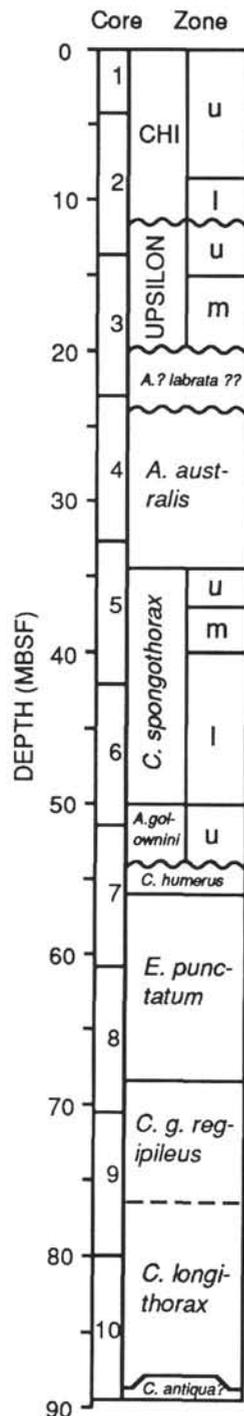


Figure 3. Radiolarian zonation, Site 744. Wavy lines = hiatuses, dashed lines = uncertain placement of boundary, question marks = unzonable intervals; u = upper, m = middle, and l = lower subzones. See discussion of site in text for additional details.

There may be a short hiatus in the upper part of Core 119-744A-7H, as the lower subzone of the *A. golownini* Zone was not recognized. The later Miocene *C. spongothorax* and *Acrosphaera australis* zones were also recognized in Hole 744A, as were the three subzones of the *C. spongothorax* Zone. The *Siphonosphaera vesuvius*, *Amphyenium challengerae*, and Tau zones were not seen; they either lie in a very

condensed interval between Samples 119-744A-3H-2, 53–55 cm, and -4H-1, 52–54 cm, or are absent in a hiatus. Sample 119-744A-4H-1, 52–54 cm, itself could be either late Miocene or early Pliocene in age, as reworking makes zonal assignment difficult. It is tentatively assigned here to the *A. ? labrata* Zone (late Miocene).

Middle and upper Upsilon Zone assemblages in the upper part of Core 119-744A-3H were followed in Sample 119-744A-2H-4, 53–55 cm, by an assemblage assigned to the lower Chi Subzone. The Phi Zone was not seen; it is either lost in hiatus or is present in the unsampled interval between cores. Upper Chi assemblages were seen in Samples 120-744A-2H-3, 53–55 cm, through the uppermost sample examined (Sample 119-744A-1H-3, 53–55 cm).

Sites 745 and 746

Sites 745 and 746 (Table 2, microfiche, and Fig. 4) were drilled within 5 km of each other in approximately 4.1 km water depth. Site 745 was cored down to the latest Miocene. Drilling operations at this site were abandoned (because of approaching icebergs), and the ship's position was shifted to resume drilling at Site 746. Site 746 was washed down to the approximate level reached in the base of Site 745, and then cored down to early late Miocene sediments. These two sites were treated as a single section in this report. The water depth at Site 746 is about 23 m less than at Site 745, and this, together with slight differences in sedimentation history, make precise time equivalence in values of meters below seafloor (mbsf) unlikely. Diatom stratigraphic evidence (Barron, Larsen, et al., 1989) suggests that time equivalent levels in Site 745 are approximate 40 m below those in Site 746. The existing radiolarian data does not provide additional information on this correlation, as the interval of overlap in the two sites appears to fall entirely within the *A. challengerae* Zone.

The Pliocene-Pleistocene section in Site 745 was studied in detail by Caulet (1991) and is not discussed here, except for the basal Pliocene interval.

The base of the early Pliocene lower Upsilon subzone was placed at the first appearance of taxonomically unquestionable specimens of *Helotholus vema*, between Samples 119-745B-19H-5, 46–48 cm, and -19H-6, 46–48 cm. *Helotholus vema* is rare and sporadic in samples from Cores 120-745B-19H and -18H, making the FAD of this species difficult to identify with accuracy. Caulet (1991), who also noted the difficulty in identifying this FAD, placed this event slightly higher, between Samples 119-745B-18H-5, 53–55 cm, and -18H-6, 53–55 cm. All other zones and subzones, down to the *A. australis* Zone, were seen in this section. Three of these zones—the *A. challengerae*, *A. ? labrata*, and *S. vesuvius* zones—are defined in this section for the first time. The lower/upper Tau Subzone boundary, based on the LCO of *L. grande*, is uncertain, as the LCO in the range chart coincides with an interval in which sample breakdown was poor and sample spacing large. However, if this range, and its prior age assignment, is accurate, then the lowermost two normal events in Site 745 are not Chron 3A, but Subchrons 3N3 and 3N4. The last occurrence of *A. challengerae* would also then be significantly younger (~4.5 Ma) than the age adopted in this report (5.5 Ma), and close to the ~4.4-Ma age for this event given by Weaver (1983). Finally, this interpretation would suggest the presence of a hiatus that removed Chron 3A from both Sites 745 and 746.

Site 747

Site 747 (Tables 3 and 4, microfiche; Fig. 5) was drilled at a water depth of 1696 m at 54°49'S. It is the most northerly of the sites examined in this study. Two holes were cored at Site

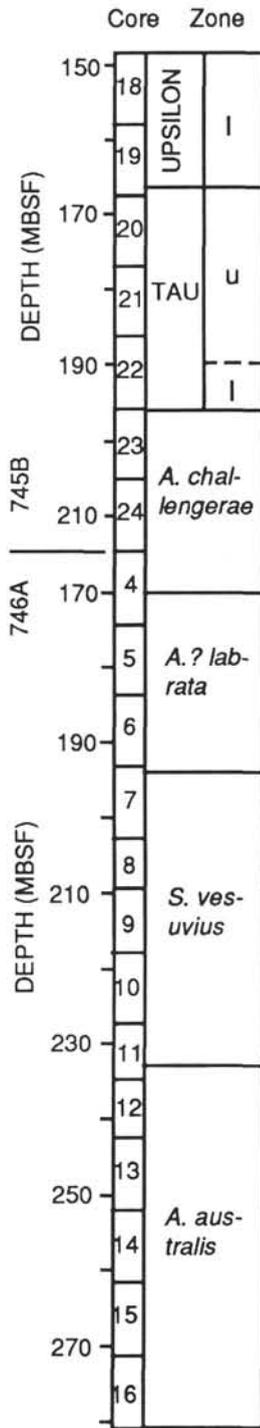


Figure 4. Radiolarian zonation, Sites 745 and 746. Wavy lines = hiatuses, dashed lines = uncertain placement of boundary, question marks = unzonable intervals; u = upper, m = middle, and l = lower subzones. See discussion of site in text for additional details.

747. Hole 747A recovered a section down to the Late Cretaceous, whereas Hole 747B ended at a much shallower sub-bottom depth in late Miocene sediments. In Hole 747A, the entire Neogene section was examined for radiolarian stratigraphy while on board ship at a resolution of approximately 4–5 samples/core. Additional shore-based work on the late middle Miocene to Holocene interval (~0–60 mbsf) was

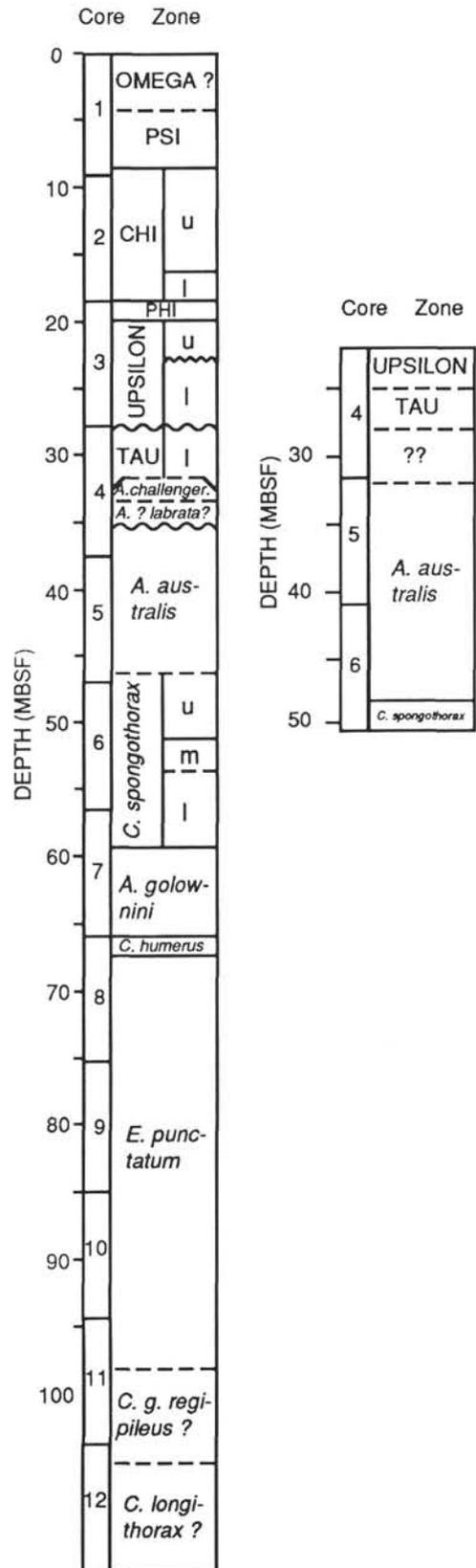


Figure 5. Radiolarian zonation, Site 747. Wavy lines = hiatuses, dashed lines = uncertain placement of boundary, question marks = unzonable intervals; upper = upper, m = middle, and l = lower subzones. See discussion of site in text for additional details.

conducted to improve stratigraphic resolution, while earlier Miocene sediments below this level were studied by Abelmann (this volume). Six cores were recovered from Hole 747B. The upper three cores contain late Pliocene to Holocene sediments and were not examined for this report. The early Pliocene and late Miocene section, however, was examined in detail (~12 samples/core).

Radiolarians in both holes are generally abundant and well preserved throughout the Pliocene to Holocene interval, whereas abundance and preservation are more variable in the Miocene. Radiolarian preservation is particularly poor in the early Miocene and latest Miocene. Although most radiolarian zones and subzones can be identified in Site 747, hiatuses or intervals of extremely condensed sedimentation are present, particularly in the latest Miocene and early Pliocene. The latest Miocene interval of reduced sedimentation or hiatus development coincides with an interval of unusually poor preservation (Hole 747A, ~32–37 mbsf, and Hole 747B, ~28–32 mbsf). Zonal markers in this interval are rare or absent, and precise zonal assignment is difficult. Differences in the zonal assignments in this interval between the two holes primarily reflect preservation and sampling and are not significant. The occurrence of *S. universus* is too sporadic to be confident of its LAD, and thus the presence of the Omega Zone at the top of Core 120-747A-1H is uncertain. The occurrence of *A. australis* in Hole 747A (but, unaccountably, not in Hole 747B) is also very rare, and the FAD of this species may well be lower than indicated. This may account, in part, for the *A. australis*/*C. spongothorax* zonal boundary being ~3 m lower in Hole 747B than in Hole 747A, whereas most other biostratigraphic events in Hole 747B are ~4 m higher than in Hole 747A. Subzones within the *A. golownini* zone could not be identified, as the marker species *D. megalcephalis* was not seen in this interval. The identification of the lower Miocene *C. g. regipileus* and *C. longithorax* zones is tentative, being based only on ship-board data. Abelmann (this volume) leaves this interval unzoned. Abelmann (this volume) also places the boundary of the *E. punctatum* and *C. humerus* zones significantly lower (top of Core 120-747A-9H) than in this report (top of Core 120-747A-8H).

