

### 3. PALEOGENE RADIOLARIANS FROM SITES 998, 999, AND 1001 IN THE CARIBBEAN<sup>1</sup>

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#### ABSTRACT

The Paleogene sequences from three sites in the Caribbean were examined for radiolarians. In general, samples are highly lithified, requiring lengthy and repetitive cleaning procedures, and the assemblages are usually fragmented and/or partially dissolved. Both abundances and preservation of the assemblages vary considerably from site to site and within a single site; even within a single sample more than one degree of preservation was observed. It was possible, however, to construct at least partial stratigraphies for each of the three sites. Because the abundance of radiolarians is high even in extremely poorly preserved assemblages, we conclude that the differences in biogenic silica preservation are the result of postdepositional processes and not productivity.

In both Sites 999 and 1001, near the Paleocene/Eocene boundary (*Bekoma bidartensis* Zone [RP7]), there is a short interval in which the abundance and preservation state of the radiolarians improves relative to overlying and underlying assemblages. In each case the interval corresponds to the level, identified by calcareous microfossils, as representing changes in paleoceanographic conditions associated with the late Paleocene thermal maximum.

#### INTRODUCTION

Five sites were drilled in the Caribbean region during Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) Leg 165, but only three (Fig. 1) were examined for radiolarians. The main objectives of the leg were to examine the nature of the Cretaceous/Tertiary (K/T) boundary and to study the influence of tropical seas on global climate and ocean history. The initial Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) policy of discontinuous coring yielded good, but intermittent, sequences from the Caribbean (Legs 4, 10, and 15). Given the superior drilling and continuous recovery now possible, it was thought that a reasonably good Paleogene radiolarian-bearing sequence might be obtained in this region. Hence, radiolarian samples were taken from Holes 998A, 998B, 999B, 1001A, and 1001B with the expectation that they would provide a continuous record of radiolarian deposition in the region. It was hoped that we could examine the paleoenvironmental signals provided by radiolarians during the interval surrounding the late Paleocene thermal maximum (LPTM) and that we could construct an integrated chronostratigraphy, using datum levels from radiolarians, calcareous microfossils, paleomagnetism, and isotopes, in and around critical, datable ash layers.

Unfortunately, the results have been disappointing in that radiolarian preservation is uneven and not as good as that found in earlier legs. Sample preparation proved to be both extremely difficult and time consuming, and the resulting assemblages are so poor that we were unable to make detailed biostratigraphic and taxonomic determinations. However, some partial stratigraphies could be constructed, and we have found a recognizable change in radiolarian abundance and preservation associated with the LPTM interval.

#### SAMPLE PREPARATION

To obtain clean radiolarian residues for microscopic examination, sediments must be disaggregated, sieved to remove the clay-size fraction, and acidified to eliminate the calcareous component (Sanfilippo et al., 1985).

Soft sediments are commonly disaggregated after being boiled in a solution of hydrogen peroxide and sodium pyrophosphate for a few minutes, but if lumps remain after sieving through a 63- $\mu\text{m}$  (or 44  $\mu\text{m}$ ) mesh sieve, the coarse fraction is returned to the beaker, dried, and boiled again. Successive dryings and retreatments are sufficient to clean most radiolarian samples. The cleaned residue is sieved at 150, 63, and 44  $\mu\text{m}$  and pipetted evenly onto labeled glass slides. When completely dry, air is expelled from the skeletons by the addition of a few drops of xylene, Canada balsam is dropped onto them, and a 22 mm  $\times$  44 mm coverslip completes the preparation.

Normally, lithologic smear slides of sediment samples will tell the observer whether or not radiolarians are present in the sample. Identification of radiolarians in the smear slides from this leg, especially from Hole 999B, is difficult because of the great degree of lithification and the overall scarcity of siliceous microfossils. In addition, most of the samples we obtained from Leg 165 were so highly lithified that disaggregation was difficult if not impossible. The standard method of radiolarian preparation for deep-sea sediments as described above was used, but most samples required repeated treatments (five to six times) with hydrogen peroxide and sodium pyrophosphate, sometimes over a period of days. We found it necessary to make many slides (up to 10 or more) from a single sample to find a sufficient number of well-preserved forms to make a stratigraphic determination. Many of our samples were barren of radiolarians. Frequently, volcanic glass shards and their alteration products, such as smectite, remain in the siliceous residues as minor constituents along with feldspar, opaque minerals, and traces of pyrite (P. Worstell, pers. comm., 1998).

#### RADIOLARIAN PRESERVATION

The Leg 165 assemblages show very poor preservation, and hence low diversity in the sediments, relative to previously reported assemblages of equivalent age from DSDP Legs 4 and 15 from the Caribbean and DSDP Leg 10 from the Gulf of Mexico. DSDP Leg 4 collected useful Caribbean middle Eocene sequences with radiolarians at Site 29 (Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970) and Leg 15 provided Caribbean equivalents of the sediment sequences in the Gulf of Mexico (Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1973) which permitted correlation with calcareous microfossils. Leg 10 sampled a similar sequence (Foreman, 1973; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973) in the Gulf of Mexico. All of

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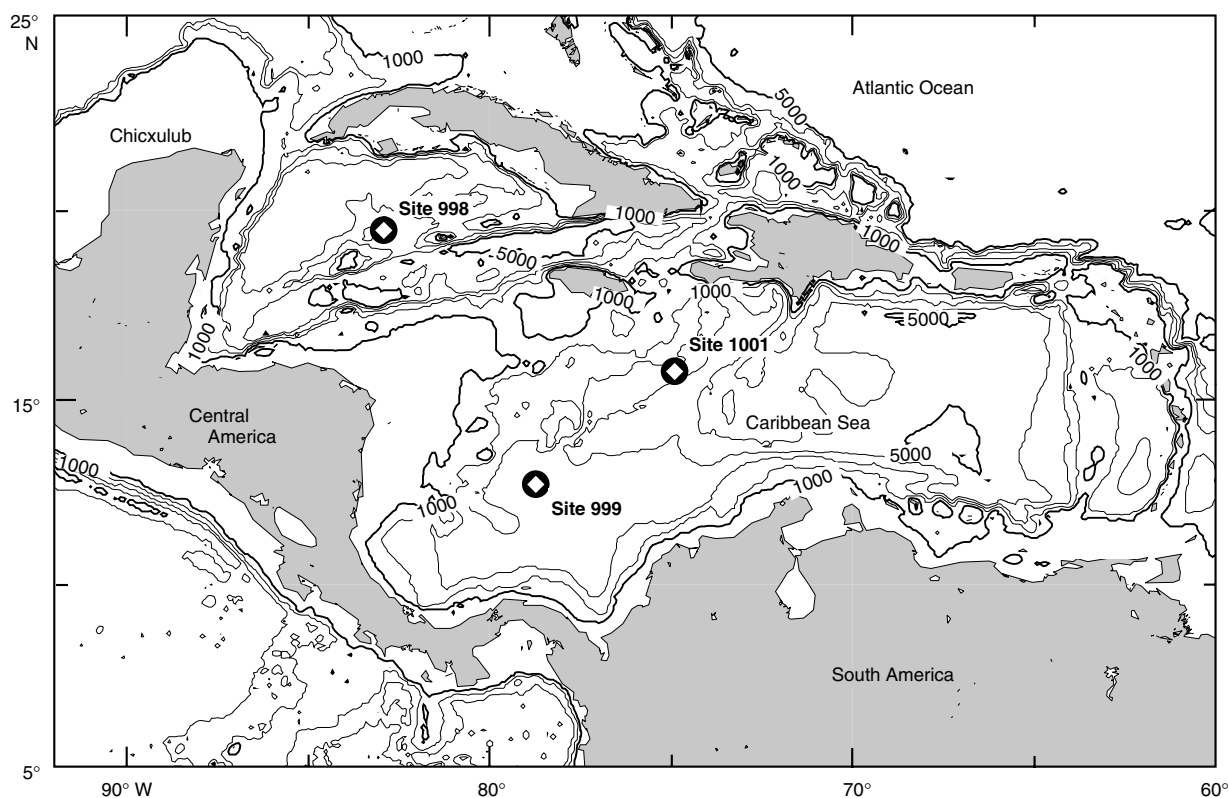


Figure 1. Location of Leg 165 sites examined for Paleogene radiolarians. Contours are in meters below sea level.

these legs lacked continuous coring from duplicate sites. Subsequent DSDP/ODP Legs (76–78, 96, 100–102, and 110) in the Caribbean region recovered only younger than middle Eocene radiolarian-bearing sediments. Although more numerous Paleocene and lower Eocene samples have been obtained from different parts of the world ocean, the recovery is still intermittent and radiolarian preservation commonly not adequate for detailed biostratigraphic work (Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1998b). Other studies from this region have reported both very poor (Sanfilippo and Hull, in press) and relatively good (Florez Abin, 1983) preservation in Cuban land-based sections. Good preservation of Eocene material from Barbados was reported by Saunders et al. (1985), but preservation in other sections from Barbados (Sanfilippo, unpubl. data) is inconsistent and generally deteriorates with age.

Sporadically occurring well-preserved radiolarians in the Leg 165 sites (e.g., 165-999B-28R-1, 0–2 cm) represent assemblages characteristic of open-ocean conditions, but with notably less diversity. However, the following genera, which are of particular stratigraphic importance in low latitudes, are notably sparse or absent from the three sites investigated herein: *Podocyrtes*, *Thyrsocyrtes*, and *Theocotyle*.

Not only do we see anomalous occurrences of well-preserved and poorly preserved assemblages within the region, we have also noted that, within a given site, and even with a given sample, the state of preservation is variable (Pl. 2, figs. 14–17; Pl. 3, figs. 11–13). For example, in Hole 999B the upper Eocene and Oligocene assemblages are composed of common, very poorly preserved radiolarians together with time-equivalent very rare but well-preserved forms, whereas the middle Eocene assemblage is characterized by abundant, very poorly preserved radiolarians that show evidence of strong dissolution. The upper Paleocene and lower Eocene assemblages are mostly barren of radiolarians except for sporadic occurrences of abundant, very poorly preserved forms. This observation suggests

that the absence of siliceous microfossils in sediments from this region is a result of dissolution within the sediment rather than the absence of specimens in the surface water.

