

## SABELLID AND SERPULID WORMS (POLYCHAETA, CANALIPALPATA, SABELLIDA, SABELLIDAE, SERPULIDAE) FROM THE ROCKY COAST FACIES (LATE CENOMANIAN) AT PŘEDBOJ NEAR PRAGUE

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Abstract. The relatively rich assemblage of tube dwelling polychaetes including sabellid (Sabellidae) and serpulid (Serpulidae) worms (Polychaeta, Canalipalpata) from the classical rocky coast facies locality Předboj (Late Cenomanian – Early Turonian, Vltava-Beroun area, Bohemian Cretaceous Basin) is described in detail for the first time in a single publication. Ten genera: *Glomerula*, *Filogranula*, *Neovermilia*, *Cementula*, *Laqueoserpula*, *Dorsoserpula*, *Placostegus*, *Pyrgopolon*, *Neomicroris*, and *Bipygmæus* are represented by 16 species, some of them are described in open nomenclature. Two of the species are new: *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) nekvasilovae* sp. nov. and *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov. All species are described, and their systematics, taxonomy and palaeoecology are discussed.

■ Annelida, Polychaeta, Sabellidae, Serpulidae, taxonomy, palaeoecology, Late Cretaceous, Bohemian Cretaceous Basin.

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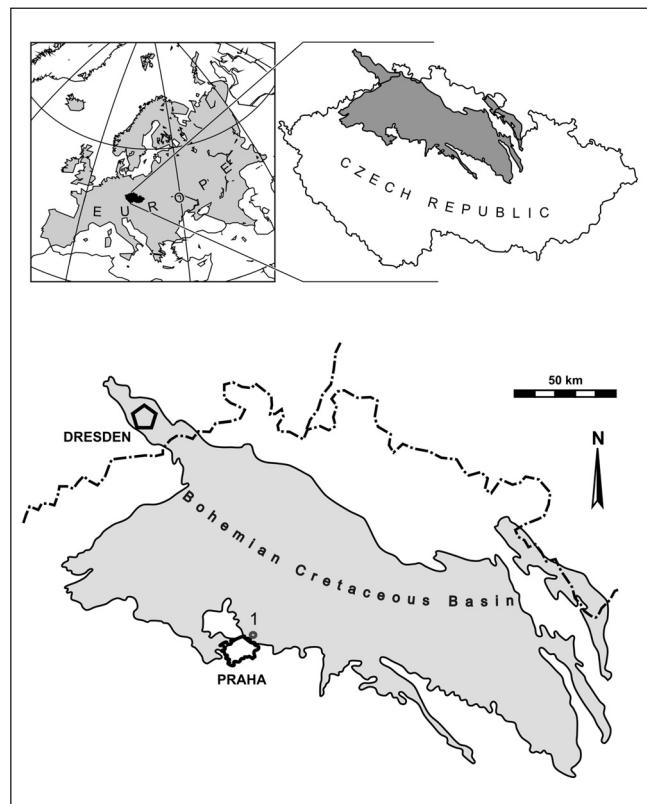
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### Introduction

Sabellid and serpulid worms are characteristic elements of the mesofauna of the rocky coast facies sites on the southwestern and southern border of the Bohemian Cretaceous Basin (BCB). During fieldwork between 1960 – 1968 at the classical rocky coast facies locality at Předboj, Dr. O. Nekvasilová collected 214 specimens of sabellid and serpulid worm tubes, some of them consisting of two or more tubes attached to each other. During recent relocation of some parts of the National Museum collections, the material collected by Nekvasilová attracted attention again. Some specimens from this locality had already been briefly mentioned by Ziegler (1984), included in a faunal list by Žitt et al. (1999), and in preliminary reports by Kočí (2012b, c). The fauna consists of 10 genera represented by 16 species, some of them are described in open nomenclature. Two of the species are new: *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) nekvasilovae* sp. nov. and *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov. The sabellid and serpulid worm tubes from the rocky coast facies deposits of the BCB were studied recently by Jäger and Kočí (2007), Kočí (2007a, b, 2009a, b, 2010, 2011, 2012a, b, c), and those from hemipelagic facies deposits of the BCB were studied by Sklenář et al. (2013).