Site 748

Site 748 (Table 5, microfiche, and Fig. 6), located on the Southern Kerguelen Plateau, recovered a long sedimentary section, extending into the middle Cretaceous. Of the three holes drilled, Neogene sediments were recovered from Holes 748A and 748B. In Hole 748A, only two cores were taken, with sediments of Pleistocene to late Miocene age. Hole 748B penetrated the entire Neogene. Upper Neogene sediments are more condensed in Site 748 than in other Leg 120 sites, and hiatuses are more extensive. Therefore, radiolarian analysis in this report was more limited than in the other sites, with the main goal being to identify the location and extent of these hiatuses. The largest of the hiatuses, at ~11 mbsf in Hole 748B, separates middle late Miocene sediments of the *A. australis* Zone from late early Pliocene sediments of the lower Upsilon Subzone. Another major hiatus between Samples 120-748B-5H-CC and -6H-1, 65–67 cm, has removed all of the *A. golownini* and *C. humerus* zones. Significant reworking is seen in several levels at this site (e.g., late Pliocene, Sample 120-748B-2H-3, top of section, which contains abundant reworked late Miocene radiolarians). Reworking is generally rare to absent in the other sites examined. Reworking and limited sample spacing are probably the reasons for the slight differences in zonal assignments between the two holes. The presence or

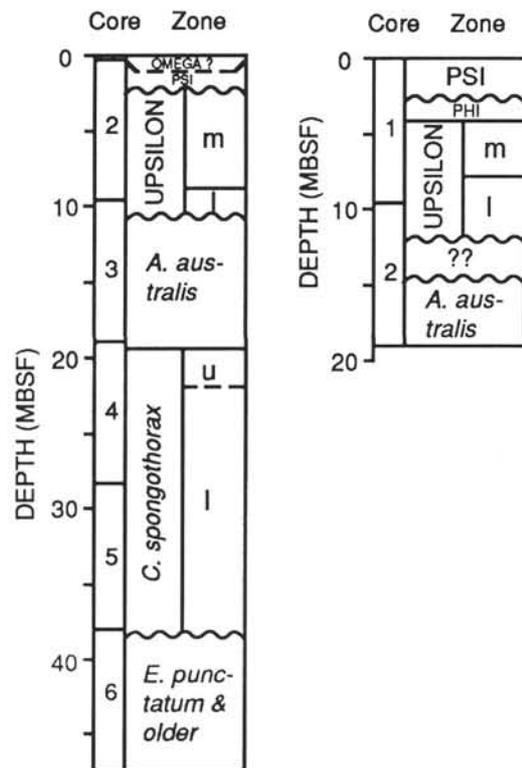


Figure 6. Radiolarian zonation, Site 748. Wavy lines = hiatuses, dashed lines = uncertain placement of boundary, question marks = unzonable intervals; u = upper, m = middle, and l = lower subzones. See discussion of site in text for additional details.

absence of a middle *C. spongothorax* Subzone cannot be determined without closer sampling, and may not be identifiable in any case because of reworking.

Site 751

Site 751 (Table 6, microfiche, and Fig. 7) recovered the thickest Neogene section of Leg 120, and radiolarians are abundant and well preserved in all but the lowermost cores from the earlier Miocene. The late middle Miocene to Holocene interval (Cores 120-751A-1H to -12H) was examined using ~6 samples/core. A hiatus and an interval of condensed sedimentation was seen in the lower part of Core 120-751A-5H within the latest Miocene (*S. vesuvius* Zone to lower Tau Subzone). Latest Pliocene and early Pleistocene sediments (radiolarian Phi and Chi zones) were removed in another hiatus in the upper part of Core 120-751A-2H. Another hiatus or interval of reduced sedimentation was apparent between Samples 120-751A-12H-CC and -13H-CC. Abelmann's more detailed study of this interval (this volume) indicates the presence of the *C. humerus* Zone in the upper part of Core 120-751A-13H, and the absence of the lower *A. golownini* Subzone because of a hiatus between Samples 120-751A-12H-CC and -13H-1, 65–69 cm.

SUMMARY OF STRATIGRAPHY AND AGE OF RADIOLARIAN EVENTS

The estimated age and location of all zonal and subzonal markers, as well as selected other biostratigraphic events, is given for each section studied in Table 7. Age estimates are based on a variety of sources, but all are based on calibration to the geomagnetic polarity time scale of Berggren et al.

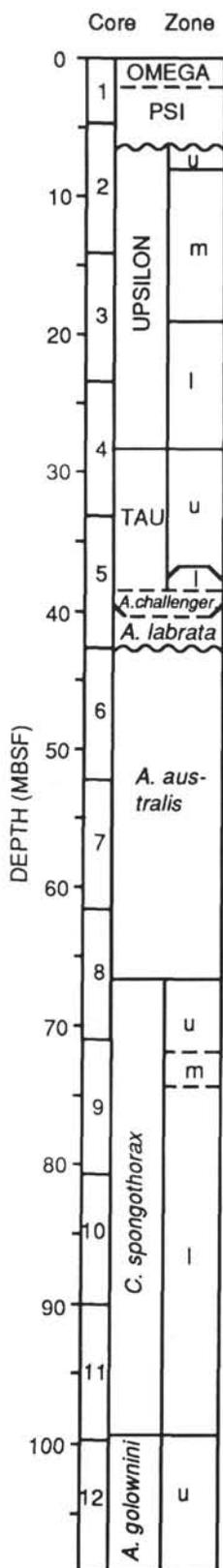


Figure 7. Radiolarian zonation, Site 751. Wavy lines = hiatuses, dashed lines = uncertain placement of boundary, question marks = unzonable intervals; u = upper, m = middle, and l = lower subzones. See discussion of site in text for additional details.

(1985). Pliocene and Pleistocene age estimates are derived from the biostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic data given in Hays and Opdyke (1967) and Caulet (1991), with the exception of the LAD of *Lampromitra coronata*. The LAD of this species is very close to what is identified as the Gauss/Gilbert boundary in Holes 747A and 748B (Harwood et al., this volume). The LAD of *A. challengerae* is calibrated to the paleomagnetic stratigraphy interpretation of Barron et al. (1991) for Site 745. As noted in the discussion of this site (above), this age may be too old, as the LCO of *L. grande*, thought to be at paleomagnetic Subchron 3N3 in other sites, occurs at approximately the same level as the LAD of *A. challengerae* in Site 745. The age of the FAD of *A. challengerae* and FAD of *A. ? labrata* are based on the paleomagnetic interpretation of Site 746 in Barron et al. (1991). The LAD of *C. spongothorax* is based on Site 746 paleomagnetic data, and data from Leg 113 Site 689 from the Maud Rise (Gersonde et al., 1990). The FADs of *A. australis* and *E. pseudoinflatum* and the LADs of *C. humerus* and *A. golownini* all occur within the long normal Magnetochron 5. Age assignments for these events are based on relative order in the section as well as on estimated sedimentation rates at Leg 113 and 120 sites. The FAD and LAD of *L. stigi* is calibrated in Site 747, but, because of its sporadic range, this calibration may not be reliable in other sites. It is noted primarily as an aid to between-hole correlations at Site 747.

DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Sections from the Kerguelen Plateau cored during Legs 119 and 120 provide the most complete record yet of Neogene radiolarian stratigraphy in the Southern Ocean. Specifically, it appears that Kerguelen Plateau Neogene sections are more complete, and often have better preserved radiolarians, than those recovered from the Weddell Sea. The radiolarian stratigraphy used in the Weddell Sea region by Leg 113 (Abelmann, 1990; Lazarus, 1990) has proved to be applicable to the Kerguelen Plateau, although the more complete sections recovered from the Kerguelen Plateau have permitted refinement of the earlier stratigraphy. Neogene radiolarian zones appear to be valid throughout the Southern Ocean. Three new late Miocene zones—the *Siphonosphaera vesuvius*, *Acrosphaera? labrata*, and *Amphymenium challengerae* Zones—are defined for the first time. Hiatuses were seen in the middle Miocene, latest Miocene, and late Pliocene throughout the Southern Ocean, which make age interpretations slightly uncertain. However, most of the Miocene radiolarian datum-levels can now be calibrated with some confidence to the geomagnetic polarity time scale, using combined magneto-, bio-, and isotope stratigraphy (Table 7; Harwood et al., this volume).

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Table 7. Summary of radiolarian biostratigraphic data.

| Name | Age, Ma | Source of Age | 745+746 | 745+746 | 745+746 | 745+746 | 744 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | Upper Depth | Lower Depth | Upper Sample | Lower Sample | Upper Depth |
| LAD <i>A. cylindrica</i> | 0.61 | Calet, 119 | 34 | 35.5 | 5-1,53 | 5-2,53 | 0 |
| LAD <i>P.c.trilobum</i> | 0.8 | Hays&Opdyk67 | 15 | 16.5 | 3-1,53 | 3-2,53 | 0 |
| LAD <i>C. pliocenica</i> | 1.73 | Calet, 119 | 84.5 | 86 | 10-3,53 | 10-4,53 | 7.73 |
| FAD <i>T. antarctica</i> | 1.85 | Calet, 119 | 90.4 | 90.5 | 10-7,53 | 10-CC | |
| LAD <i>E. calvertense</i> | 1.85 | Calet, 119 | | | | | 9.23 |
| LAD <i>H. vema</i> | 2.32 | Calet, 119 | 109.5 | 110 | 12-CC | 13-1,53 | 9.23 |
| LAD <i>D. spongiosa</i> | 2.34 | Calet, 119 | 110 | 111.5 | 13-1,53 | 13-2,53 | 9.23 |
| FAD <i>C. davisiana</i> | 2.5 | Calet, 119 | 114.5 | 116 | 13-4,53 | 13-5,53 | 14.23 |
| LAD <i>P. titan</i> | 3.32 | Calet, 119 | 130.5 | 132 | 15-2,53 | 15-3,53 | 15.73 |
| LAD <i>L. coronata</i> | 3.5 | 120Pmag | | | | | |
| FAD <i>H. vema</i> | 4.2 | Calet, 119 | 153 | 155 | 18-4,53 | 18-5,53 | 15.73 |
| LCO <i>L. grande</i> | 4.6 | 113Pmag | 188.53 | 191.53 | 22-2,53 | 22-4,53 | |
| LAD <i>A. challengerac</i> | 5.5 | 745+6Pmag | 194.53 | 198.03 | 22-6,53 | 23-2,53 | |
| FAD <i>A. challengerac</i> | 6 | 745+6Pmag | 169.83 | 171.33 | 4-4,53 | 4-5,53 | |
| FAD <i>A. labrata</i> | 7 | 745+6Pmag | 192.96 | 195.33 | 6-7,53 | 7-2,63 | |
| LAD <i>C. spongothorax</i> | 8.3 | 745+6Pmag | 232.33 | 233.83 | 11-4,53 | 11-5,53 | 23.72 |
| FCO <i>S. peregrina</i> | 8.4 | 745+6Pmag | 247.23 | 252.33 | 13-4,53 | 14-1,53 | |
| LCO <i>L. stigi</i> | 8.49 | 747Pmag | | | | | |
| FCO <i>L. stigi</i> | 8.98 | 747Pmag | | | | | |
| FAD <i>A. australis</i> | 9.7 | 113+120Pmag | | | | | 33.23 |
| LAD <i>C. humerus</i> | 9.9 | 113+120Pmag | | | | | 33.23 |
| FAD <i>E. pseudoinflatum</i> | 10 | 113+120Pmag | | | | | 36.23 |
| LAD <i>A. golownini</i> | 10.2 | 113+120Pmag | | | | | 37.6 |
| FAD <i>C. spongothorax</i> | 12.3 | 113+120Pmag | | | | | 47.23 |
| FAD <i>A. golownini</i> | 13.4 | 113+120Pmag | | | | | 52.65 |
| FAD <i>D. megalcephalis</i> | 12.45 | Abelmann, 120 | | | | | 52.65 |
| FAD <i>C. humerus</i> | 14.2 | Abelmann, 120 | | | | | 55.23 |
| FAD <i>E.punctatum</i> | 17.3 | Abelmann, 120 | | | | | 66.23 |
| FAD <i>C. g. regipileus</i> | 19.4 | Abelmann, 120 | | | | | 71.3 |
| FAD <i>C. longithorax</i> | 21 | Abelmann, 120 | | | | | 88.25 |

Notes: FAD and LAD = first or last appearance datum; FCO and LCO = first or last common occurrence relative to other radiolarians in assemblage, or, for evolutionary transitions, to ancestor or descendant. Source of ages: Calet, 119 = Calet (1991); Abelmann, 120 = Abelmann (this volume). Pmag: paleomagnetic stratigraphic interpretations of respective ODP legs, as given in Gersonde et al. (1990), Barron et al. (1991), and Harwood et al. (this volume). Upper depth = upper sample bracketing biostratigraphic event, in meters below seafloor; Lower depth = lower sample, in mbsf; Upper sample = upper sample name, in core, section, and interval format; Lower sample = lower sample name. Blank spaces in the table indicate events not seen or identifiable, or the absence of sediments of the appropriate age. See additional discussion in "Age of Radiolarian Events" section, this chapter.