The majority of our samples contain dissolved (Pl. 1, figs. 3, 9) and/or infilled radiolarian fragments or molds (Pl. 1, fig. 4). Frequently, diagnostic morphological features are missing (Pl. 1, figs. 5–7, 11), making identifications uncertain or impossible. In many of the nassellarians, dissolution is concentrated in the collar region (Pl. 2, fig. 11), which often results in the loss of the cephalis (Pl. 1, fig. 12). Even when specimens are sufficiently complete for identification, terminal segments, ornamentation, and spines are commonly missing or poorly preserved (Pl. 3). Fortunately, some forms have such a characteristic outline that they can be identified despite advanced dissolution or partial fragmentation (Pl. 1, figs. 8, 16; Pl. 2, figs. 3, 10). We have also observed that the refractive index of the silica in a few samples is lower (Pl. 1, fig. 10) than normal for Paleocene assemblages.

## RADIOLARIAN ZONATION

The code numbers for the Paleogene radiolarian zonation used herein are those introduced by Sanfilippo and Nigrini (1998a). In that paper we standardized and formally defined 39 radiolarian zones for the tropical Pacific, Indian, and Atlantic Oceans: RP1–RP22 for the Paleogene and RN1–RN17 for the Neogene. Mean numerical ages for zonal boundaries were culled from previous literature and converted to the geomagnetic polarity time scale of Cande and Kent (1995). A chart showing the correlation between the Paleogene zonal schemes for foraminifers, calcareous nannofossils, radiolarians, and the geomagnetic polarity time scale is shown in Figure 2. Below is a list of the zonal code numbers used herein, listed from youngest to oldest, which are equivalent to the previously published named zones.

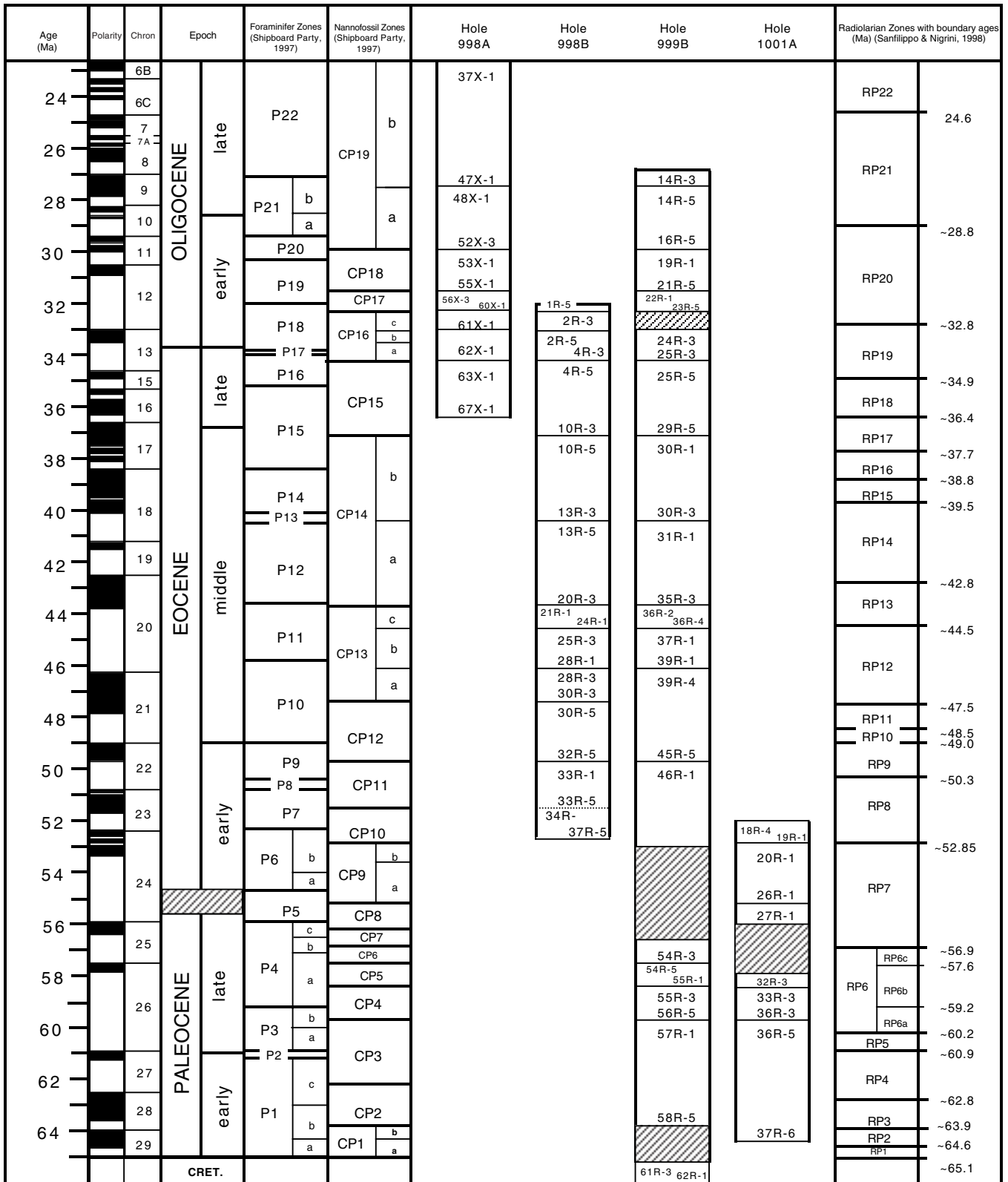


Figure 2. Correlation chart of Paleogene zonal schemes for foraminifers, calcareous nannofossils, radiolarians, and the geomagnetic polarity time scale of Cande and Kent (1995). Key to radiolarian zonal code numbers can be found in the text. Holes examined herein are correlated against nannofossil zones. Core and section numbers indicate level at which nannofossil boundaries occur. Hatching indicates uncertainty in placement of zonal boundary.

RP22 *Lychnocanoma elongata* Zone  
 RP21 *Dorcadospyrus atechus* Zone  
 RP20 *Theocyrtis tuberosa* Zone  
 RP19 *Cryptocarpium ornatum* Zone  
 RP18 *Calocyclus bandyca* Zone  
 RP17 *Cryptocarpium azyx* Zone  
 RP16 *Podocyrtis (Lampterium) goetheana* Zone  
 RP15 *Podocyrtis (Lampterium) chalara* Zone  
 RP14 *Podocyrtis (Lampterium) mitra* Zone  
 RP13 *Podocyrtis (Podocytoges) ampla* Zone  
 RP12 *Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) triacantha* Zone  
 RP11 *Dictyoprora mongolfieri* Zone  
 RP10 *Theocotyle cryptocephala* Zone  
 RP9 *Phormocyrtis striata striata* Zone  
 RP8 *Buryella clinata* Zone  
 RP7 *Bekoma bidartensis* Zone  
 RP6 *Bekoma campechensis* Zone  
 RP6c *Stylotrochus nitidus*–*Pterocodon* (?) *poculum* Subzone  
 RP6b *Orbula discipulus* Subzone  
 RP6a *Peritiviator* (?) *dumitricai* Subzone  
 RP5 *Buryella tetradica* Zone  
 RP4 *Buryella foremanae* Zone  
 RP3 *Stichomitra granulata* Zone  
 RP2 *Amphisphaera kina* Zone  
 RP1 *Amphisphaera aotea* Zone

## SITE DESCRIPTIONS

### Site 998

#### Hole 998A

Hole 998A (19°29.377'N, 82°56.166'W) was drilled on the Cayman Rise in 3179.9 m of water. Our samples (Table 1) were taken from between Samples 165-998A-36X-1, 36–38 cm (330.16 mbsf), and 67X-1, 4–6 cm (628.04 mbsf), which, according to nannofossil data, extends from the latest Oligocene (CN1a) to the late Eocene (CP15). All of our samples were highly calcareous and, except for the single sample (165-998A-36X-1, 36–38 cm) in nannofossil zonal equivalent CN1a and radiolarian zonal equivalent RP22, are either barren of radiolarians, or, at best, contain a few specimens of altered or broken forms. Despite the poor preservation, we were able to determine that Samples 165-998A-37X-1, 33–35 cm, to 45X-1, 89–91 cm, lie within radiolarian zonal equivalent RP21, Sample 165-998A-58X-3, 34–35 cm, lies within RP20 and Samples 165-998A-65X-1, 57–59 cm, and 67X-1, 4–6 cm, lie within RP18. These zonal assignments are in good agreement with those based on calcareous nannofossils.

#### Hole 998B

Hole 998B is a downward continuation of Hole 998A. Our samples (Table 2) were taken from between Samples 165-998B-1R-1, 38–40 cm (558.68 mbsf) and 37R-5, 35–37 cm (901.45 mbsf), which, according to nannofossil data, extends from the early Oligocene (CP17) to the early Eocene (CP10). Abundance is generally low in the lower Oligocene through the middle part of the middle Eocene, and it is mostly barren from below Sample 165-998B-26R-1, 34–36 cm (789.74 mbsf), where a substantial increase in dolomite content is noted. Sample 165-998B-34R-1, 35–37 cm, is tentatively assigned to radiolarian zonal equivalent RP8. Assignment of zonal equivalents to the remaining samples was sporadic and frequently tentative (see Table 2), but does, in general, agree well with the corresponding calcareous nannofossil zonal assignments. There is some discrepancy in the RP16 and RP15 intervals.