### Geological and geographical settings

In the Předboj area there were several outcrops (see Žitt et al. 1999) showing geological sections and yielding more



Text-fig. 1. Geographical position of the locality Předboj in the Bohemian Cretaceous Basin and in Europe.

or less abundant macrofauna. Text-fig. 1 shows the (palaeo-) geographical situation of the Předboj area within the context of Europe. Text-fig. 2 shows the stratigraphical profile at Předboj (slightly modified after Žitt et al. 1999).

The classical locality at Předboj is named outcrop A. This former quarry had been filled in during the 1960s. It is situated north of Prague, just east of the road from Předboj to Horňátky, circa 300 m NNE from the triangulation point 213 m above sea level. The site forms part of Unhošť-Tursko High (Žitt et al. 1999). Here, boulders and smaller pieces of rock broken down from a massive cliff of Late Proterozoic lydites were deposited in a depression shaped by abrasion by the Cretaceous sea, and formed a conglomerate. This basal conglomerate including material trapped in-between finer-grained Cretaceous sediments and the overlying thin Cretaceous marlstones were preserved from later erosion. In the highest part of the basal conglomerate (Svoboda 1984) and probably also above the conglomerate, guards of the index belemnite *Praeactinocamax plenus* (BLAINVILLE, 1827) were found. Geology and stratigraphy of the Předboj site was described in detail by Žitt et al. (1999).

## History of palaeontological research at Předboj

Prantl (1929, 1938) and Zázvorka (1939, 1944a, b) were the first authors who mentioned the Předboj locality. Klein (1952) and later Svoboda (1982, 1984) carried out geological and palaeontological research at this locality. Backhaus (1959) studied thecideid brachiopods, Nekvasilová and Prokop (1963) roveacrinitid crinoids, Nekvasilová (1964, 1967, 1993) thecideid and terebratulid brachiopods, Ziegler (1984) serpulid worms, geology and palaeontology, Voigt (1989) bryozoans, Žitt (1993) regular echinoids, Žitt and Nekvasilová (1993) octocorals, Záruba (1998) oysters, and Žitt and Geys (2003) saleniid echinoids. Žitt et al. (1999) published detailed geological, palaeontological and palaeoecological data and included a faunal list of the Předboj site.

In his monograph on sabellid and serpulid worm tubes from rocky coast facies localities of the BCB, Ziegler (1984) presented photographs of the following species from the Early Turonian of Předboj; here we include their names as published by Ziegler (1984) as well as their revised actual names after study of the original specimens in the NM: *Martina parva* ZIEGLER, 1984 (specimen NM-O5117) belongs to *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845). The original figured specimen of *Pomatoceros triangularis* (MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS, 1831) was not found in the collection, but another specimen was present and belongs to *Neovermilia cf. ampullacea* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829). One of the two figured specimens of *Eoplacostegus dentatus* (BRÜNNICH NIELSEN, 1931), specimen NM-O5388 figured on Pl. 5, Fig. 7, is from Předboj, although this locality is not mentioned in the locality list of this species, the specimen belongs to *Placostegus zbyslavus* (ZIEGLER, 1984). All these revised species are also described in the present paper.

Moreover, Ziegler listed the following species as occurring in the Early Turonian at Předboj, but the figured specimens of these species were found at other localities, so the correctness of the determination of the non-figured specimens from Předboj can not be confirmed by study of the figured specimens only: *Glomerula gordialis* (VON SCHLOTHEIM, 1820), *Glomerula solitaria* REGENHARDT, 1961 and *Serpula*