TAXONOMY

Order SPUMELLARIA Ehrenberg, 1875
Family COLLOSPHAERIDAE Müller, 1858

Genus *ACROSPHAERA* Haeckel, 1881

Acrosphaera australis Lazarus, 1990, pp. 712-713, pl. 1, figs. 1-6.

Known range. middle late Miocene, circumantarctic, Southern Ocean; does not range into the very latest Miocene as indicated by Lazarus (1990).

Acrosphaera murrayana (Haeckel) Strelkov and Reshetnjak, 1971, p. 347, fig. 25; Lazarus, 1990, p. 713, pl. 2, figs. 3-4.

Acrosphaera? labrata n. sp. (Plate 1, Figs. 1-10)

Synonyms. *Acrosphaera* sp., Lazarus, 1990, p. 713, pl. 2, fig. 5; *Collo-sphaerid* sp., Keany, 1979. (Plate 1, Fig. 5)

Definition. Single spherical or elliptical shell, lacking spines of any sort, with fairly small, irregularly shaped, irregularly distributed pores. Many pores are surrounded by low, smooth, thick rims. Some specimens have more angular pores, and low straight ridges on the surface.

Etymology. From the latin *labrum*, rim or lip.

Occurrence. middle late Miocene to ?earliest Pliocene, Antarctic. Rare to abundant. Typically occurs as fragments rather than whole specimens.

Holotype. Sample 120-751A-5H-4, 48 cm, 81.4/32.7.

Comments. *Acrosphaera? labrata* most resembles the primarily tropical to subtropical species *Acrosphaera murrayana* (Haeckel), but it has much thicker rims around the pores and lacks the corona of short spines typical of *A. murrayana* (Nigrini and Lombardi, 1984). Most authors (Strelkov and Reshetnyak, 1971; Nigrini and Moore, 1979; Takahashi, 1981; Nigrini and Lombardi, 1984) have included within *A. murrayana* specimens with coronal spines and radial tubes of varying lengths. Goll (1980) referred to specimens with coronal spines, but without even a short tube as *A. murrayana*, and specimens with a short tube as *A. trepanata*. The Antarctic material referred to as *A. murrayana* in this report would, under Goll's criteria, be *A. trepanata*. Rare specimens of typical low-latitude *A. murrayana* morphotypes, with fairly thin, low, raised rims and short coronal spines, were seen in middle late Miocene Sample 120-747B-4H-CC, near the base of the stratigraphic range of *A.? labrata*.

Early specimens of *A.? labrata* have very poorly developed rims and look much like specimens of *A. murrayana* without coronal spines. Thus, *A.? labrata* may have evolved in the late Miocene Antarctic from subantarctic populations of *A. murrayana*, although present observations are not sufficient to prove this conjecture. *A.? labrata* is questionably referred to the genus *Acrosphaera* because of this inferred evolutionary relationship to *A. murrayana*, although the lack of external spines in *A.? labrata* does not fit with the formal definition of the genus. The relative rarity of *A.? labrata* in northernmost Site 747 indicates a preference for more polar, antarctic-water-mass conditions for this species. The present definition of *A.? labrata*

Table 7 (continued).

| 744 | 744 | 744 | 747A | 747A | 747A | 747A | 747B | 747B |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lower Depth | Upper Sample | Lower Sample | Upper Depth | Lower Depth | Upper Sample | Lower Sample | Upper Depth | Lower Depth |
| 3.53 | top | 1-3,53 | 7.95 | 9 | 1-6,45 | 1-CC | | |
| 3.53 | top | 1-3,53 | 7.95 | 9 | 1-6,45 | 1-CC | | |
| 9.23 | 2-3,53 | 2-4,53 | 15.45 | 16.95 | 2-5, 45 | 2-6, 45 | | |
| | | | 18.45 | 18.5 | 2-7,45 | 2, CC | | |
| 14.23 | 2-4,53 | 3-1,53 | 18.45 | 18.5 | 2-7,45 | 2, CC | | |
| 14.23 | 2-4,53 | 3-1,53 | 18.95 | 20.45 | 3-1, 45 | 3-2, 45 | | |
| 14.23 | 2-4,53 | 3-1,53 | 18.95 | 20.45 | 3-1, 45 | 3-2, 45 | | |
| 15.73 | 3-1,53 | 3-2,53 | 21.95 | 23.45 | 3-3, 45 | 3-4, 45 | | |
| 23.72 | 3-2,53 | 4-1,52 | 21.95 | 23.45 | 3-3, 45 | 3-4, 45 | | |
| | | | 24.95 | 26.45 | 3-5,45 | 3-6,45 | 21.8 | 23.62 |
| 23.72 | 3-2,53 | 4-1,52 | 28 | 29.95 | 3, CC | 4-2, 45 | 24.42 | 25.12 |
| | | | 29.95 | 32.95 | 4-2, 45 | 4-4, 45 | | |
| | | | 32.1 | 32.95 | 4-3,110? | 4-4,45? | | |
| | | | 32.95 | 33.6 | 4-4,45? | 4-4,110? | | |
| | | | 33.6 | 34.45 | 4-4,110 | 4-5,45 | 31.3 | 31.62 |
| 25.22 | 4-1,52 | 4-2,59 | 34.45 | 35.95 | 4-5, 45 | 4-6, 45 | 31.62 | 32.42 |
| | | | 37.5 | 41.62 | 4-CC | 5-3,112 | 36.92 | 37.62 |
| | | | 42.45 | 43.12 | 5-4,45 | 5-5,112 | 38.42 | 39.12 |
| | | | 48.95 | 50.45 | 6-2,45 | 6-3,45 | 40.8 | 41.92 |
| 36.23 | 5-1,53 | 5-3,53 | | | | | 47.93 | 48.62 |
| 36.23 | 5-1,53 | 5-3,53 | | | | | | |
| 37.6 | 5-3,53 | 5-4,36 | 50.45 | 51.95 | 6-3, 45 | 6-4, 45 | 48.62 | 49.43 |
| 42.73 | 5-4,36 | 6-1,53 | 51.95 | 54.95 | 6-4, 45 | 6-6, 45 | 46.43 | 47.12 |
| 52.65 | 6-4,60 | 7-1,95 | 58.45 | 59.45 | 7-2, 45 | 7-3, 45 | 49.96 | 50.3 |
| 55.23 | 7-1,95 | 7-3,53 | 66 | 66.45 | 7, CC | 8-1, 45 | | |
| 55.23 | 7-1,95 | 7-3,53 | | | | | | |
| 56.73 | 7-3,53 | 7-4,60 | | | | | | |
| 71.3 | 8-4,60 | 9-1,60 | | | | | | |
| 80.73 | 9-1,60 | 10-1,60 | | | | | | |
| 89.4 | 10-6,60 ? | 10-7,16 ? | | | | | | |

is rather broad, including forms with rounded and rimmed pores and those with much more angular pores, forms with reduced rim development, and those with ridged surfaces. These latter morphotypes may well belong to another species, but more detailed work will be needed to determine if this is so.

Acrosphaera spinosa echinoides Haeckel, 1887, p. 100, pl. 8, fig. 1; Bjørklund Goll, 1979, pp. 1311-1312, pl. 1, figs. 12-13 only; pl. 4, figs. 1-4, 7, and 8. (Plate 5, Figs. 5-8)

Comments. This species (stratigraphic range not given in tables) appears to be restricted to earlier Miocene sediments, where it ranges from rare to few in abundance.

Acrosphaera? mercurius n. sp. (Plate 1, Figs. 11-16)

Definition. Medium to small spherical shell covered with numerous small, round, irregular size pores, which are distributed irregularly, often overlapping, and thus form small arcuate cusps that partially subdivide the enlarged double pore. Edges of pores rounded, not rimmed or funnelled; surface of shell rough, with low, sharp arcuate ridges and crests, which do not form a regular frame pattern. No spines. Shell wall of moderate thickness.

Etymology. Named after the planet Mercury, the impact-cratered surface of which resembles the dense, overlapping distribution of subcircular pores in this species.

Occurrence. middle Miocene to Pliocene. Rare and sporadic.

Holotype. Sample 120-747B-4H-3, 112 cm, 81.4/24.5.

Comments. Placed in *Acrosphaera* because of the irregular pore distribution, absence of pore frames, internal shells, or spines, all characteristics of collosphaerids. However, this form, with its rough

shell surface and unrimmed pores, is not very similar to other members of *Acrosphaera*, and the generic assignment is uncertain.

Genus *SIPHONOSPHAERA* Müller, 1858

Siphonosphaera vesuvius n. sp. (Plate 2, Figs. 1-8)

Synonyms. *Acrosphaera* sp., Lazarus, 1990, p. 713, pl. 2, figs. 1-2; Collosphaerid sp., Keany, 1979, pl. 1, fig. 4.

Definition. Single spherical, rarely elliptical, shell with numerous regularly spaced, fairly uniformly sized and shaped open ended, slightly concave conical tubes. Radial length of tubes generally equal to or slightly greater than diameter of pores at end of tubes. Concave curvature of tubes often merges at base of tubes into convex circular swellings of shell surface. Distance between pore centers typically between 2 and 3 times diameter of pores. Tube length ~5%-10% of shell diameter. No spines. Shell surface smooth.

Etymology. Name refers to Mt. Vesuvius, a well-known Italian volcano with a shape similar to the pores of this species.

Occurrence. Early to middle late Miocene, Antarctic. Rare to abundant. May occur primarily either as fragments, or, in well-preserved samples, as (nearly) complete shells. Does not range into earliest Pliocene as indicated in Lazarus (1990).

Holotype. Sample 120-747A-5H-3, 112 cm, 2.9/83.1.

Comments. Similar to several species described by Haeckel (1887), but differs in size, shape, and spacing of conical tubes, according to Haeckel's descriptions and plates. *Siphonosphaera conifera* Haeckel has tubes with lengths greater than the diameter of the shell. *S. cyathina* Haeckel has distally flared pores. *Ethmosphaera polysiphonia* Haeckel and *E. conosiphonia* Haeckel have closely packed simple

seen in Antarctic Miocene sediments, however, although very similar to low-latitude taxa, are morphologically not quite the same, and thus may not have the same stratigraphic range. Given these differences (size of polar caps, length of polar columns, shape of cortical shell, etc.), precise species assignment (and age interpretation) is deferred.