## Site Summary

Radiolarians in varying abundances and states of preservation were recovered from both holes at this site. Poorly preserved radiolarians are characterized by significant fragmentation and dissolution. The sparse upper Oligocene (Sample 165-998A-37X-1, 33–35 cm; 339.73 mbsf) through upper middle Eocene (Sample 165-998B-23R-1, 123–125 cm; 771.33 mbsf) radiolarian assemblages are weakly silicified and show moderate dissolution. A noticeable change in preservation occurs in the upper part of the middle Eocene. Here weakly silicified radiolarian layers alternate with layers of very poorly preserved assemblages. These assemblages containing internal clay casts of radiolarians with remnants of siliceous wall structures are mixed with very rare altered, totally silica-infilled radiolarians with a lower refractive index. The lower middle Eocene (Sample 165-998B-26R-3, 63–65 cm; 793.03 mbsf) to lower Eocene (Sample 165-998B-37R-5, 35–37 cm; 901.45 mbsf) part of the section is almost barren of radiolarians, except for the sporadic samples containing many molds of radiolarians. The lower refractive index of these molds is indicative of a structural change in the silica. Chert nodules are present below Core 165-998B-27R.

## Site 999

### Hole 999B

Hole 999B (12°44.597'N, 78°44.418'W) was drilled in the Colombian Basin in 2827.9 m of water and represents the best Paleogene radiolarian material recovered on Leg 165. Our samples (Table 3) were taken from between Samples 165-999B-14R-1, 18–20 cm (649.68 mbsf), and 62R-1, 104–106 cm (1065.84 mbsf), which interval, according to nannofossil data, extends from the late Oligocene (CP19b) to the Cretaceous (CC26). Radiolarians in core material above Sample 165-999B-40R-1, 127–129 cm (873.47 mbsf) vary in abundance from few to abundant and in preservation from poor to moderately good, thus allowing for a fairly complete biostratigraphic interpretation. Most of the examined material from below 873.47 mbsf is barren of radiolarians. Only Sample 165-999B-45R-1, 63–65 cm, could be assigned to radiolarian zonal equivalent RP9.

According to the initial reports for this leg (Sigurdsson, Leckie, Acton, et al., 1997), occurrence of a claystone at interval 165-999B-51R-5, 70–135 cm, is thought to reflect a brief interval of decreased carbonate deposition in the latest Paleocene. The timing of this event suggests a correlation with oceanographic and climatic changes that characterize the late Paleocene thermal maximum (LPTM) (Zachos et al., 1993). The effects of the abrupt warming on the radiolarian assemblage could not be documented because the upper Paleocene through lower Eocene interval in Hole 999B is generally barren of radiolarians except for Samples 165-999B-51R-5, 59–61 cm (974.99 mbsf), and 101–102 cm (975.41 mbsf), which straddle the LPTM interval (Table 3). These assemblages contain abundant, extremely poorly preserved radiolarians indicative of the uppermost Paleocene *Bekoma bidartensis* Zone (RP7).

## Site 1001

### Hole 1001A

Hole 1001A (15°45.427'N, 74°54.627'N) was drilled on the lower part of the Nicaraguan Rise in 3259.6 m of water. Our samples (Table 4) were taken from between interval 165-1001A-18R-3, 42–44 cm (163.72 mbsf), and 52R-5, 63–65 cm (483.95 mbsf), which, according to nannofossil data, spans a period from the middle Miocene (CN5) to the Cretaceous (CC22), but there is a major unconformity between the middle Miocene and lower Eocene (between Samples 165-1001A-18R-4, 127–129 cm, and 19R-1, 25–27 cm). The Cretaceous part of this sequence, below Sample 165-1001A-37R-6, 110–112 cm (340.95 mbsf), was not examined in the present study.

**Table 1. Range chart for stratigraphically important radiolarian species, Hole 998A.**

| Subepoch        | Nannofossil zone | Radiolarian zone | Core, section, interval (cm) | Depth (mbsf) | Abundance | Preservation | No. of slides examined | <i>Artophormis gracilis</i> | <i>Calocyclus bandyca</i> | <i>Calocyclus turris</i> | <i>Calocyclus (C.) robusta</i> | <i>Carpocamistrum</i> spp. | <i>Cryptocarpium azyx</i> | <i>Cyrtocapsella tetrapera</i> | <i>Dictyopora mongolferi</i> | <i>Dictyopora pirum</i> | <i>Didymocypris prismatica</i> | <i>Dorcadospyrus ateuchus</i> | <i>Dorcadospyrus papilio</i> | <i>Dorcadospyrus pseudopapilio</i> | <i>Eucyrtidium diaphanes</i> | <i>Lithocyclia angusta</i> | <i>Lithocyclia aristotelis</i> grp. | <i>Lophocypris (C.) pegetrum</i> | <i>Lychnocanoma amphirite</i> | <i>Lychnocanoma elongata</i> | <i>Theocorys spongoconus</i> | <i>Theocypris annosa</i> | <i>Thysoocypris (P.) lochites</i> | <i>Thysoocypris (P.) tetraacantha</i> | <i>Thysoocypris (T.) bromia</i> | <i>Thysoocypris (T.) rhizodon</i> | <i>Trispyros pyris tricerus</i> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| late Oligocene  | CN1a             | RP22             | 165-998A-                    |              |           |              |                        |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | CP19b            | RP21             | 36X-1, 36-38                 | 330.16       | C         | MG           | 11                     |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 37X-1, 33-35                 | 339.73       | R         | P            | 6                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 38X-1, 36-38                 | 349.36       | F         | P            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 39X-CC, 27-29                | 361.64       | tr        |              | 5                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 40X-1, 35-37                 | 368.55       | VR        | P            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 41X-5, 37-39                 | 383.77       | VR        | M            | 9                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 42X-5, 36-38                 | 393.96       | R         | MG           | 2                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 43X-1, 36-38                 | 397.56       | F         | MG           | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 44X-3, 31-32                 | 410.11       | R         | P            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 45X-1, 89-91                 | 417.29       | tr        |              | 5                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 46X-1, 36-38                 | 426.36       | R         | M            | 5                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 47X-1, 42-44                 | 436.12       | tr        |              | 5                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 48X-1, 107-109               | 446.37       | tr        |              | 2                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 49X-3, 36-38    | 458.26           | B                |                              | 2            |           |              |                        |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| early Oligocene | CP19a            |                  | 50X-2, 103-105               | 467.03       | R         | P            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 52X-3, 30-32                 | 487.00       | R         | M            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | CP18             |                  | 53X-1, 36-38                 | 493.66       | R         | M            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 54X-1, 20-22                 | 503.10       | R         | M            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 55X-1, 36-38                 | 512.86       | R         | M            | 2                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | CP17             | RP20             | 56X-3, 33-35                 | 525.43       | VR        | M            | 9                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 57X-1, 34-36                 | 532.14       | R         | M            | 2                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 58X-3, 34-35                 | 544.74       | R         | M            | 3                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | CP16c<br>CP16a-b |                  | 59X-5, 34-36                 | 557.44       | tr        |              | 2                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 60X-1, 36-38                 | 561.06       | R         | M            | 5                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  |                  | 61X-1, 35-37                 | 570.65       | tr        |              | 2                      |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 62X-1, 36-37    |                  |                  | 580.26                       | tr           |           | 3            |                        |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| late Eocene     | RP18             | 63X-1, 35-37     | 589.85                       | VR           | P         | 3            |                        |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  | 64X-1, 3-5       | 599.13                       | tr           |           | 2            |                        |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |                  | 65X-1, 57-59     | 609.27                       | VF           | P         | 3            |                        |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | 67X-1, 4-6       | 628.04           | VF                           | G            | 5         |              |                        |                             |                           |                          |                                |                            |                           |                                |                              |                         |                                |                               |                              |                                    |                              |                            |                                     |                                  |                               |                              |                              |                          |                                   |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Notes: Radiolarian abundances are shown as C = common, F = few, VF = very few, R = rare, VR = very rare, tr = trace, and B = barren. Radiolarian preservation is shown as G = good, MG = moderately good, M = moderate, and P = poor. Species abundances are shown as A = abundant, F = few, R = rare, + = single specimen, - = searched for but not found, and ? = dubious identification. Hatching indicates uncertainty in placement of zonal boundary. Shaded row indicates barren sample. See text for key to radiolarian zonal codes.



















**Hole 1001B**

Hole 1001B replicated, in part, Hole 1001A, and our samples were taken from the Paleocene (calcareous nannofossil Zones CP8 to CP4) part of the hole, in Samples 165-1001B-6R-1, 69–71 cm (235.99 mbsf) to 14R-6, 20–22 cm (319.90 mbsf). Preservation in all our samples was poor to extremely poor with evidence of recrystallization and infilling. Sample 165-1001B-6R-1, 69–71 cm, contains abundant, but poorly to moderately well-preserved radiolarians and can be placed in radiolarian zonal equivalent RP7. Radiolarians in Samples 165-1001B-7R-1, 3–5 cm, to 12R-1, 28–30 cm, range in abundance from barren to very rare and are all poorly preserved. Between Samples 165-1001B-12R-3, 58–60 cm, and 14R-6, 20–22 cm, radiolarians are more abundant (few to common), but, once again, the preservation is very poor. We were, however, able to determine that Samples 165-1001B-6R-1, 69–71 cm, to 12R-3, 58–60 cm, lie within radiolarian zonal equivalent RP7 and samples below this level belong to radiolarian zonal equivalent RP6.