*prolifera* GOLDFUSS, 1831 belong to *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS, 1831). *Glomerula scitula* REGENHARDT, 1961 and *Spiraserpula subinvoluta* (REUSS, 1844) belong to *Glomerula lombricus* (DEFRANCE, 1827). *Sarcinella plexus* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829) belongs to *Filograna socialis* (GOLDFUSS, 1831). *Serpula antiqua* [sic!] J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829 and *Proliserpula ampullacea* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829) belong to *Neovermilia cf. ampullacea* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829). The two figured specimens of *Spiraserpula spirographis* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) belong to *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) and *Laqueoserpula reussi* (WEINZETTL, 1910), respectively. The figured specimen (NM-O5382) of *Pomatoceros biplicatus* (REUSS, 1844) is not a serpulid at all, but an octocoral. *Hamulus hexagonus* (ROEMER, 1841) is not figured and can not be judged without studying the original specimen. *Spirorbis asper* (VON HAGENOW, 1840) belongs to *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845). *Spirorbis margarita* ZIEGLER, 1984 and *Spirorbis milada* ZIEGLER, 1984 belong to *Neomicrorbis crenatostriatus subrugosus* (MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS, 1831). From these revised species, all except *Glomerula lombricus*, *Filograna socialis* and *Pyrgopolon* (*Hamulus*) *hexagonus*, which we did not see in the Nekvasilová collection from Předboj, are also described in the present paper.

A preliminary brief report of sabellid and serpulid worms from Předboj was published recently by Kočí (2012b, c).

## Material and methods

The studied and described material was collected by Dr. Olga Nekvasilová during field work between 1960 – 1968. All this material is deposited in the collections of the National Museum in Prague. The specimens were studied under a binocular microscope (20x–40x, Bresser) and photographed with a Canon EOS 550D and some of them by use of the microphotography setting on an Olympus DP70. Plates were prepared using Corel Graphic Suite X4. The figured specimens are kept in the collection of the National Museum at Prague, numbered NM-O7544 – O7573.

## Systematic palaeontology

Classification of sabellids and serpulids (including spirorbins) follows Brünnich Nielsen (1931), Regenhardt (1961), Ware (1975), Lommerzheim (1979), Jäger (1983, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2014), Ziegler (1967, 1974, 1978, 1984), Pillai (1993), Radwańska (1996), ten Hove and Kupriyanova (2009) and Ippolitov et al. (2014).

### Class Polychaeta GRUBE, 1850

#### Infraclass Canalipalpata ROUSE et FAUCHALD, 1997

##### Order Sabellida FAUCHALD, 1977

###### Family Sabellidae LATREILLE, 1825

###### Subfamily Sabellinae CHAMBERLIN, 1919

###### *Glomerula* BRÜNNICH NIELSEN, 1931

###### *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS, 1831)

Pl. 1, Fig. 1

1831      *Serpula gordialis* SCHLOTHEIM Varietas *serpentina* – Goldfuss, p. 240, pl. 71, fig. 4.

- 1840 *Serpula implicata* nob. – von Hagenow, p. 668, pl. 9, fig. 17.
- 1846 *Serpula serpentina* GOLDFUSS – Reuss, p. 106, pl. 42, fig. 22.
- 1911a *Serpula gordialis*, var. *serpentina* – Frič: p. 72, fig. 304.
- 1911b *Serpula gordialis*, var. *serpentina* – Frič, p. 72, fig. 304.
- 1961 *Glomerula solitaria* n. sp. – Regenhardt: p. 28, pl. 9, fig. 11.
- 1961 *Protula rasilis* n. sp. – Regenhardt, p. 33, pl. 1, fig. 7.
- 1961 *Omasaria omnivaga* n. sp. – Regenhardt, p. 45–46, pl. 5, fig. 7.
- 1984 *Glomerula gordialis* (SCHLOTHEIM, 1820) – Ziegler, p. 215–216, pl. 1, fig. 3–5.
- 2005 *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Jäger, p. 130, pl. 1, fig. 1.
- 2011 *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Jäger, p. 680–681, pl. 1, fig. 1–7.
- 2012a *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS) – Kočí, p. 8–9, pl. 1, fig. 1.
- 2012b *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS) – Kočí, p. 120–122, fig. 1A.
- 2014 *Glomerula serpentina* MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS [sic!] – Jäger, p. 60, fig. 1d.