Family PYLONIIDAE Haeckel, 1881

Genus *PRUNOPYLE* Dreyer, 1889

Prunopyle titan Campbell and Clark, 1944, p. 20, pl. 3, figs. 1–3; Lazarus, 1990, p. 717, pl. 5, figs. 1–4.

Prunopyle hayesi Chen, 1975a, p. 454, pl. 9, figs. 3–5; Lazarus, 1990, p. 717, pl. 5, figs. 5–8.

Order NASSELLARIA Ehrenberg, 1875

Suborder SPYRIDA Ehrenberg, 1847,
emend. Petrushevskaya, 1971

Genus *DESMOSPYRIS* Haeckel, 1881

Desmospyris rhodospyroides Petrushevskaya, 1975, p. 593, pl. 10, figs. 27–29, 31, and 32. (Plate 7, Figs. 3–4)

Synonyms. *Dendrospyris haysi* Chen, 1974, pp. 482–483, pl. 2, figs. 3–5; 1975a, p. 455, pl. 15, figs. 3–5; Lazarus, 1990, p. 716, pl. 5, figs. 9–12; *Desmospyris? haysi* Petrushevskaya 1975, p. 593, pl. 8, figs. 3–4, pl. 27, figs. 4–6.

Desmospyris spongiosa Hays 1965, p. 173, pl. 2, fig. 1; Lazarus, 1990, p. 716, pl. 4, figs. 9–11.

Genus *DENDROSPYRIS* Haeckel, 1881, emend. Goll, 1968

Dendrospyris megalcephalis Chen, 1974, p. 484, pl. 2, figs. 6–7; 1975a, p. 455, pl. 14, figs. 3–5.

Dendrospyris sp. cf. *megalcephalis*. (Plate 7, Figs. 1–2)

Genus *TRICERASPYRIS* Haeckel, 1881

Triceraspyris antarctica (Haecker), Haecker, 1908, pp. 445–446, pl. 84, fig. 586; Chen, 1975, p. 456, pl. 15, fig. 6.

Triceraspyris coronata Weaver, 1976a, p. 580, pl. 2, figs. 4–5, pl. 6, figs. 8–9. (Plate 7, Figs. 5–9)

Comments. As noted in Lazarus (1990), all of these spyrid species appear to be closely related to each other and often intergrade. An attempt was made in this study to assign populations to either *D. spongiosa* or *D. rhodospyroides*, based on the dominant morphotypes in the population. However, in some samples this was not possible, and the specimens are listed as either *D. spongiosa?* or *D. rhodospyroides?* in the range tables. *D. rhodospyroides* and *D. haysi* were lumped together in this report. Forms similar to *D. megalcephalis*, but with the apex of the cephalis still attached to the sagittal ring, were recorded as *Dendrospyris* sp. cf. *megalcephalis*. Forms with well-developed feet and reduced (or absent) abdomens were assigned either to *Triceraspyris antarctica* or *T. coronata* group. Specimens assigned to *T. antarctica* have large pores, long feet, and a wide cephalis, whereas specimens assigned to *T. coronata* group have a heavier, more equant cephalis, and somewhat stouter feet. The two forms do not show any stratigraphic overlap.

Family PLAGONIIDAE Haeckel, 1881, emend. Riedel, 1967

Genus *ANTARCTISSA* Petrushevskaya, 1967

Antarctissa cylindrica Petrushevskaya, 1975, p. 591, pl. 11, figs. 19–20; Lazarus, 1990, pl. 3, figs. 8–12.

Synonym. *Antarctissa ewingi* Chen, 1974, p. 486, pl. 3, figs. 4–6; 1975a, p. 457, pl. 16, figs. 5–9.

Antarctissa deflandrei (Petrushevskaya) Lazarus, 1990, p. 713, pl. 3, figs. 18–19.

Synonyms. *Botryopera deflandrei* Petrushevskaya, 1975, p. 592, pl. 11, figs. 30–32; *Antarctissa conradae* Chen, 1974, p. 484, pl. 3, figs. 1–3; 1975a, p. 457, pl. 17, figs. 1–5; *Botryopera conradae* (Chen) Petrushevskaya 1986, p. 193, fig. 2, no. 6.

Antarctissa denticulata (Ehrenberg) Petrushevskaya, 1967, pp. 84–86, fig. 49, I–IV; Lazarus, 1990, pp. 713–714, pl. 3, figs. 1–4.

Antarctissa robusta Petrushevskaya 1975, p. 591, pl. 11, figs. 21–22; Lazarus, 1990, pp. 714–715, pl. 3, figs. 6–7.

Synonyms. *Antarctissa antedenticulata* Chen, 1974, p. 484, pl. 2, figs. 8–9; 1975a, p. 456, pl. 18, figs. 1–2; *?Antarctissa equiceps* (Campbell and Clark) *sensu* Petrushevskaya 1975, p. 591, pl. 11, figs. 23 and 25; *?Dictyocephalus equiceps* Campbell and Clark, 1944, p. 46, pl. 6, fig. 15; *?Botryopera equiceps* (Campbell and Clark) Petrushevskaya 1986, p. 193.

Comments. Included with *A. deflandrei* in range chart tabulations in this report.

Antarctissa strelkovi Petrushevskaya, 1967, p. 89, pl. 51, figs. 3–6; Lazarus, 1990, pp. 713–715, pl. 3, figs. 13–15.

Comments. Some authors have provided separate stratigraphic data for *A. strelkovi* and *A. longa* (Popofsky) Petrushevskaya, 1967 (Petrushevskaya, 1975; Keany, 1979), whereas others have not (Chen, 1975a, 1975b; Weaver, 1976b, 1983). In this study no distinction was made between these forms.

Genus *HELOTHOLUS* Jørgensen, 1905

Helotholus vema Hays, 1965, p. 176, pl. 2, fig. 3, text fig. A; Lazarus, 1990, p. 717, pl. 7, figs. 1–5.

Synonym. *Pseudocubus vema* *sensu* Petrushevskaya, 1971, p. 46; Keany and Kennett, 1972; Kellogg, 1975.

Helotholus? haysi n. sp. (Plate 8, Figs. 1–17)

Description. Small, cap-shaped shell with very small, indistinct hemispherical cephalis and short cylindrical thorax. Lattice wall of both cephalis and thorax thin, with (relative to size of shell) large, irregularly shaped, irregularly distributed pores; bars thin, thorny, surface of shell rough. Horizontal ring inside thorax, connected to thorax wall by 7–10 radial beams, and to base of cephalis by vertical beams.

Etymology. Named in honor of Dr. James D. Hays, for his many contributions to paleoclimate, evolution, and Antarctic radiolarian research.

Occurrence. Rare to few in the middle late Miocene (to early Pliocene?) of the Antarctic.

Holotype. Sample 120-746A-8H-3, 53–55 cm, 81.1/9.2.

Comments. Differs from the similar form *H. vema* in its small size, in having more radial beams (*H. vema* usually has 6 or 7), relative to the diameter of the thorax, in having a larger internal ring, and, in general, in having a more variable morphology (irregularly shaped, noncircular internal rings, etc.). Lazarus (1990) noted the presence of a form in the basal Pliocene and Miocene of the Weddell Sea region that appears, at least in part, to be the same species, although the Pliocene specimens from the Weddell Sea region are much larger than those from the Kerguelen Plateau and may not be conspecific. The generic assignment of this species, and of *H. vema*, is uncertain. *H. haysi* appears to be congeneric with *H. vema*, as it differs from *H. vema* only in such details as lattice wall texture, number of internal beams, and overall size. Kellogg (1975) postulated an evolutionary origin for *H. vema* (which she calls *Pseudocubus vema*) from a form that Weaver (1983) named as a new species, *Helotholus praevevema*. I have been unable to distinguish *H. praevevema* from other members of the genus *Antarctissa*. It seems likely that the generic definition of *Antarctissa* will need to be revised, and these two species transferred to *Antarctissa*. See also comments in Lazarus (1990).

Genus *LITHOMELISSA* Ehrenberg, 1847

Lithomelissa stigi Bjørklund, 1976, p. 1125, pl. 15, figs. 12–17.

Genus *LAMPROMITRA* Haeckel, 1881

Lampromitra coronata Haeckel, 1887 group.

Comments. This group includes all forms with somewhat irregular pores (relative to *Velicucullus* sp. cf. *oddgurneri* below), well-developed basal fringes, and high conical shells. Includes forms described as *Velicucullus altus* n. sp. in Abelmann, 1990.

Genus *VELICUCULLUS* Riedel and Campbell, 1952

Velicucullus sp. cf. *V. oddgurneri* Bjørklund, 1976

Comments. The use of this term is restricted in this study to forms with thin bars, circular to oval, regular pores, and only a rather delicate basal fringe located well inside the posterior margin of the shell.

Family THEOPERIDAE Haeckel, 1881, emend. Riedel, 1967

Genus *CERATOCYRTIS* Bütschli, 1882

Ceratocyrtis sp. (Plate 7, Figs. 10–17)

Comments. Large, broadly flared cone with large polygonal pores and, on some specimens, short thorns or spines projecting from the thorax lattice-wall surface. Cephalis very small, indistinct, with a short apical horn. Larger and more flared than the specimens of *Sethoconus* sp. illustrated by Chen (1975, p. 462, pl. 10, figs. 5–6), and no specimens were seen with external meshwork on the shell. Chen's written description, however, also includes specimens with more polygonal pores and spines rather than meshwork. Thus, the present species may represent a subdivision of Chen's broader species concept.

Genus *CYCLADOPHORA* Ehrenberg, 1872b, emend.
Lombardi and Lazarus, 1988

Cycladophora antiqua Abelmann, 1990.

Comments. This species was recorded separately only in Site 744 (Leg 119). In all other sites, it was included in *C. gollii gollii*.

Cycladophora bicornis (Popofsky) group, Lombardi and Lazarus, 1988, pp. 106–114, pls. 4 and 5.

Comments. No attempt was made in this report to distinguish subspecies in the group. Subspecies distributions within the Antarctic have been reported in Lombardi and Lazarus (1988).

Cycladophora davisiana Ehrenberg 1872a, 1872b, pl. II, fig. 11.

Cycladophora gollii (Chen) Lombardi and Lazarus 1988, p. 124, pl. 11, figs. 1–12; Lazarus, 1990, pp. 715–716, pl. 4, fig. 8.

Cycladophora humerus (Petrushevskaya) Lombardi and Lazarus 1988, p. 123, pl. 9, figs. 1–6; Lazarus, 1990, pp. 715–716, pl. 4, figs. 4–5.

Cycladophora pliocenica (Hays) Lombardi and Lazarus 1988, p. 104; Lazarus, 1990, pp. 715–716, pl. 4, figs. 6–7.

Cycladophora spongothorax (Chen) Lombardi and Lazarus 1988, p. 122, pl. 9, figs. 7–12; Lazarus, 1990, pp. 715–716, pl. 4, figs. 1–3.

Genus *PTEROCANIUM* Ehrenberg, 1847

Pterocanium charybdeum trilobum (Haeckel), Lazarus et al., 1985, pp. 195–196, fig. 10.

Pterocanium korotnevi (Dogiel), Nigrini, 1970, p. 170, pl. 3, figs. 10–11.

Genus *LYCHNOCANIUM* Ehrenberg, 1847

Lychnocanium grande Campbell and Clark, 1944, p. 42, pl. 6, figs. 3–6; Lazarus, 1990, p. 717, pl. 7, fig. 9.