**Site Summary**

The Paleocene/Eocene boundary could not be identified at this site by either calcareous nannofossil or radiolarian biostratigraphies. Deteriorating preservation and extremely impoverished radiolarian faunas prevent confident subdivision of the upper Paleocene interval. However, it is noteworthy that the 56- to 75-cm-thick clayey interval that is characterized by reduced carbonate content and multiple ash layers was cored in two holes at Site 1001 (intervals 165-1001A-27R-2, 0–56 cm, and 165-1001B-6R-3, 0–75 cm). Preliminary calcareous biostratigraphy (Sigurdsson, Leckie, Acton, et al., 1997) suggests that this interval correlates with the widespread oceanographic changes associated with the LPTM (Zachos et al., 1993). As in Hole 999B, where this interval was also recovered, radiolarian abundance increases markedly (Sample 165-1001A-27R-1, 108–110 cm) in this interval relative to samples immediately above and below it. Zeolites are particularly abundant in the radiolarian-barren samples (Samples 165-1001A-27R-1, 46–48 cm; 237.66 mbsf, and 27R-3, 48–50 cm; 240.68 mbsf) surrounding the LPTM interval. Sample 165-1001A-27R-1, 46–48 cm (237.66 mbsf), contains, in addition to the zeolites, altered glass shards with abundant plagioclase phenocrysts and very common large hornblende crystals (P. Worstell, pers. comm., 1998). In the LPTM interval, the assemblage is composed of abundant, poorly preserved radiolarians together with rare, well-preserved taxa representing the *Bekoma bidartensis* Zone (RP7). At this time, it is not possible to determine if the sparse assemblages above and below the LPTM are the result of oceanographic changes associated with the LPTM or the result of dissolution.

Despite the generally poor faunal assemblage found in Hole 1001B, we think that the improvement in radiolarian preservation in Sample 165-1001B-6R-1, 69–71 cm, which contains abundant, poor to moderately well-preserved radiolarians, may also be associated with the oceanographic events related to the LPTM interval. Our samples below this level are essentially barren, as was the case below the LPTM in Holes 999B and 1001A, but we do not have the corresponding samples from above this level.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In general, our Leg 165 samples were highly lithified and, as a result, required lengthy and repetitive cleanings. In the majority of our samples we found that radiolarians are either extremely rare, represented by dissolved fragments, or masked by clay and/or ash in such a way that species identification was often difficult and required examination of numerous microscope slides. It was possible, however,

to construct at least partial stratigraphies for each of the three sites examined.

It is difficult to envision sufficiently large variations in productivity within the restricted Caribbean environment to account for the marked differences between silica preservation at Sites 998, 999, and 1001 and other Caribbean sites, and certainly productivity variation cannot account for the range of preservation within a given sample. Most of the radiolarians originally deposited in the material were probably not preserved, not even as molds, but were destroyed in situ by dissolution following burial. Silica released by dissolution was subsequently reprecipitated inorganically to form a significant portion of the matrix and constitutes the principal lithifying agent.

Previous investigators (Reynolds, 1966, 1970; Heron, 1969; Gibson and Towe, 1971) concluded that the presence of silica-rich opaline claystones in Paleogene rocks of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Plain are the result of the deposition of volcanic materials in shallow coastal environments. Evidence from scanning electron microscopy and petrographic studies of opaline claystones containing numerous molds and tests of siliceous microfossils suggested to them that the source of silica for these deposits would be biogenous rather than volcanic, although volcanic ashfalls may be considered as ultimate silica sources (Wise and Weaver, 1973). Paleontological and stratigraphic evidence (Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, 1973; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973; Foreman, 1973; Maurrasse, 1979) also suggest that the production of siliceous planktonic organisms and geological conditions favored deposition of siliceous sediments in the Caribbean Sea during the Paleogene and that their absence in the sediments is caused by dissolution after burial.

An interval associated with the LPTM was observed by the shipboard scientists in Holes 999B, 1001A, and 1001B. In our samples from these holes we have observed a marked increase in radiolarian abundance and an improvement in their preservation during these intervals relative to assemblages above and below the interval. Samples from within the LPTM interval belong to the upper part of the *Bekoma bidartensis* Zone (RP7), which spans the Paleocene/Eocene boundary.

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#### APPENDIX 1 TAXONOMIC LIST

- Amphicraspedum murrayanum* Haeckel  
*Amphicraspedum murrayanum* Haeckel, 1887, p. 523, pl. 44, fig. 10; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 524, pl. 10, figs. 3–6, pl. 28, fig. 1
- Amphicraspedum prolixum* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 524, pl. 10, figs. 711, pl. 28, figs. 3, 4
- Anthocyrtona* sp. Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 524, pl. 6, figs. 2–4
- Artophormis gracilis* Riedel  
*Artophormis gracilis* Riedel, 1959, p. 300, pl. 2, figs. 12–13; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 532, pl. 13, fig. 6; 1971, pl. 3B, figs. 5–7, pl. 6, fig. 7; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 272, pl. I, figs. 1–5
- Bekoma* spp.  
This species designation comprises indeterminate forms of the following two species:
- Bekoma bidartensis* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Bekoma bidartensis* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1971, p. 1592, pl. 7, figs. 1–7; Foreman, 1973, p. 432, pl. 3, figs. 20–21, pl. 10, fig. 6  
*Bekoma bidartensis* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1978, p. 65
- Bekoma campechensis* Foreman, 1973, p. 432, pl. 3, fig. 24, pl. 10, figs. 1–2
- Buryella clinata* Foreman  
*Buryella clinata* Foreman, 1973, p. 433, pl. 8, figs. 1–3, pl. 9, fig. 19; Foreman, 1975, p. 620, pl. 9, figs. 35–36
- Buryella pentadica* Foreman, 1973, p. 433, pl. 8, fig. 8, pl. 9, figs. 15–16
- Buryella* spp.  
This species designation is used for indeterminate forms of *B. tetradica* and *B. pentadica*.
- Buryella tetradica* Foreman, 1973, p. 433, pl. 8, figs. 4–5, pl. 9, figs. 13–14; Hollis, 1993, p. 323
- Calocyclus bandyca* (Mato and Theyer)  
*Lychnocanoma bandyca* Mato and Theyer, 1980, p. 225, pl. 1, figs. 1–6  
*Calocyclus bandyca* (Mato and Theyer), Sanfilippo and Riedel in Saunders et al., 1985, p. 411, pl. 5, figs. 1, 5–6
- Calocyclus hispida* (Ehrenberg)  
*Anthocyrtonis hispida* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 216; 1875, pl. 8, fig. 2  
*Calocyclus hispida* (Ehrenberg) Foreman, 1973, p. 434, pl. 1, figs. 12–15, pl. 9, fig. 18
- Calocyclus turris* Ehrenberg  
*Calocyclus turris* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 218; 1875, pl. 18, fig. 7; Foreman, 1973, p. 434
- Calocyclella (Calocyclella) robusta* Moore  
*Calocyclella (Calocyclella) robusta* Moore, 1971, p. 743, p. 10, figs. 5–6; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1992, pp. 28, 36; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 272, pl. II, figs. 2–3
- Calocycloma ampulla* (Ehrenberg)  
*Eucyrtidium ampulla* Ehrenberg, 1854, pl. 36, figs. 15a-c; 1873, p. 22
- Calocycloma ampulla* (Ehrenberg), Foreman, 1973, p. 434, pl. 1, figs. 1–5; pl. 9, fig. 20
- Calocycloma castum* (Haeckel)  
*Calocyclus casta* Haeckel, 1887, p. 1384, pl. 73, fig. 10  
*Calocycloma castum* (Haeckel), Foreman, 1973, p. 434, pl. 1, figs. 7, 9, 10
- Carpocanistrum* spp.  
This species designation represents all forms of *Carpocanistrum* observed.
- Centrobotrys gravida* Moore, 1971, p. 744, pl. 5, fig. 8
- Centrobotrys petrushevskayae* Sanfilippo and Riedel  
*Centrobotrys* (?) sp. A Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1971, p. 1602, pl. 3F, figs. 15–16  
*Centrobotrys petrushevskayae* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 532, pl. 36, figs. 12–3
- Ceratospyris articulata* Ehrenberg  
*Ceratospyris articulata* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 218; 1875, pl. 20, fig. 4; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 526, pl. 15, figs. 1–3, pl. 31, figs. 8, 9
- Cryptocarpium azyx* (Sanfilippo and Riedel)  
*Carpocanistrum azyx* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 530, pl. 35, fig. 9  
*Cryptocarpium azyx* (Sanfilippo and Riedel), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1992, p. 6, pl. 2, fig. 21
- Cryptocarpium ornatum* (Ehrenberg)  
*Cryptoprora ornata* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 222; 1875, pl. 5, fig. 8; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 693, figs. 27.2a, b  
*Cryptocarpium ornatum* (Ehrenberg), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1992, pp. 6 and 36, pl. 2, figs. 18–20
- Cyrtocapsella tetrapera* Haeckel  
*Cyrtocapsa (Cyrtocapsella) tetrapera* Haeckel, 1887, p. 1512, pl. 78, fig. 5  
*Cyrtocapsella tetrapera* Haeckel, Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1970, p. 453, pl. 1, figs. 16–18; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 670, figs. 16.1a, b; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 275
- Dendrosyris fragoides* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 526, pl. 15, figs. 8–13, pl. 31, figs. 13, 14
- Dictyomitra multicostata* Zittel, 1876, p. 81, pl. 2, figs. 2–4
- Dictyophimus craticula* Ehrenberg  
*Dictyophimus craticula* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 223; 1875, pl. 5, figs. 4, 5; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 529, pl. 19, fig. 1, pl. 33, fig. 11
- Dictyoprora amphora* (Haeckel) grp.  
*Dictyocephalus amphora* in Haeckel, 1887, p. 1305, pl. 62, fig. 4.  
*Dictyoprora amphora* (Haeckel) Nigrini, 1977, p. 250, pl. 4, figs. 1, 2
- Dictyoprora armadillo* (Ehrenberg)  
*Eucyrtidium armadillo* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 225; 1875, p. 70, pl. 9, fig. 10  
*Theocampe armadillo* (Ehrenberg) grp., Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1971, p. 1601, pl. 3E, figs. 3–5, (partim.)  
*Dictyoprora armadillo* (Ehrenberg), Nigrini, 1977, p. 250, pl. 4, fig. 4
- Dictyoprora mongolfieri* (Ehrenberg)  
*Eucyrtidium mongolfieri* Ehrenberg, 1854, pl. 36, fig. 18, B lower; 1873, p. 230  
*Dictyoprora mongolfieri* (Ehrenberg), Nigrini, 1977, p. 250, pl. 4, fig. 7
- Dictyoprora pirum* (Ehrenberg)  
*Eucyrtidium pirum* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 232; 1875, pl. 10, fig. 14  
*Dictyoprora pirum* (Ehrenberg), Nigrini, 1977, p. 251, pl. 4, fig. 8
- Didymocyrtis prismatica* (Haeckel)  
*Pipettella prismatica* Haeckel, 1887, p. 305, pl. 39, fig. 6; Riedel, 1959, p. 287, pl. 1, fig. 1  
*Pipettella tuba* Haeckel, 1887, p. 337, pl. 39, fig. 7  
*Cannartus prismaticus* (Haeckel), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, pl. 15, fig. 1  
*Didymocyrtis prismatica* (Haeckel), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1980, p. 1010; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 275
- Dorcadospyris atechus* (Ehrenberg)  
*Ceratospyris atechus* Ehrenberg 1873, p. 218; 1875, pl. 21, fig. 4D  
*Cantharospyris atechus* (Ehrenberg), Haeckel, 1887, p. 1051; Riedel, 1959, p. 294, pl. 22, figs. 3–4