**M a t e r i a l :** 40 planispiral specimens, 8 specimens forming glomerulate knots, 74 tube fragments.

**S u b s t r a t e :** One small tube is attached to a valve of the oyster *Amphidonte (Amphidonte) reticulatum* (REUSS, 1846), another specimen to an *Ostrea* sp., and a third one to a pectinid valve.

**D e s c r i p t i o n .** The tube is coiled to form either glomerulate knots or planispirals. The surface of the tube is smooth without any ornamentation. The tube diameter ranges from 1 to 2.7 mm, usually from 1.3 to 2.2 mm, and in most specimens it measures circa 2 mm. The cross-section of the tube as well as the cross-section of the lumen is circular.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s .** The genus *Glomerula* ranges from at least the Hettangian to the Recent, and it is common and geographically widespread from the Late Toarcian until the Eocene. Possible Triassic or even Late Palaeozoic representatives of *Glomerula* are mentioned by Ippolitov et al. (2014). *Glomerula serpentina* is often a common species in rocky coast facies of the Cretaceous period.

As discussed by Jäger (2005) and Sklenář et al. (2013), distinguishing species of *Glomerula* is problematic, due to the simple morphology of the tubes which display only a limited number of morphological features and the large variability even within one sample, therefore the schemes presented in previous papers are certainly in part artificial. The occasional presence of trilobate lumina can be used as a feature for taxonomic discrimination between a set of Cretaceous *Glomerula* species from a more ancient set of Jurassic *Glomerula* species (Jäger 2005) which totally lack trilobate lumina. However, a trilobate lumen was not observed by us in the specimens from Předboj. Within the set of Cretaceous *Glomerula* species, the usually relative large

and usually solitary *G. serpentina* is the most common. Clusters composed of dozens or even more than a hundred *Glomerula* tubes occurring mainly in the Santonian and Campanian of South Sweden, North Germany, and England (type area) may be separated taxonomically and determined as *G. plexus* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829). Only in fine-grained offshore facies it has proven useful to separate specimens with a small tube diameter as *Glomerula lombricus* (DEFRANCE, 1827).

### Family **Serpulidae RAFINESQUE, 1815**

#### *Filogranula* LANGERHANS, 1884

##### *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS, 1831)

- Pl. 1, Fig. 6
- 1831 *Serpula cincta* nobis – Goldfuss, p. 237, pl. 70, fig. 9a–c.
- 1983 *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Jäger, p. 68–71, pl. 8, fig. 8–13.
- 1996 *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Radwańska, p. 71, pl. 8, fig. 1–6.
- 2005 *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Jäger, p. 151, pl. 2, fig. 10–13.
- 2007b *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS) – Kočí, p. 112–113, fig. 1–2.
- 2011 *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Jäger, p. 686, pl. 4, fig. 1.
- 2012b *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS) – Kočí, p. 122, fig. 1F.

**M a t e r i a l :** One specimen.

**S u b s t r a t e :** No substrate is preserved.

**D e s c r i p t i o n .** The tube is 7 mm long. The tube diameter is 1.8 mm at the posterior trapezoidal cross-section and 1.2 mm at the aperture. The upper side of the tube bears three cocks' comb-like longitudinal ridges. The lumen is circular.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s .** *Filogranula cincta* resembles three Late Cretaceous species: *Vermiliopsis fluctuata* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829), *Metavermilia (Vepreculina) fimbriata* REGENHARDT, 1961 and *Serpula? trilineata* ROEMER, 1841. *Vermiliopsis fluctuata* has an extra two longitudinal ridges and is heptangular in cross-section, its aperture does not show any strong tendency to grow upwards. The latter is also true for *Serpula? trilineata* which erroneously was affiliated to the genus *Janita* SAINT-JOSEPH, 1894 by Jäger (1983). Moreover, *Serpula? trilineata* has weaker longitudinal ridges and delicate transverse ornamentation. *Metavermilia (Vepreculina) fimbriata*, of which only the free tube portion is known, has a smaller tube diameter of only 0.7–1.0 mm, and a variable number of often granulose longitudinal ridges which occur all around the tube.