Synonyms. *Lychnocanium grande rugosum* Riedel, 1952; Hays, 1965; Keany, 1979; *Lychnocanoma grande rugosum* (Riedel), Weaver, 1976a, 1976b, 1983.

Lychnocanoma conica (Clark and Campbell) group, Abelmann, 1990, p. 697, pl. 7, figs. 1a–b; Takemura, this volume, p. 751, pl. 2, figs. 13–14.

Synonym. *Lychnocanoma sphaerotherax* Weaver, 1976a, p. 581, pl. 5, figs. 4–5.

Genus *DICTYOPHIMUS* Ehrenberg, 1847

Dictyophimus crisiae? group, Ehrenberg, 1854, p. 241; Nigrini, 1967, p. 66, pl. 6, figs. 7a–b.

Comments. *Dictyophimus pocillum* Ehrenberg (1875) may be a junior synonym of *D. crisiae*.

Genus *EUCYRTIDIUM* Ehrenberg, 1847

Eucyrtidium cienkowski Haeckel, 1887, p. 1493, pl. 80, fig. 9; Lazarus, 1990, p. 716, pl. 6, figs. 1–3.

Eucyrtidium calvertense Martin, 1904, p. 450, pl. 130, fig. 5; Lazarus, 1990, p. 716, pl. 6, figs. 4–6.

Eucyrtidium pseudoinflatum Weaver, 1983, pp. 675–676, pl. 5, figs. 8–9; Lazarus, 1990, p. 716, pl. 6, figs. 12–14.

Genus *CYRTOCAPSELLA* Haeckel, 1887

Cyrtocapsella japonica (Nakaseko) Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1970, p. 452, pl. 1, figs. 13–15. (Plate 9, Figs. 1–8).

Comments. In addition to typical specimens of *C. japonica* (Plate 9, Figs. 5–6), a much more inflated form was also seen in this study (e.g., Plate 9, Figs. 2–4 and 7–8; Sample 120-747A-8H-4, 45–47 cm). These specimens appear to occur in approximately the same time interval as *C. japonica* sensu stricto, and so were lumped together in the range chart tables. They may, however, represent a different species. Relatively rare early Miocene specimens (Plate 9, Fig. 1) may also belong to a different species.

Cyrtocapsella tetrapera (Haeckel) Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1970, p. 435, pl. 1, figs. 16–18. (Plate 9, Fig. 11).

Genus *STICHOCORYS* Haeckel, 1881

Stichocorys peregrina? (Riedel) Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1970, p. 451, pl. 1, fig. 10.

Comments. The specimens seen in the Antarctic differ from typical *S. peregrina* and may not be conspecific. The Antarctic specimens have uniformly centrally inflated segments, increasing in size to at least the fifth segment, and are more heavily silicified than typical *S. peregrina* from low-latitude sediments.

Family PTEROCORYTHIDAE Haeckel, 1881, emend. Riedel, 1967

Genus *STICHOPILIUM* Haeckel, 1881

Stichopilium bicorne? Haeckel, 1887, p. 1437, pl. 77, fig. 9; Takahashi, 1981, p. 254, pl. 39, figs. 13–19. (Plate 9, Figs. 9–10 and 12–17).

Comments. Specimens included in this group may belong to more than one species. Differs from typical *S. bicorne* in that most specimens encountered in this study have fairly short, relatively narrow, nearly cylindrical thoraxes, and no posterior segments.

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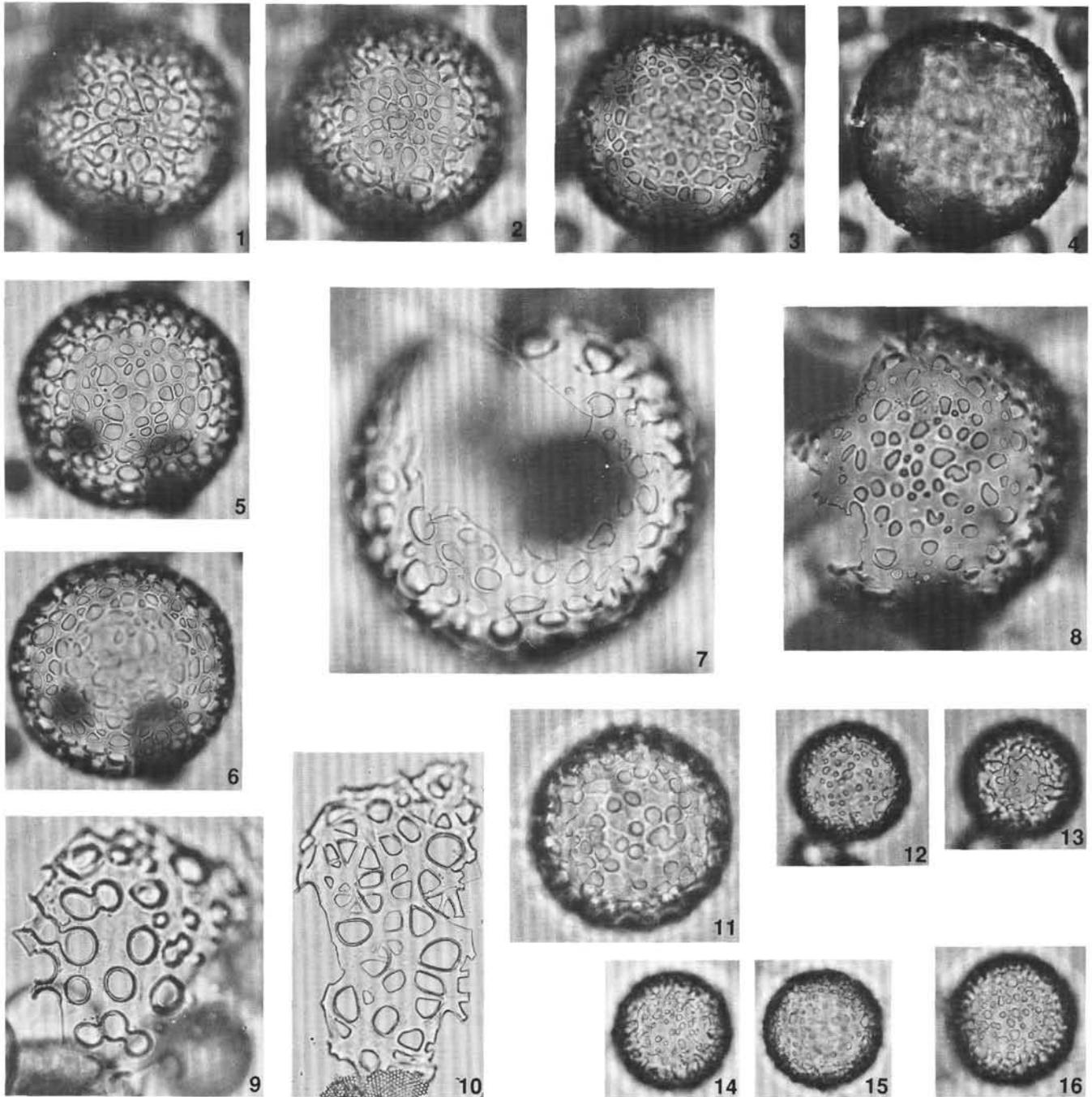
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Plate 1. Stage coordinates of specimens (label to left, Zeiss standard microscope) follow each sample name. Magnifications given by Scales A and B on each plate. All type specimens are individually marked on slides and deposited in the paleontological collections of the Geologisches Institut, ETH Zürich. 1–10. *Acrosphaera? labrata*, n. sp.; (1–4) holotype, Sample 120-751A-5H-4, 48 cm, 81.4/32.7; (5–6) 81.5/38.7; (7) Sample 120-746A-4H-4, 53 cm, 83.2/25.6; (8), Sample 120-746A-4H-6, 53 cm, 83.4/42.7; (9) Sample 120-746A-4H-1, 53 cm, 84.0/42.0; (10) 83.8/36.8. 11–16. *Acrosphaera? mercurius* n. sp.; (11) holotype, Sample 120-747B-4H-3, 112 cm, 81.4/24.5; (12–13) Sample 120-751A-5H-2, 49 cm, 80.9/6.8; (14–15), Sample 120-746A-4H-1, 53 cm, 83.1/27.0; (16) 82.8/27.5. Magnifications: Figures 7 and 9–11 are Scale B; the rest are Scale A.