- Dorcadospyris atechus* (Ehrenberg), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 523, pl. 15, fig. 4; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 275, pl. III, figs. 2–4
- Dorcadospyris papilio* (Riedel)  
*Hexaspyris papilio* Riedel, 1959, p. 294, pl. 2, figs. 1–2  
*Dorcadospyris papilio* (Riedel), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 523, pl. 15, fig. 5; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 278, pl. III, fig. 1
- Dorcadospyris pseudopapilio* Moore, 1971, p. 738, pl. 6, figs. 7–8
- Eucyrtidium diaphanes* Sanfilippo and Riedel  
*Calocyclus coronata* Carnevale, 1908, p. 33, pl. 4, fig. 24 (*non Eucyrtidium coronatum* Ehrenberg, 1873)  
*Eucyrtidium diaphanes* Sanfilippo and Riedel, Sanfilippo et al., 1973, p. 221, pl. 5, figs. 12–14 (new name); Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 278, pl. I, figs. 6–11
- Eusyringium fistuligerum* (Ehrenberg)  
*Eucyrtidium fistuligerum* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 229; 1875, pl. 9, fig. 3.  
*Eusyringium fistuligerum* (Ehrenberg), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 527, pl. 8, figs. 8–9
- Eusyringium lagena* (Ehrenberg)  
*Lithopera lagena* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 241; 1875, pl. 3, fig. 4  
*Eusyringium lagena* (Ehrenberg), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 527, pl. 8, figs. 5–7; Foreman, 1973, p. 436, pl. 11, figs. 4–5; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 672, figs. 17.2a–c
- Giraffospyris lata* Goll, 1969, p. 334, pl. 58, figs. 22, 24–26
- Lamptonium fabaeforme chaunothorax* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Lamptonium* (?) *fabaeforme* (?) *chaunothorax* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 524, pl. 5, figs. 8–9  
*Lamptonium fabaeforme constrictum* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Lamptonium* (?) *fabaeforme* (?) *constrictum* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 523, pl. 5, fig. 7
- Lamptonium fabaeforme fabaeforme* (Krasheninnikov)  
 (?) *Cyrtocalpis fabaeformis* Krasheninnikov, 1960, p. 296, pl. 3, fig. 11  
*Lamptonium* (?) *fabaeforme fabaeforme* (Krasheninnikov), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 523, pl. 5, fig. 6; Foreman, 1973, p. 436, pl. 6, figs. 6–9
- Lamptonium pennatum* Foreman, 1973, p. 436, pl. 6, figs. 3–5, pl. 11, fig. 13
- Lithocyrtis vespertilio* Ehrenberg  
*Lithocyrtis vespertilio* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 239; 1875, pl. 4, fig. 10; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1971, p. 528, pl. 9, figs. 8, 9
- Lithocyrtis archaea* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 528, pl. 9, fig. 7; 1971, pl. 7, fig. 13
- Lithocyclia angusta* (Riedel)  
*Trigonactura* (?) *angusta* Riedel, 1959, p. 292, pl. 1, fig. 6  
*Lithocyclia angustum* (Riedel), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 522, pl. 13, figs. 1–2  
*Lithocyclia angusta* (Riedel) Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 523; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 653, figs. 7.3a–c
- Lithocyclia aristotelis* (Ehrenberg) grp.  
*Astromma aristotelis* Ehrenberg, 1847, p. 55, fig. 10  
*Lithocyclia aristotelis* (Ehrenberg) grp., Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 522, pl. 13, figs. 1–2
- Lithocyclia ocellus* Ehrenberg grp.  
*Lithocyclia ocellus* Ehrenberg, 1854, pl. 36, figs. 30; 1873, p. 240  
*Lithocyclia ocellus* Ehrenberg grp., Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 522, pl. 5, figs. 1–2
- Lophocyrtis biaurita* (Ehrenberg)  
*Eucyrtidium biaurita* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 226; 1875, p. 70, pl. 10, figs. 7, 8  
*Lophocyrtis biaurita* (Ehrenberg), Haeckel, 1887, p. 1411; Cita, Nigrini and Gartner, 1970, p. 404, pl. 2, figs. I–K
- Lophocyrtis (Cyclampterium) milowi* (Riedel and Sanfilippo)  
*Cyclampterium* (?) *milowi* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1971, p. 1593, pl. 3B, fig. 3, pl. 7, figs. 8–9; Ling, 1975, p. 731, pl. 12, fig. 15  
*Cyclampterium milowi* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1978, p. 67, pl. 4, fig. 14
- Lophocyrtis (Cyclampterium) milowi* (Riedel and Sanfilippo), Sanfilippo, 1990, p. 306, pl. I, figs. 13–16, pl. II, figs. 1, 2
- Lophocyrtis (Cyclampterium) pegetrum* (Sanfilippo and Riedel)  
*Cyclampterium* (?) *pegetrum* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1970, p. 456, pl. 2, figs. 8–10; Goll, 1972, p. 959, pl. 24, figs. 1–4, pl. 25, figs. 1–3  
*Cyclampterium pegetrum* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1978, p. 68, pl. 4, fig. 16  
*Lophocyrtis (Cyclampterium) pegetrum* (Sanfilippo and Riedel), Sanfilippo, 1990, p. 307, pl. II, figs. 3–5
- Lophocyrtis (Cyclampterium) spp.*  
 This species designation is used for indeterminate forms of *Lophocyrtis (Cyclampterium) milowi* and *Lophocyrtis (Cyclampterium) pegetrum*.
- Lychnocanoma amphitrite* Foreman, 1973, p. 437, pl. 11, fig. 10
- Lychnocanoma auxilla* Foreman, 1973, p. 437, pl. 2, fig. 6, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2
- Lychnocanoma babylonis* (Clark and Campbell) grp.  
*Dictyophimus babylonis* Clark and Campbell, 1942, p. 67, pl. 9, figs. 32, 36  
*Lychnocanoma babylonis* (Clark and Campbell) grp. Foreman, 1973, p. 437, pl. 2, fig. 1
- Lychnocanoma bajunensis* Renz, 1984, p. 459, pl. 1, figs. 4–6
- Lychnocanoma bellum* (Clark and Campbell)  
*Lychnocanium bellum* Clark and Campbell, 1942, p. 72, pl. 9, figs. 35, 39; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 529, pl. 10, fig. 5; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1971, p. 1595  
*Lychnocanoma bellum* (Clark and Campbell), Foreman, 1973, p. 437, pl. 1, fig. 17, pl. 11, fig. 9
- Lychnocanoma (?) costata* Nishimura, 1992, p. 342, pl. 6, figs. 4–6
- Lychnocanoma (?) pileus* Nishimura, 1992, p. 344, pl. 6, figs. 7, 8; pl. 13, fig. 5
- Lychnocanoma elongata* (Vinassa de Regny)  
*Tetrahedrina elongata* Vinassa de Regny, 1900, p. 243, pl. 2, fig. 31  
*Lychnocanium bipes* Riedel, 1959, p. 294, pl. 2, figs. 56  
*Lychnocanoma elongata* (Vinassa de Regny), Sanfilippo et al., 1973, p. 221, pl. 5, figs. 19–20; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 282, pl. IV, fig. 11
- Orbula comitata* Foreman, 1973, p. 437, pl. 3, fig. 11; pl. 10, figs. 7, 8
- Phormocyrtis cubensis* (Riedel and Sanfilippo)  
*Eucyrtidium cubense* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1971, p. 1594, pl. 7, figs. 10–11  
*Phormocyrtis cubensis* (Riedel and Sanfilippo), Foreman, 1973, p. 438, pl. 7, figs. 11–12, 14
- Phormocyrtis striata exquisita* (Kozlova)  
*Podocyrtis exquisita* Kozlova in Kozlova and Gorbovets, 1966, p. 106, pl. 17, fig. 2  
*Phormocyrtis striata exquisita* (Kozlova), Foreman, 1973, p. 438, pl. 7, figs. 1–4, 7–8, pl. 12, fig. 5
- Phormocyrtis striata praexquisita* Nishimura, 1992, p. 346, pl. 9, figs. 1–3
- Phormocyrtis striata striata* Brandt  
*Phormocyrtis striata* Brandt, 1935, p. 55, pl. 9, fig. 12; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 532, pl. 10, fig. 7  
*Phormocyrtis striata striata* Brandt, Foreman, 1973, p. 438, pl. 7, figs. 5–6, 9
- Phormocyrtis turgida* (Krasheninnikov)  
*Lithocampe turgida* Krasheninnikov, 1960, p. 301, pl. 3, fig. 17  
*Phormocyrtis turgida* (Krasheninnikov), Foreman, 1973, p. 438, pl. 7, fig. 10, pl. 12, fig. 6
- Podocyrtis (Lampterium) chalara* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Podocyrtis (Lampterium) chalara* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 535, pl. 12, figs. 2–3; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1978, p. 71, pl. 8, fig. 3, text-fig. 3
- Podocyrtis (Lampterium) fasciolata* (Nigrini)  
*Podocyrtis (Podocyrtis) ampla fasciolata* Nigrini, 1974, p. 1069, pl. 1K, figs. 1–2, pl. 4, figs. 2–3  
*Podocyrtis (Lampterium) fasciolata* (Nigrini), Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 697, fig. 30.7
- Podocyrtis (Lampterium) goetheana* (Haeckel)