Like *Filogranula cincta*, the Recent *Crucigera websteri* BENEDICT, 1887 has three irregularly undulating longitudinal keels that may reach 1.4 mm in height. Its tube differs in its circular cross-section, greater width which may reach 5.5 mm including the keels, and by the fact that in juvenile specimens the base of the keels may be perforated. Sometimes there is

a pair of faintly developed longitudinal ridges near the base of the tube. Terminal flaring peristomes or collar-like rings have not been observed (ten Hove and Jansen-Jacobs 1984).

According to Lommerzheim (1979) who considered *Filogranula cincta* a synonym of *Vermiliopsis fluctuata* and combined them under the name *Filogranula fluctuata*, the present species lived in an ecologically wide range of marine shelf environments from the littoral down to a water depth of circa 200 m. Jäger (1983) confirmed the wide ecological range of *Filogranula cincta*. This species was attached to various kinds of hard substrate (pieces of rock, coral skeletons, sponges, shells, filiform stems of algae). The detailed palaeoecological relationships were mentioned by Kočí (2007b). According to Zibrowius (1968), Recent representatives of the genus *Filogranula* live in the Mediterranean Sea and northeastern Atlantic at depths of 15–1780 metres, preferring deep, calm habitats, even though some specimens also live in water currents. In the Mediterranean Sea, *Filogranula* is also common in submarine caves in relatively shallow water, even in the darkest and most remote parts. Other species of *Filogranula* live at Brazil and Japan.

### *Neovermilia* DAY, 1961

#### *Neovermilia cf. ampullacea* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829)

Pl. 1, Fig. 2; Pl. 3, Fig. 3; Pl. 4, Fig. 1

- 2012b *Neovermilia ex gr. ampullacea* (SOWERBY) – Kočí, p. 122, fig. 1B.  
 2014 *Neovermilia cf. ampullacea* (SOWERBY, 1829) – Jäger, p. 66, fig. 2c.

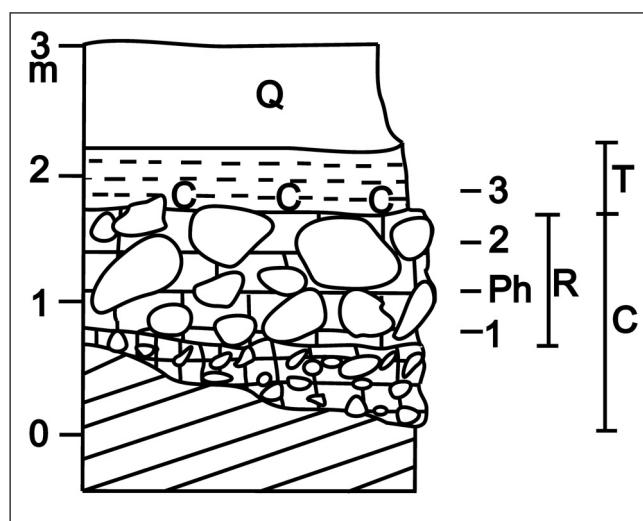
**Material:** Three fragments of the anterior tube portion.

**Substrate:** No substrate is preserved, but vice versa one of the tubes (Pl. 3, Fig. 3) is encrusted by membranipore bryozoa.

**Description.** The tube is circular in cross-section and measures 3–9 mm in diameter. An annular peristome, characteristic of *Neovermilia ampullacea*, is present.

**Remarks and relationships.** The genus *Neovermilia* first occurred in the Late Oxfordian (Radwańska, 1996). *Neovermilia* is common in the coarse-grained rocky coast facies sites in the BCB, e.g. Velim, Kamajka near Chotusice, Kaňk – Na Vrších, etc. Tube morphology is quite variable, making a useful discrimination between species nearly impossible. Some specimens bear a sharp longitudinal keel, whereas other specimens have no keel but a tube with a circular cross-section. Many specimens of the genus *Neovermilia* possess hollow “tubulae” (two small longitudinal canals near the borders of the tube’s base; compare e.g. Thomas 1940, Hedley 1958, fig. 9, Jäger 1983, fig. 2, Vinn and Wilson 2010, fig. 4, Sklenář et al. 2013, Ippolitov et al. 2014). In the genus *Neovermilia*, the tubulae are cellular and composed of shorter cells than in the genera *Spirobranchus* BLAINVILLE, 1818 and *Pyrgopolon* DE MONTFORT, 1808.