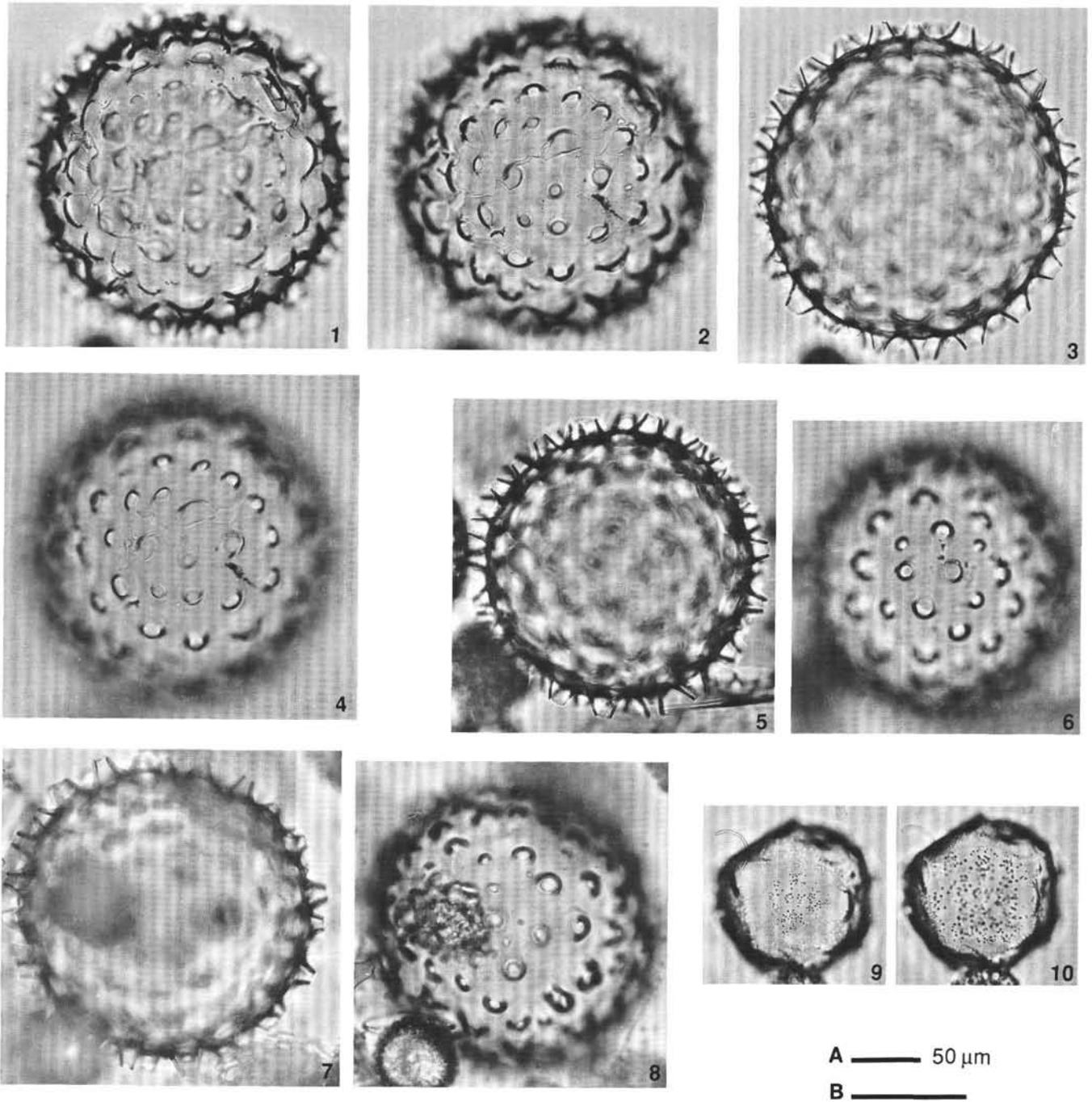
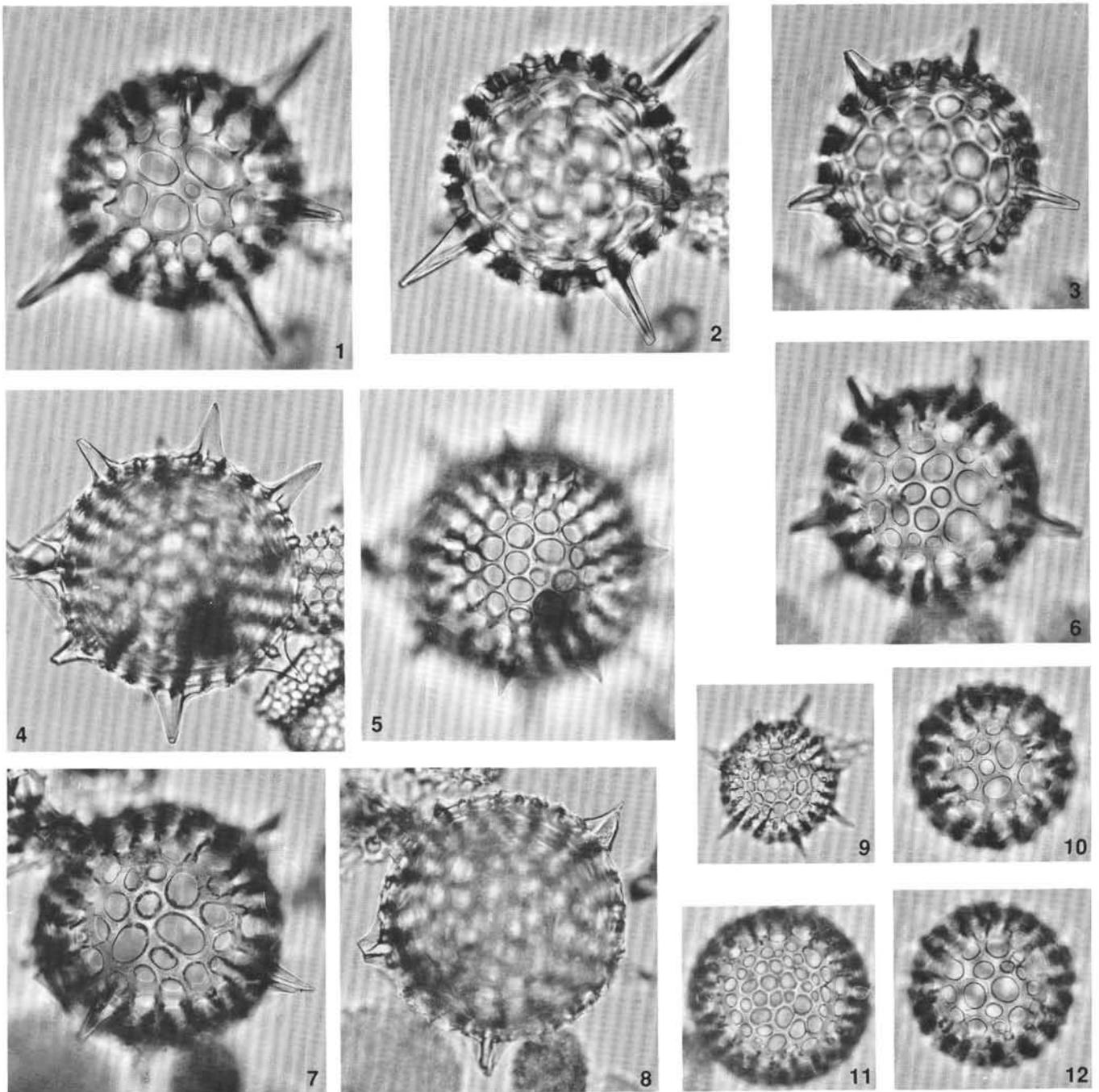
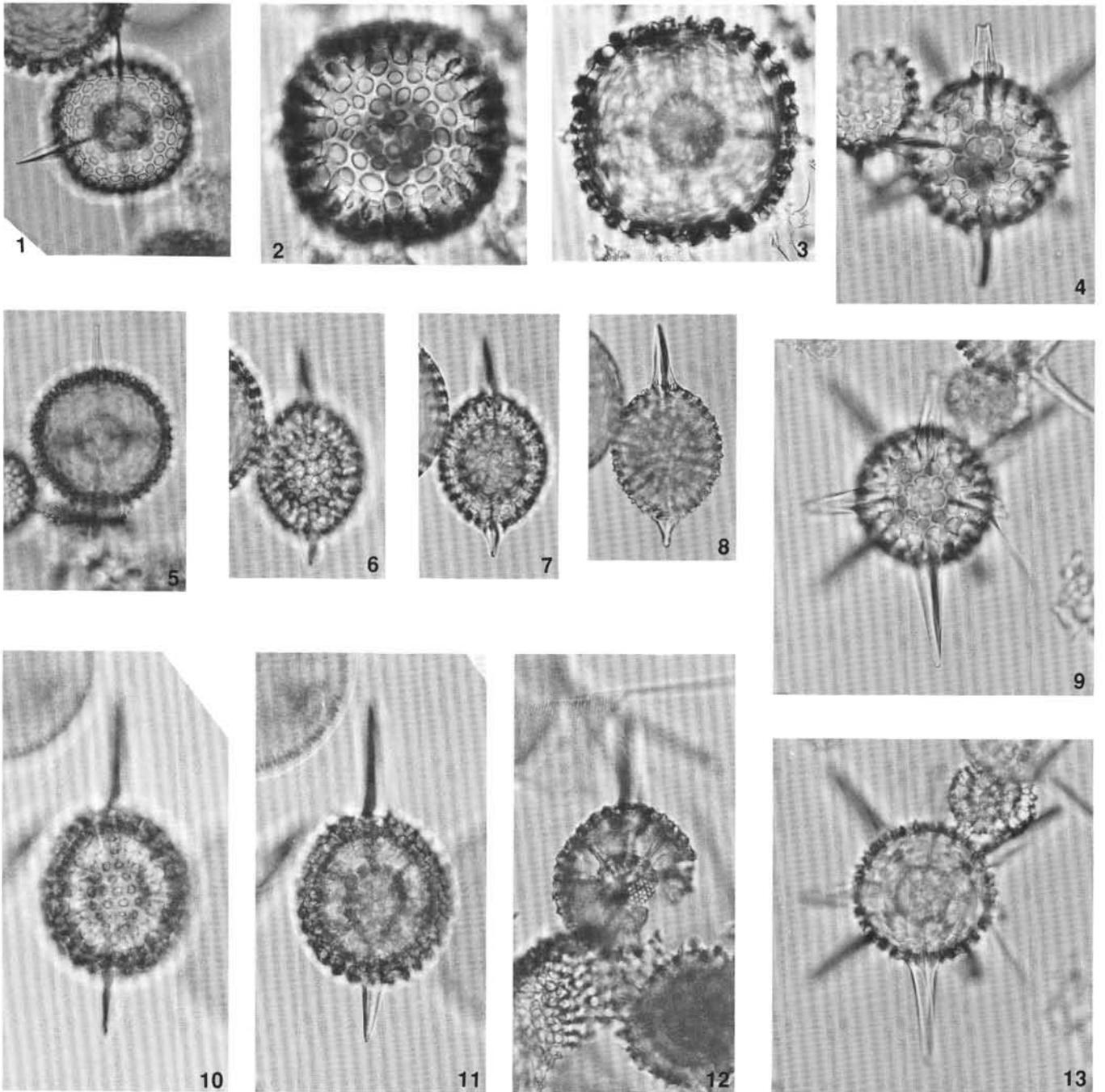


Plate 2. See Plate 1 for specifications. 1-8. *Siphonosphaera vesuvius* n. sp.; (1-4) holotype, Sample 120-747A-5H-3, 112 cm, 2.9/83.1; (5-6) 3.3/86.5; (7-8) 17.0/67.5. 9-10. *Siphonosphaera magnisphaera*, Sample 120-751A-12H-6, 98 cm, 83.8/17.4. Magnifications: All figures are Scale A.

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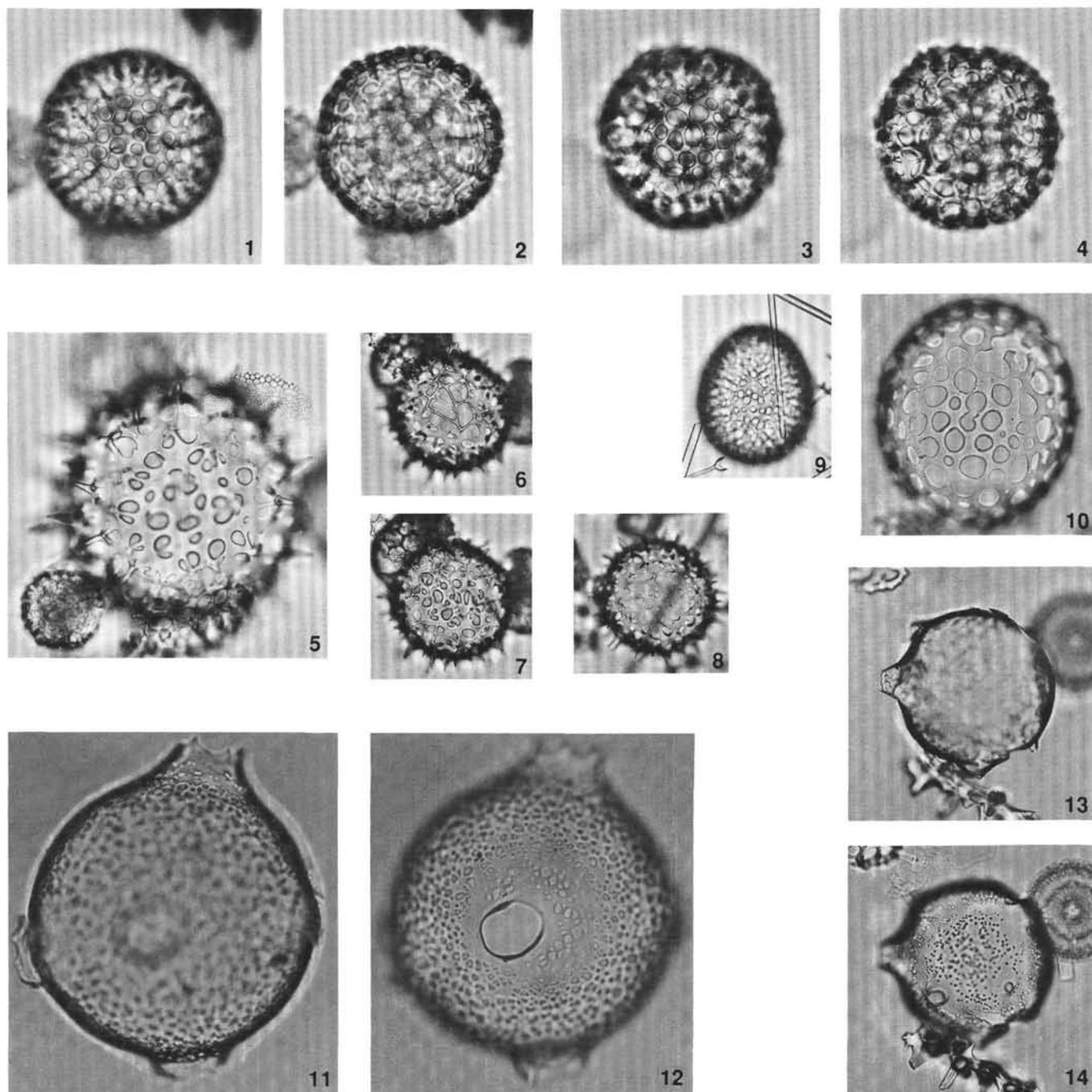
Plate 3. See Plate 1 for specifications. 1–9. *Actinomma? magnifenebra* n. sp.; (1–2) holotype, Sample 120-747A-6H-4, 45 cm, 11.5/102.0; (3, 6) 8.5/91.5; (4–5) Sample 120-747A-8H-4, 45 cm, 85.2/15.0; (7–8) Sample 120-747A-6H-4, 45 cm, 10.5/96.8; (9) Sample 120-747A-8H-4, 45 cm, 88.5/23.0. 10–12. *A.? magnifenebra?*; (10) Sample 120-747A-6H-4, 45 cm; (11) Sample 120-744A-9H-1, 60–62 cm, 104.1/23.5; (12) Sample 120-747A-6H-4, 45 cm, 14.2/107.7. Magnifications: All figures are Scale A, except for Figure 9, which is 0.5 · Scale A.