- Cycladophora goetheana* Haeckel, 1887, p. 1376, pl. 65, fig. 5  
*Podocyrtilis (Lampterium) goetheana* (Haeckel), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 535
- Podocyrtilis (Lampterium) mitra* Ehrenberg  
*Podocyrtilis mitra* Ehrenberg, 1854, pl. 36, fig. B20; 1873, p. 251; non Ehrenberg, 1875, pl. 15, fig. 4; *Podocyrtilis (Lampterium) mitra*, Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 534, pl. 11, figs. 5–6; 1978, text-fig. 3; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 698, fig. 30.10
- Podocyrtilis (Lampterium) sinuosa* Ehrenberg  
*Podocyrtilis sinuosa* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 253; 1875, pl. 15, fig. 5; *Podocyrtilis (Lampterium) Sinuosa*, Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 534, pl. 11, figs. 3–4; 1978, text-fig. 3; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 698, fig. 30.9
- Podocyrtilis (Lampterium) trachodes* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 535, pl. 11, fig. 7, pl. 12, fig. 1; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 699, fig. 30.14
- Podocyrtilis (Podocyrtilis) papalis* Ehrenberg  
*Podocyrtilis papalis* Ehrenberg, 1847, p. 55, fig. 2; *Podocyrtilis (Podocyrtilis) papalis*, Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 533, pl. 11, fig. 1; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 531, pl. 20, figs. 11–14, pl. 36, figs. 2–3
- Podocyrtilis (Podocyrtilis) ampla* Ehrenberg  
*Podocyrtilis (?) ampla* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 248; 1875, pl. 16, fig. 7; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 533, pl. 12, figs. 7–8  
*Podocyrtilis (Podocyrtilis) ampla* Ehrenberg, Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1992, p. 14, pl. 5, fig. 4
- Podocyrtilis (Podocyrtilis) diamesa* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Podocyrtilis (Podocyrtilis) diamesa* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 533 (pars), pl. 12, fig. 4, non figs. 5–6; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 531, pl. 20, figs. 9–10, pl. 35, figs. 10–11  
*Podocyrtilis (Podocyrtilis) diamesa* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1992, p. 14
- Pterocodon ampla* (Brandt)  
*Theocyrtis ampla* Brandt, 1935, p. 56, pl. 9, figs. 13–15  
*Pterocodon (?) ampla* (Brandt), Foreman, 1973, p. 438, pl. 5, figs. 3–5
- Rhabdolithis pipa* Ehrenberg, 1854, pl. 36, fig. 59; 1875, p. 159, pl. 1, fig. 27.
- Rhopalocanium ornatum* Ehrenberg  
*Rhopalocanium ornatum* Ehrenberg, 1847, fig. 3; 1854, pl. 36, fig. 9; 1873, p. 256; 1875, pl. 17, fig. 8; Foreman, 1973, p. 439, pl. 2, figs. 8–10, pl. 12, fig. 3
- Sethocyrtis triconiscus* Haeckel  
*(?) Sethocyrtis triconiscus* Haeckel, 1887, p. 1239, pl. 57, fig. 13; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 528, pl. 9, figs. 5–6; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 680, figs. 22.1a–d
- Spongatractus balbis* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 518, pl. 2, figs. 1–3, pl. 25, figs. 1–2
- Spongatractus pachystylus* (Ehrenberg)  
*Spongospaera pachystyla* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 256; 1875, pl. 26, fig. 3  
*Spongatractus pachystylus* (Ehrenberg), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 519, pl. 2, figs. 4–6, pl. 25, fig. 3
- Spongodiscus americanus* Kozlova  
*Spongodiscus americanus* Kozlova, Kozlova and Gorbovetz, 1966, p. 88, pl. 14, figs. 1,2; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 524, pl. 11, figs. 9–13, pl. 27, fig. 11, pl. 28, fig. 9
- Spongodiscus cruciferus* (Clark and Campbell)  
*Spongasteriscus cruciferus* Clark and Campbell, 1942, p. 50, pl. 1, figs. 1–6,8,10, 11,16–18  
*Spongodiscus cruciferus* (Clark and Campbell), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 524, pl. 11, figs. 14–17, pl. 28, figs. 10, 11
- Spongodiscus quartus quartus* (Borisenko)  
*Stauodictya quartus* Borisenko, 1958, pl. 2, fig. 5  
*Spongodiscus quartus quartus* (Borisenko), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 525, pl. 12, figs. 6,7, pl. 29, figs. 5, 6
- Stichomitra granulata* (Petrushevskaya)  
*Lithocampe* sp. A Dumitrica, 1973, p. 789, pl. 10, fig. 3, pl. 11, fig. 3  
*Lithocampe (?) granulata* Petrushevskaya, 1977, p. 18, pl. 3a, b, v  
*Stichomitra granulata* (Petrushevskaya), Hollis, 1993, p. 321, pl. I, figs. 10–11
- Stylotrochus alveatus* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 525, pl. 13, figs. 4, 5, pl. 30, figs. 3, 4
- Stylotrochus nitidus* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 525, pl. 13, figs. 9–14, pl. 30, figs. 7–10
- Stylotrochus quadribrachiatius quadribrachiatius* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1973, p. 526, pl. 14, figs. 1, 2, pl. 31, fig. 1
- Theocorys anaclasta* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Theocorys anaclasta* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 530, pl. 10, figs. 2–3; Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1978, p. 76, pl. 1, figs. 6–8; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 683, figs. 24.1a–d
- Theocorys anapographa* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 530, pl. 10, fig. 4
- Theocorys (?) physzella* Foreman, 1973, p. 440, pl. 5, fig. 8, pl. 12, fig. 1
- Theocorys spongoconus* Kling, 1971, p. 1087, pl. 5, fig. 6
- Theocotyle conica* Foreman  
*Theocotyle (Theocotyle) cryptocephala (?) conica* Foreman, 1973, p. 440, pl. 4, fig. 11, pl. 12, figs. 19–20  
*Theocotyle conica* Foreman, Sanfilippo, and Riedel, 1982, p. 177, pl. 2, fig. 13
- Theocotyle cryptocephala* (Ehrenberg)  
*(?) Eucyrtidium cryptocephalum* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 227; 1875, pl. 11, fig. 11  
*Theocotyle cryptocephala* (Ehrenberg), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 178, pl. 2, figs. 4–7
- Theocotyle nigrinae* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Theocotyle cryptocephala (?) nigrinae* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 525, pl. 6, fig. 5 (non fig. 6)  
*Theocotyle nigrinae* Riedel and Sanfilippo, Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 178, pl. 2, figs. 1–3
- Theocotylissa alpha* Foreman  
*Theocotyle (Theocotylissa) alpha* Foreman, 1973, p. 441, pl. 4, figs. 13–15 (non 14), pl. 12, fig. 16; Foreman, 1975, p. 621  
*Theocotylissa alpha* Foreman, Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 179, pl. 2, figs. 16–17
- Theocotylissa auctor* Foreman  
*Theocotyle (Theocotylissa) auctor* Foreman, 1973, p. 441, pl. 4, figs. 8–10, pl. 12, fig. 13  
*Theocotylissa auctor* Foreman, Sanfilippo, and Riedel, 1982, p. 180, pl. 2, figs. 14, 15
- Theocotylissa ficus* (Ehrenberg)  
*Eucyrtidium ficus* Ehrenberg 1873, p. 228; 1875, pl. 11, fig. 19  
*Theocotylissa ficus* (Ehrenberg), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 180, pl. 2, figs. 19–20
- Theocyrtis annosa* (Riedel)  
*Phormocyrtis annosa* Riedel, 1959, p. 295, pl. 2, fig. 7  
*Calocyrtella annosa* (Riedel) Petrushevskaya and Kozlova, 1972, p. 544  
*Theocyrtis annosa* (Riedel) Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 535, pl. 15, fig. 9; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 701, figs. 32.2a, b; Sanfilippo and Nigrini, 1995, p. 282, pl. IV, figs. 1–4
- Theocyrtis tuberosa* Riedel, *emend.* Sanfilippo et al.  
*Theocyrtis tuberosa* Riedel, 1959, p. 298, pl. 2, figs. 10–11; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 701, figs. 32.1a–d
- Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) lochites* Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 175, pl. 1, fig. 13, pl. 3, figs. 5–9
- Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) tensa* Foreman  
*Thyrsocyrtis hirsuta tensa* Foreman, 1973, p. 442, pl. 3, figs. 13–16, pl. 12, fig. 8  
*Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) tensa* Foreman, Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 176, pl. 1, figs. 6–7, pl. 3, figs. 1–2
- Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) tetracantha* (Ehrenberg)  
*Podocyrtilis tetracantha* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 254; 1875, pl. 13, fig. 2  
*Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) tetracantha* (Ehrenberg), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 176, pl. 1, figs. 11–12, pl. 3, fig. 10
- Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) triacantha* (Ehrenberg)  
*Podocyrtilis triacantha* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 254; 1875, pl. 13, fig. 4

- Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) triacantha* (Ehrenberg), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 176, pl. 1, figs. 8–10, pl. 3, figs. 3–4
- Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) bromia* Ehrenberg  
*Thyrsocyrtis bromia* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 260; 1875, pl. 12, fig. 2; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 172, pl. 1, figs. 17–20
- Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) hirsuta* (Krasheninnikov)  
*Podocyrtis hirsutus* Krasheninnikov, 1960, p. 300, pl. 3, fig. 16  
*Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) hirsuta* (Krasheninnikov), Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 526, pl. 7, figs. 8, 9  
*Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) hirsuta* (Krasheninnikov), Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 173, pl. 1, figs. 3–4
- Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) rhizodon* Ehrenberg
- Thyrsocyrtis rhizodon* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 262; 1875, pl. 12, fig. 1; Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 173, pl. 1, figs. 14–16, pl. 3, figs. 12–17
- Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) robusta* Riedel and Sanfilippo  
*Thyrsocyrtis hirsuta robusta* Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970, p. 526, pl. 8, fig. 1  
*Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) robusta* Riedel and Sanfilippo, Sanfilippo and Riedel, 1982, p. 174, pl. 1, fig. 5
- Tripocalpis cassidus* Nishimura, 1992, p. 330, pl. 3, fig. 8; pl. 12, fig. 12
- Tristylopyris tricerus* (Ehrenberg)  
*Ceratospyrus tricerus* Ehrenberg, 1873, p. 220; 1875, pl. 21, fig. 5  
*Tristylopyris tricerus* (Ehrenberg), Haeckel, 1887, p. 1033; Riedel, 1959, p. 292, pl. 1, figs. 7–8; Sanfilippo et al., 1985, p. 665, figs. 10.3a, b



Plate 1. Scale bar for fig. 1 = 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ; scale bar for figs. 2–17 = 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Codes after sample description are slide description and England Finder coordinates, respectively. **1.** Fragmented opaline radiolarians with ash fragments. Sample 165-998A-36X-1, 36–38 cm, ph.1 O40/0. **2.** *Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) tetracantha*. Fragmented, partially dissolved form. Sample 165-998B-6R-3, 26–28 cm, sl.2 D8/1. **3.** Clay-filled radiolarian test showing partial dissolution and replacement of silica. Sample 165-998B-22R-1, 36–38 cm, ph.2 M42/0. **4.** Siliceous mold of a radiolarian. Sample 165-998B-22R-1, 36–38 cm, ph.2 M39/0. **5–7, 11.** Forms showing strong signs of dissolution particularly in the upper part of the test. Sample 165-998B-34R-1, 35–37 cm, sl.4. (5) O28/0; (6) W8/0; (7) J42/2; (11) W9/0. **8.** *Sethochyrtis triconiscus*. Morphologically distinctive form even when preservation is less than ideal. Sample 165-998B-17R-3, 37–39 cm, sl.2 H24/1. **9.** *Dictyoprora* sp. Early stage of internal mold formation. Parts of original shell wall still intact. Sample 165-998B-23R-5, 45–47 cm, cs.2 T45/0. **10.** *Dictyoprora mongolfieri*. The refractive index of radiolarians lower than normal. Note also common siliceous molds of small foraminifers. Sample 165-998B-26R-1, 34–36 cm, sl.4 C25/0. **12.** *Podocyrtis (Lampterium) mitra*. Severely dissolved test in which pore bars are thin or absent. Sample 165-998B-20R-3, 38–39 cm, cs.1 N40/0. **13, 16, 17.** *Thyrsocyrtis (Pentalacorys) triacantha*. Tests infilled with clay matrix and severely dissolved. Notice thinning of pore bars and distal appendages. Sample 165-998B-23R-5, 45–47 cm, cs.2 K19/4, K35/0, O9/4. **14.** *Thyrsocyrtis (Thyrsocyrtis) rhizodon*. Strongly dissolved skeleton partly enclosed in clay matrix. Sample 165-998B-23R-5, 45–47 cm, cs.2 L39/3. **15.** *Lithochyrtis vespertilio*. Distinctive morphological shape facilitates identification despite poor preservation. Sample 165-998B-23R-5, 45–47 cm, cs.2 H10/0.

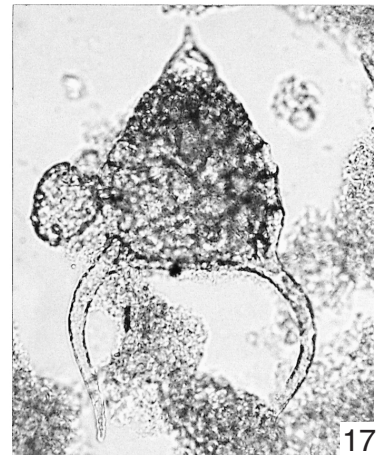
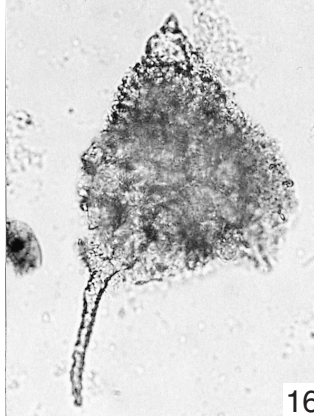
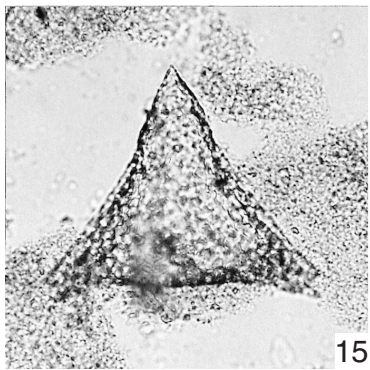
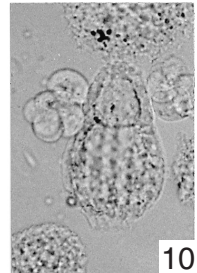
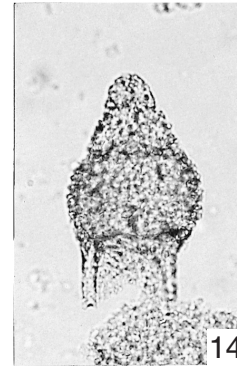
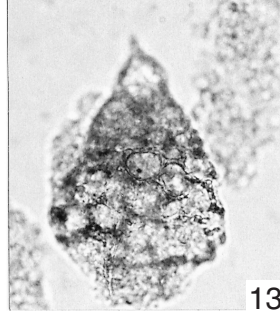
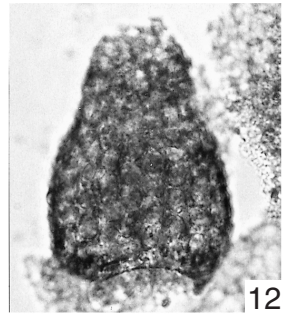
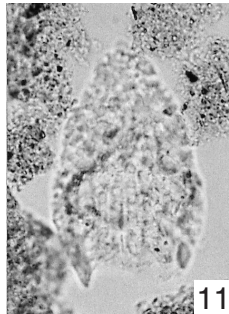
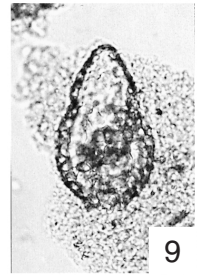
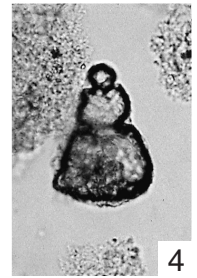
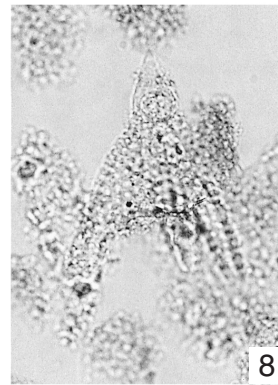
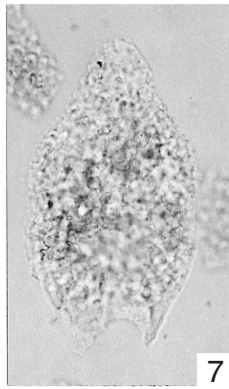
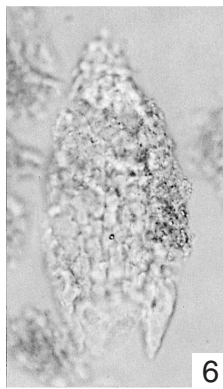
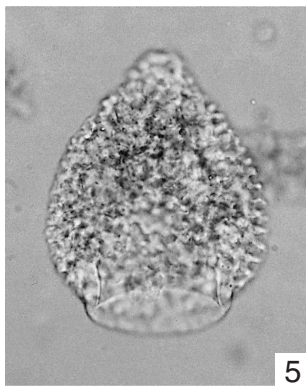
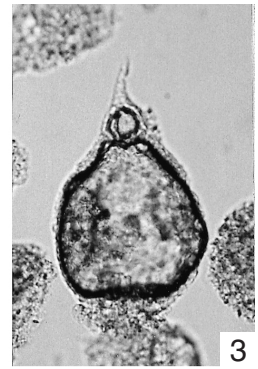
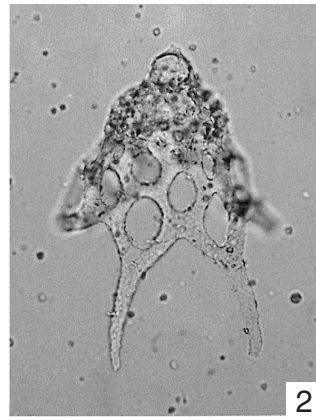
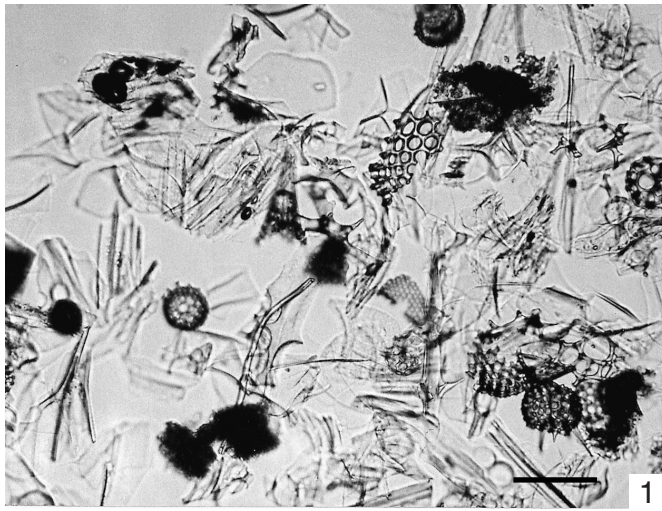