Formerly, *Neovermilia ampullacea* had been attributed to the genus *Proliserpula* REGENHARDT, 1961, but according to Jäger (2005) *Proliserpula* is a subjective synonym for



**Text-fig. 2.** Stratigraphical section at Předboj (according to Žitt et al. (1999), modified). Legend: 1 – Proterozoic bedrock, 2 – conglomerate, 3 – marl, marlstone, Ph – phosphatic crusts, R – reworked deposit, C – Upper Cenomanian, T – Lower Turonian, Q – Quaternary deposits, c – occurrence of invertebrate coprolites.

*Neovermilia*. The shape and structure of the tube in the Plio-Pleistocene to Recent species *Neovermilia falcigera* (ROULE, 1898) (see Zibrowius and ten Hove 1987, fig. 2) is very similar to that of the Cretaceous specimens except that *N. falcigera* has no keel, weaker transverse ornamentation and a thick tube wall. However, a strong keel and delicate transverse ornamentation are present in another Recent *Neovermilia* species, *N. globula* (DEW, 1959).

The fossil genus *Propomatoceros* WARE, 1975 is usually triangular or rounded triangular in cross-section. Although some specimens of *Neovermilia* are also triangular in cross-section, this genus is usually more rounded with tunnel-shaped or circular cross-sections.

Ziegler (1974, 1984) described the present species from many nearshore localities of the Late Cenomanian to the Middle Turonian of the BCB, whereas specimens of *N. ampullacea* sensu stricto from the offshore locality Úpohlavy were described and discussed by Sklenář et al. (2013).

### *Cementula* REGENHARDT, 1961

#### *Cementula* sp.

Pl. 1, Fig. 11

- 2012b *Cementula* sp. – Kočí, p. 123, fig. 1L–M.  
 non 2012b *Cementula* sp. – Kočí, p. 120, fig. 1J–K.

**Material:** Twenty-two complete specimens and 12 fragments.

**Substrate:** This species shows a tendency to form small clusters composed of several *Cementula* tubes attached to each other.

**Description.** The tube is slightly depressed, has a wide basal seam, and forms somewhat irregular, more or less compact loops and coils, although rarely regular spirals,

using its own anterior tube portions as a substrate. Except for a small and low but distinct median keel and a few alae-shaped peristomes present in some specimens, the surface of the tube is smooth and tends to obscure the boundary lines between the separate whorls by calcareous tube material laid over them. The umbilicus is narrow and often obscured by a filling of sediment. Internal tube structures ("ITS"; Pillai 1993) are absent.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s .** Loops and coils are less regular compared to the regular spirals common in other Late Cretaceous *Cementula* species, e.g. *C. spirographis* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) and *C. depressa* (GOLDFUSS, 1831), both from the Middle Cenomanian of Essen, and the single find of a *Cementula* spiral system from the Late Cenomanian of Saxony (Jäger 2014); the two last mentioned forming large systems of planar spirals attached to large oyster valves. The spirals of *Cementula sphaerica* BRÜNNICH NIELSEN, 1931 from Middle Santonian to Late Maastrichtian are also more regular, planar or more or less hemispherical in shape, and most of them lack an umbilicus. The Late Campanian and Maastrichtian species of the closely related genus *Spiraserpula* REGENHARDT, 1961 differ by the presence of "ITS" (Pillai 1993).