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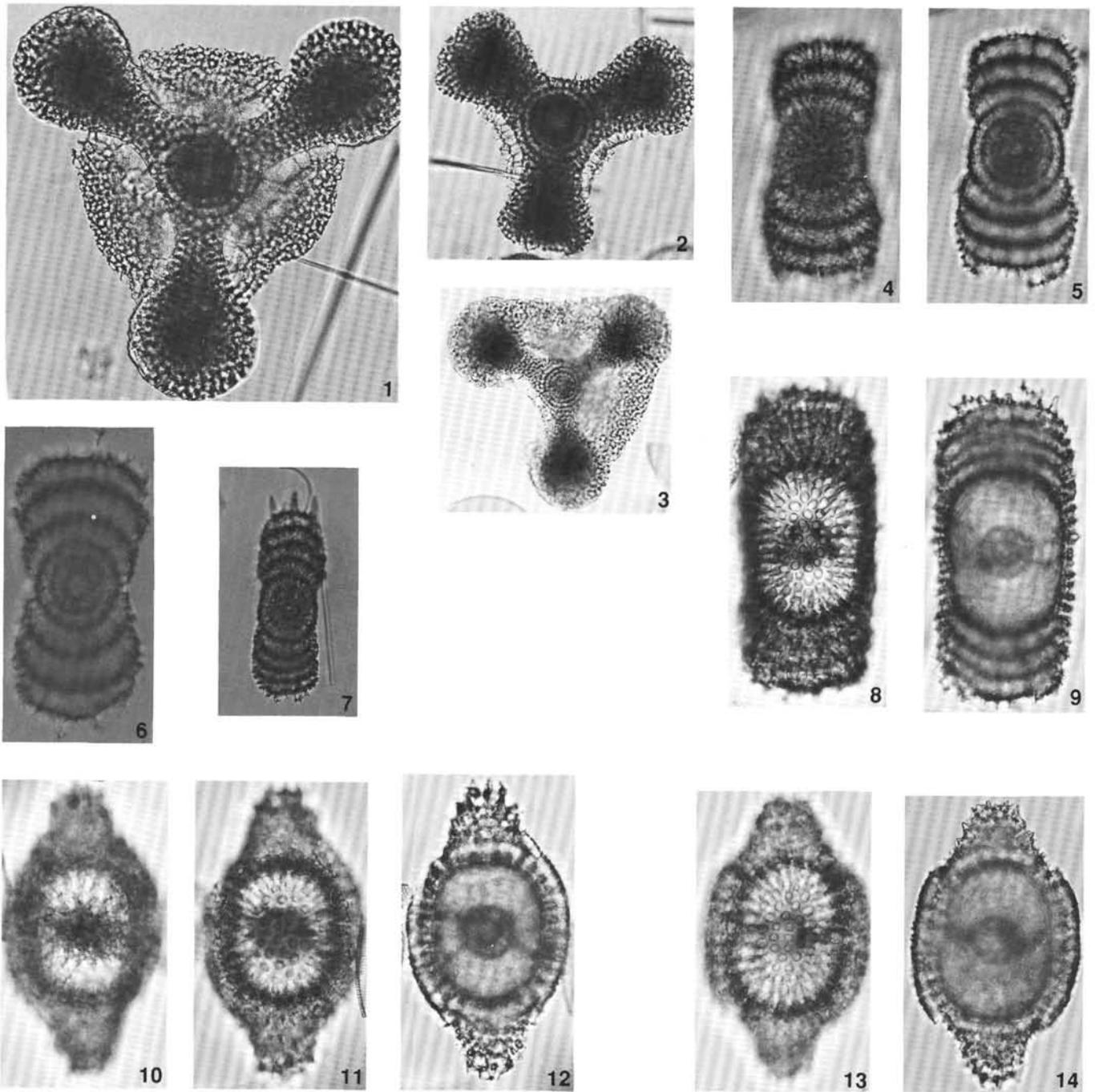
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Plate 4. See Plate 1 for specifications. 1–3, 5. *Hexalonche philosophica?*; (1) Sample 120-748B-7H-6, 45 cm, 90.9/24.2; (2–3) Sample 120-744A-10H-1, 60 cm, 82.5/40.8; (5) Sample 120-748B-7H-6, 45 cm, 88.3/23.8. 6–8. *S. santaennae*, Sample 120-747A-9H-2, 90 cm, 87.3/27.0. 10–12. *L. timmsi?*; (10–11) Sample 120-746A-4H-6, 53 cm, 82.8/36.4; (12) 80.9/32.1. 4, 9, 13. *Actinomma* sp. (ancestor to *A. golownini?*); (4) Sample 120-751A-12H-5, 98 cm, 83.2/35.8; (9, 13) 83.5/36.5. Magnifications: Figures 2–3 and 10–12 are Scale B; the rest are Scale A.

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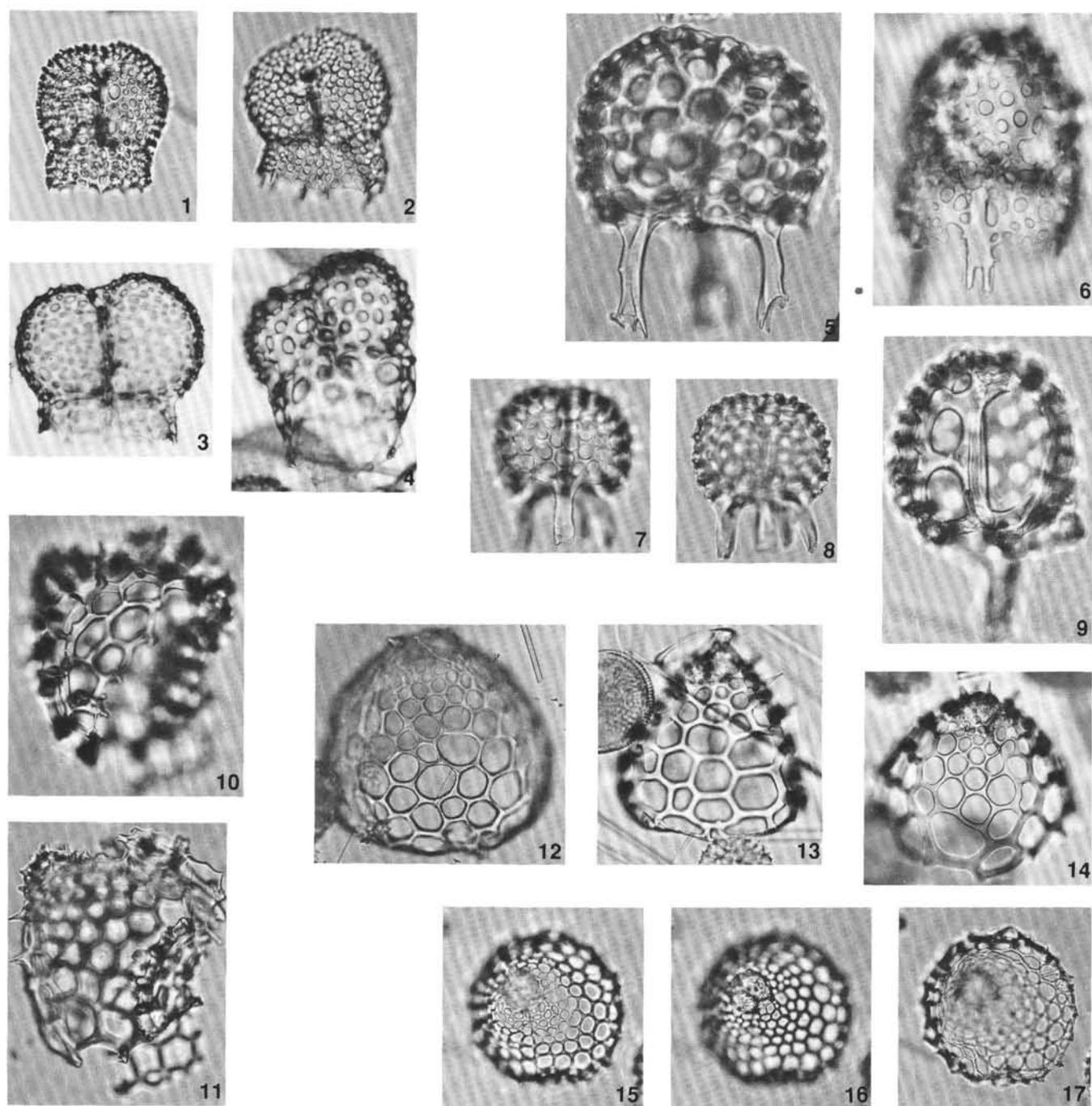
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Plate 5. See Plate 1 for specifications. 1–4. *Spongoplegma* sp. Chen; (1–2) Sample 120-747B-5H-4, 112 cm, 82.5/17.4; (3–4) Sample 120-747A-5H-3, 112 cm, 82.3/31.9. 5–8. *Acrosphaera spinosa echinoides* Haekel; (5) Sample 120-744A-8H-2, 60 cm, 82.6/33.9; (6–7) Sample 120-744A-10H-4, 60 cm, 82.0/28.2; (8) 83.3/15.1. 9–10 Collosphaerid spp.; (9) Sample 120-751A-10H-6, 98 cm, Piece 1, 90.4/20.9; (10) Sample 120-747A-8H-4, 45 cm, 88.1/13.9. 11–14. *Solenosphaera magnisphaera*; (11–12) recent specimen from a Panama Basin sediment trap, 3791 m water depth (specimen courtesy Dr. Kozo Takahashi, WHOI); (13–14) Sample 120-751A-12H-6, 98 cm, Piece 1, 85.7/15.4. Magnifications: Figures 1–5 and 11–12 are Scale B; the rest are Scale A.