Plate 2. Scale bar for fig. 12 = 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ; scale bar for figs. 1–11, 13–17 = 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Codes after sample description are slide description and England Finder coordinates, respectively. **1.** Fragments of siliceous microfossils, ash fragments, and opaque mineral grains outlining foraminifer skeletons. Sample 165-999B-15R-1, 24–26 cm, sl.4 F36/4. **2.** *Eusyringium fistuligerum*. Relatively robust form. Sample 165-999B-36R-4, 7–9 cm, sl.1 Q26/4. **3.** *Eusyringium fistuligerum*. Strongly corroded but identifiable from distinctive morphology. Sample 165-33R-1, 78–80 cm, cs.1 T30/0. **4–6.** *Carpocanistrum azyx*. Progressive dissolution from a few pore bars (4) to a significant part of the test (6). Sample 165-999B-28R-1, 0–2 cm, sl.3 T2/3, Q7/0, T17/1. **7.** Severely corroded radiolarian skeletons and ash fragments. Sample 165-999B-28R-1, 0–2 cm, sl.3 R5/3. **8.** Phacodiscid sp. Cortical shell strongly fragmented because of in situ dissolution. Sample 165-999B-29R-5, 72–74 cm, cs.2 Q32/0. **9.** *Dictyoprora mongolfieri*. Note good state of preservation. Sample 165-999B-28R-1, 0–2 cm, sl.3 Q1/3. **10.** *Lithochytris vespertilio*. From one of the better preserved assemblages containing forms commonly unaffected by dissolution together with numerous forms in a stage of dissolution resembling the illustration. Sample 165-999B-35R-1, 73–75 cm, cs.1 C12/3. **11.** *Podocyrtis (Podocyrtis) papalis*. Dissolution in collar region and distal part of thorax. Sample 165-999B-29R-1, 40–46 cm, ph.1 V42/2. **12.** *Calocyclus* sp. Sample contains abundant ash and strongly dissolved radiolarian tests. Sample 165-999B-28R-1, 0–2 cm, sl.3 X17/4. **13.** *Podocyrtis (Lampterium) trachodes*. Test showing strong signs of dissolution in the proximal part of the skeleton. Sample 165-999B-35R-1, 73–75 cm, cs.2 N22/2. **14–17.** *Lithocyclia ocellus*. Progression of dissolution stages in the same sample from moderately well-preserved (14) to an almost unrecognizable form (17). Unless this progression can be recognized, it is impossible to identify forms such as that illustrated in (17). Sample 165-999B-35R-1, 73–75 cm, cs.2 D9/0; G10/3; K41/0; G11/0.

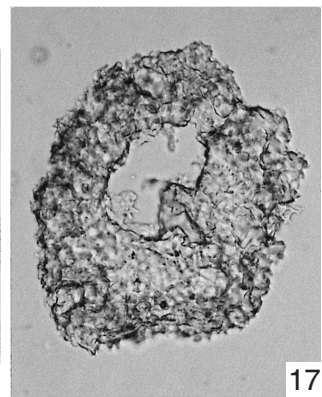
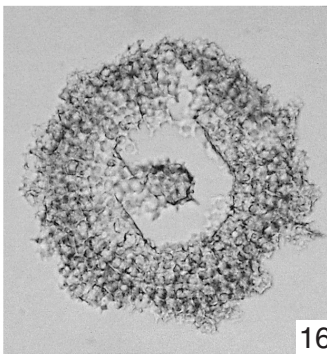
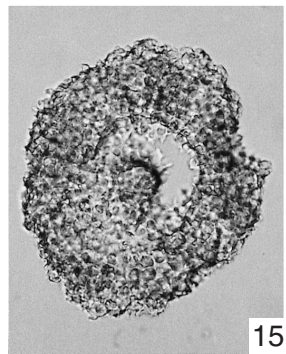
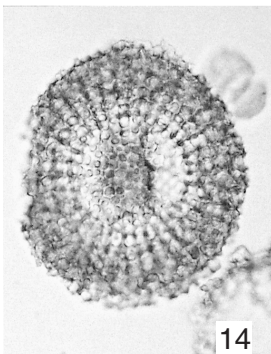
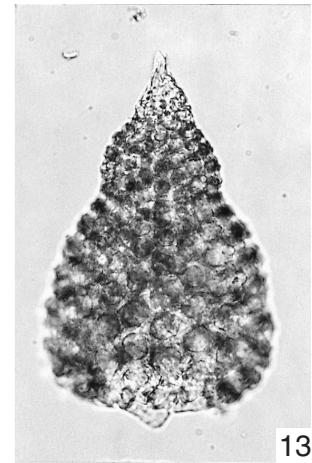
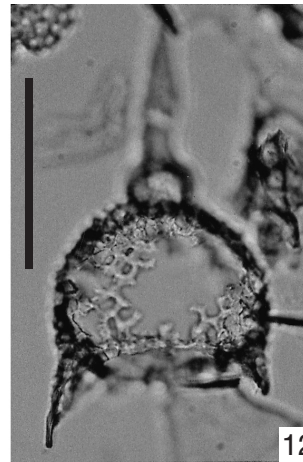
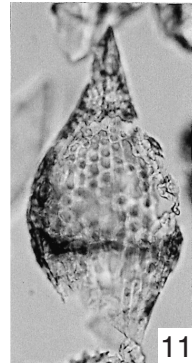
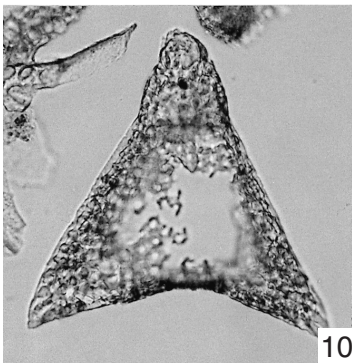
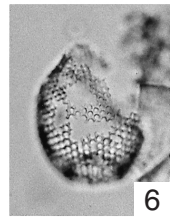
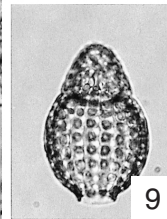
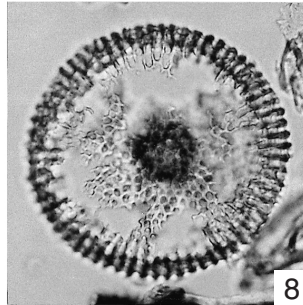
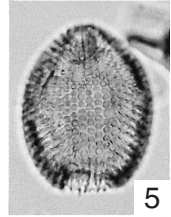
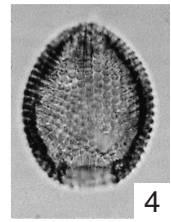
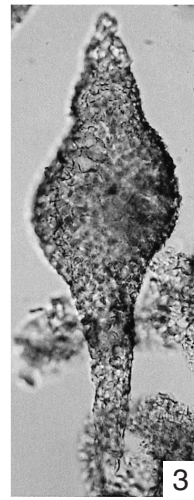
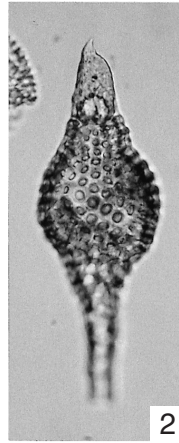
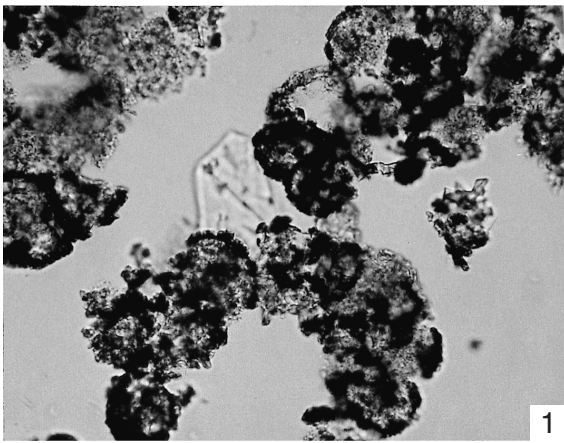




Plate 3. Scale bar for figs. 1–13 = 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Codes after sample description are slide description and England Finder coordinates, respectively. Distinctive external morphologies or features allow for identification of taxa despite various preservation problems. **1, 2.** *Bekoma campechensis*. (1) Clay-filled and slightly corroded specimen. Note corrosion on left appendage. (2) In this assemblage most specimens belonging to the genus *Bekoma* are represented only by the characteristic cephalic structure. Sample 165-1001A-35R-1, 145–147 cm, sl.4 R41/4, G27/0. **3.** (?) *Buryella tetradica*. Strongly corroded and partially infilled fragment. Sample 165-1001A-27R-3, 86–88 cm, ph.4 J9/2. **4.** *Phormocyrtis striata exquisita*. Clay-filled specimen. Sample 165-1001A-27R-3, 86–88 cm, ph.4 O10/3. **5.** *Phormocyrtis cubensis*. Clay-filled specimen. Sample 165-1001A-27R-3, 86–88 cm, cs.1 P37/0. **6, 7.** *Podocyrtis (Podocyrtis) papalis*. Moderately well-preserved specimen (6) and a badly corroded one (7). Sample 165-1001A-27R-3, 86–88 cm, cs.1 S33/4, X17/2. **8.** (?) *Theocorys phyzella*. Characteristic hyaline peristome is dissolved. Sample 165-1001A-27R-3, 86–88 cm, cs.1 N20/4. **9.** *Phormocyrtis turgida*. Despite repeated cleanings, some clay matrix often remains attached to radiolarians. Sample 165-1001A-27R-3, 86–88 cm, cs.1 V5/4. **10.** Opaline fragment of delicate radiolarian. Sample 165-1001A-27R-3, 86–88 cm, ph.1 R8/2. **11–13.** *Amphicraspedum murrayanum*. (11, 12) = forms from the same assemblage that have undergone less diagenesis; (13) = a spongy radiolarian skeleton totally replaced by clay. Sample 165-1001A-27R-1, 108–110 cm, cs.3 U5/2, X17/3, F36/2.