Fossil representatives of *Spiraserpula* and *Cementula* (e.g. Goldfuss 1831, Brünnich Nielsen 1931, Regenhardt 1961, Lommerzheim 1979, Jäger 1983, 2005, Pillai 1993) occur mainly in shallow-water facies including Late Cretaceous sites from rocky coast and coral reefs down to relatively shallow portions of chalk facies circa 200 m deep (Lommerzheim 1979), Danian bryozoan limestone facies, and Danian non-zooxantellate coral facies (Brünnich Nielsen 1931). The 19 Recent species (including one in open nomenclature) of the genus *Spiraserpula* were described in detail by Pillai and ten Hove (1994) who are also the authors of all *Spiraserpula* species mentioned below except *S. massiliensis* (ZIBROWIUS, 1968). Here we provide a compilation of their ecological data: *Spiraserpula* occurs at various depths and inhabits various substrates, but only a few species can be called deep water species, e.g. *S. capeverdensis* which lives around the Cape Verde Islands at depths of 75–200 m where the sea-floor consists of coarse sand, shell gravel, calcareous stones, calcareous nodules, calcareous algae and sponges. Both *S. deltoides* and *S. sumbensis* were found only near Sumba, Indonesia on calcareous stones at depths of about 75–90 m. *S. vaseuri* was found on oyster shells in a submarine cave at a depth of 55 m near Europa Island in the Mozambique Channel. However, most *Spiraserpula* species live in warm shallow waters, e.g. *S. massiliensis* in the Mediterranean Sea and northeastern Atlantic and *S. ypsilon* near the Cape Verde Islands. In sheltered habitats (submarine caves, overhangs, under stones) they occur in shallow water down to circa 20 m, and on the open sea-floor (in *Caulerpa* meadows or/and on shells, calcareous algae and concretions) they live in circa 15–60 m, whereas finds at deeper sites are probably transported dead tubes. *S. ypsilon* and many other *Spiraserpula* species live in or near coral reefs from the intertidal (rock pools) to less than 50 m deep, many somewhat sheltered on the underside of rocks or coral debris, but some exposed to strong water action. Most species are not widely distributed geographically, some are even endemic to a small area.

Among tropical coral reef sites inhabited by one or more *Spiraserpula* species, those situated in the Caribbean and in the Gulf of Mexico are mentioned most frequently, e.g. Bonaire, Curaçao, Florida, and others, but also Indonesia (e.g. Flores Sea) and Australia (New South Wales, Queensland). *S. caribensis* is widely distributed in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico from Florida to Barbuda and Panama; it lives intertidally down to 10 m in the Caribbean and to 18 m in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. It occurs in a variety of habitats, from rockpools to the undersides of boulders in mangrove glades; it survives well in somewhat muddy, but always cryptic environments between boulders, coral debris, shells or other solid substrates. *S. snelli* is a reef dweller, often attached to corals, it occurs at depths of 2–30 m, and appears to be the most widely distributed species of the genus: northern Red Sea, Indonesia (Flores Sea), Australia (Great Barrier Reef), and Western Pacific (South Japan to New Caledonia).