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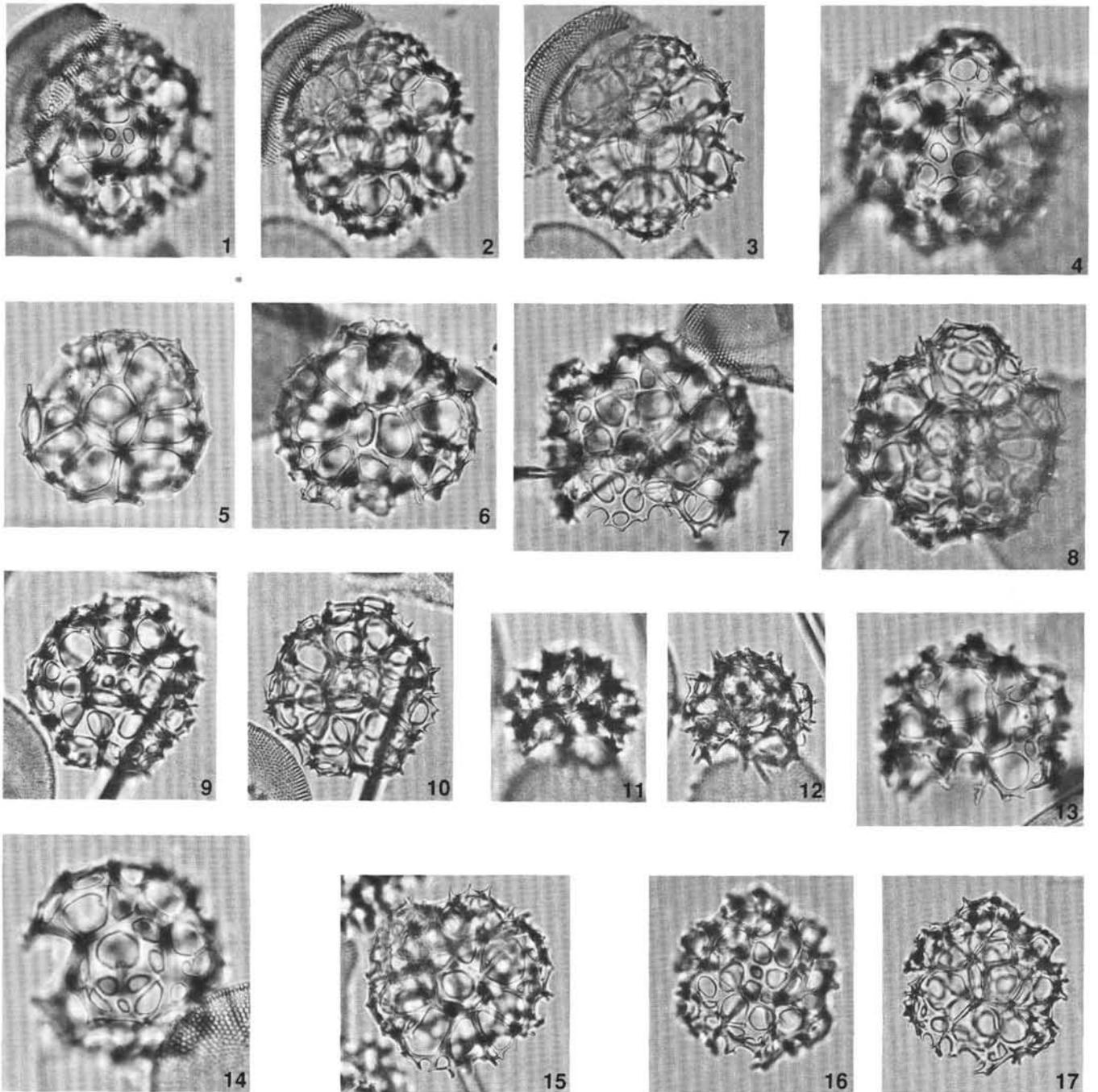
Plate 6. 1-3. *Rhopalastrum* sp. 1, Sample 120-747B-6H-3, 32 cm, 81.7/23.6; (2) Sample 119-737B-7H-1, 53 cm, 103.2/12.8; (3) Sample 119-737A-27X-2, 53 cm, Piece 1, 84.8/36.2. 4-7. *Amphymenium challengerae*; (4-5) Sample 120-747A-4H-4, 45 cm, 91.8/17.8; (6-7) Sample 119-745B-24X-6, 53-55 cm. 8-9. *Diartus* sp., Sample 119-737A-27X-2, 53 cm, Piece 2, 82.1/34.7. 10-14. *Didymocyrtis* sp.; (10-12) Sample 120-747A-5H-3, 112 cm, 84.1/20.4; (13-14) Sample 119-737A-26X-1, 94 cm, Piece 1 94.7/25.8. Magnifications: Figure 1 is Scale B; all of the other figures are Scale A.



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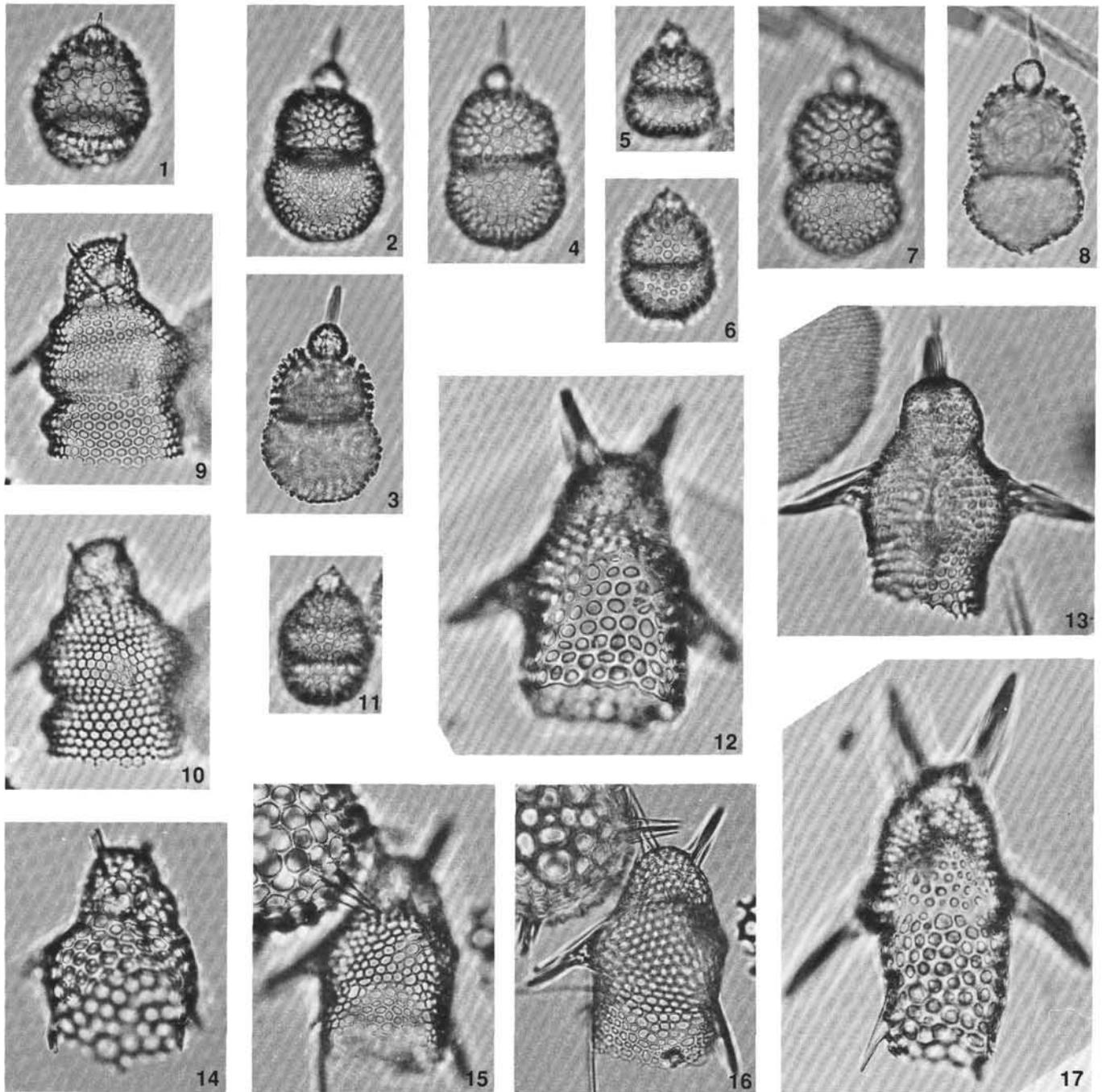
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Plate 7. 1–2. *Dendrospyris megaloccephalis*?; (1) Sample 120-747B-5H-6, 32 cm, 82.8/13.4; (2) Sample 120-747B-5H-6, 112 cm, 80.6/19.5. 3–4. *Desmospyris rhodospyroides*; (3) DSDP XX-329-13-CC; (4) DSDP XX-278-13-1, 140 cm. 5–9. *Triceraspyris coronata*; (5) Sample 120-747B-6H-4, 32 cm, 89.2/9.1; (6) Sample 120-746A-5H-1, 53–55 cm, 82.3/21.7; (7–8) Sample 120-747A-4H-4, 45 cm, 42.8/83.2; (9) Sample 120-747B-6H-3, 113 cm, 86.2/40.8. 10–17. *Ceratocyrtis* sp.; (10–11) Sample 120-744A-10H-1, 60 cm, 85.0/35.2; (12) Sample 120-744A-9H-1, 60 cm, 103.6/37.7; (13) Sample 120-751A-9H-2, 98 cm, Piece 1, 81.0/17.3; (14) Sample 120-746A-8H-1, 53 cm, 82.1/17.8; (15–17) Sample 120-744A-9H-1, 60 cm, 97.8/15.1. Magnifications: Figures 5, 6, and 9 are Scale B; the rest are Scale A (except for Figures 3 and 4, for which the scale is unknown).



B 50 μ m

Plate 8. 1-17. *Helotholus? haysi* n. sp.; (1-3) holotype, Sample 120-746A-8H-3, 53-55 cm, 81.1/9.2; (4) Sample 120-746A-16H-1, 53 cm, 82.9/24.8; (5) Sample 120-746A-8H-1, 53 cm, 84.2/11.6; (6) Sample 120-746A-8H-3, 53 cm, 81.9/12.3; (7) 81.4/8.8; (8) Sample 120-746A-16H-1, 53 cm, 82.9/24.8; (9-10) Sample 120-746A-11H-3, 53 cm, 83.0/36.3; (11-12) Sample 120-746A-16H-1, 53 cm, 85.1/35.1; (13) Sample 120-746A-8H-3, 53 cm, 82.2/36.8; (14) 80.9/31.7; (15) Sample 120-746A-11H-1, 53 cm, 82.4/19.0; (16-17) Sample 120-746A-6H-4, 53 cm, 82.9/19.9. Magnifications: All figures are Scale B.



A ——— 50 μ m
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Plate 9. 1-8. *Cyrtocapsella japonica*; (1) Sample 120-747A-9H-2, 40 cm, 90.5/33.6; (2-3) Sample 120-747A-8H-4, 45 cm, 82.5/24.8; (4) 87.0/41.3; (5) Sample 120-747B-6H-7, 16 cm, 81.0/42.1; (6) 82.4/28.3; (7-8) Sample 120-747A-8H-4, 45 cm, 87.5/14.8. 11. *Cyrtocapsella tetrapera*, Sample 120-747A-9H-2, 40 cm, 83.3/37.4. 9-10, 12-17. *Stichopileum bicorne?*; (9-10) Sample 120-751A-6H-1, 53 cm, 83.2/22.0; (12) Sample 120-744A-8H-2, 60 cm, 81.3/35.0; (13) Sample 120-746A-7H-2, 53 cm, 81.3/11.5; (14) Sample 120-747B-6H-6, 113 cm, 86.6/15.5; (15-16) Sample 120-744A-9H-1, 60 cm, 100.8/41.0; (17) Sample 120-744A-7H-4, 60 cm, 82.0/36.2. Magnifications: Figures 1-8 and 11 are Scale A; the rest of the figures are Scale B.