### *Laqueoserpula* LOMMERZHEIM, 1979

#### *Laqueoserpula reussi* (WEINZETTL, 1910)

Pl. 1, Fig. 7

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| non 1831 | <i>Serpula depressa</i> nobis – Goldfuss, p. 236–237, pl. 70, fig. 6.  |
| 1875     | <i>Serpula depressa</i> GOLDFUSS – Geinitz, p. 286, pl. 63, fig. 22.   |
| 1910     | <i>Burhinella(?) Reussi</i> m. – Weinzentl, p. 23–24, pl. 3, fig. 46, 47, and 51. (NM-O3537, O3538, and O3539)   |
| 1979     | <i>Laqueoserpula</i> cf. <i>plana</i> n. sp. – Lommerzheim, p. 150.  |
| 1984     | <i>Spiraserpula spirographis</i> (GOLDFUSS, 1831) and <i>Mucroserpula arcuata</i> (MÜNSTER, 1831) – Ziegler, p. 225, pl. 3, fig. 7. (NM-O5377)             |
| 1984     | <i>Mucroserpula arcuata</i> (MÜNSTER, 1831) – Ziegler, p. 228–229, pl. 4, fig. 3–4. (NM-O5379, O5380)  |
| 1984     | <i>Mucroserpula mucroserpula</i> REGENHARDT, 1961 – Ziegler, p. 229, pl. 4, fig. 5. (NM-O5381)   |
| 1984     | <i>Eoplacostegus sulcatus</i> (SOWERBY, 1829) – Ziegler, p. 235–236, pl. 5, fig. 8. (NM-O5167, not O5389, as erroneously stated by Ziegler (1984, p. 253)) |
| 1984     | <i>Hepteris septemsulcata</i> (ROEMER, 1841) – Ziegler, p. 240–241, pl. 7, fig. 3–4. (NM-O5397)  |
| 1984     | <i>Hamulus sexsulcatus</i> (MÜNSTER, 1831) – Ziegler, p. 240, pl. 7, fig. 5. (NM-O5398)  |
| 2006     | <i>Serpula</i> cf. <i>rauca</i> ZIEGLER – Žitt et al., p. 66, fig. 12M.  |
| 2012b    | <i>Laqueoserpula</i> sp. – Kočí, p. 122, fig. 1G.  |
| 2014     | <i>Laqueoserpula reussi</i> (WEINZETTL, 1910) – Jäger, p. 67, fig. 2d1–3.  |
| non 1910 | <i>Burhinella(?) Reussi</i> m. – Weinzentl, p. 23–24, pl. 3, fig. 48, 49, and 50.  |

**M a t e r i a l :** Three complete specimens, one damaged coil and four fragments.

**S u b s t r a t e :** In the figured specimen, a small tube is attached to a larger tube of the same species.

**Description.** The attached posterior tube portion forms a coil, whereas the free anterior tube portion is elevated and slightly spindle-shaped. In a well preserved specimen which has a spine over the aperture, the attached coil measures 6.4 mm in diameter, and the free anterior portion reaches a tube diameter of 3.9 mm. Longitudinal ornamentation consists of distinct lines on the upper side resembling tiny grooves. Transverse ornamentation consists of strong annular peristomes and distinct V-shaped wrinkles forming a spine over the aperture in one specimen, whereas in two other specimens such a spine is not present. Quadrangular cross-section.

**Remarks and relationships.** It may be speculated if the one specimen with a spine over the aperture and the two specimens lacking such a spine may belong to two different species, *L. reussi* and *L. plana* LOMMERZHEIM, 1979, respectively. However, the more likely explanation is that the spines may have simply broken off. This alternative explanation is supported by the fact that in a detailed revision and description of this species from other rocky coast facies localities of the BCB which will be published by Jäger et al. (in prep.), all well preserved apertures usually bear spines. The angular tube morphology bearing spines at the aperture somewhat resembles that of the genus *Placostegus* PHILIPPI, 1844, however, typical representatives of *Placostegus* are smaller and have a translucent tube.

#### *Dorsoserpula* PARSH, 1956

##### *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845)

Pl. 1, Fig. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10; Pl. 3, Fig. 2

- 1845 *Serpula bipartita* REUSS – Reuss, p. 19, pl. 13, fig. 95a–b.
- 1875 *Serpula Gamigensis* GEINITZ – Geinitz, p. 286–287, pl. 63, fig. 19–21.
- 1984 *Sarcinella minor* nov. spec. – Ziegler, p. 220–221, pl. 2, fig. 4.
- non 1984 *Sarcinella minor* nov. spec. – Ziegler, p. 220–221, pl. 2, fig. 5.
- 1984 *Martina parva* nov. spec. – Ziegler, p. 227–228, pl. 3, fig. 9.
- 1984 *Spirorbis asper* (VON HAGENOW), 1840 – Ziegler, p. 242, pl. 7, fig. 6. (NM-O5400)
- 1984 *Spirorbis subrugosus* (MÜNSTER), 1831 – Ziegler, p. 244, pl. 8, fig. 2. (NM-O5401)
- 1984 *Spirorbis superminor* nov. sp. – Ziegler, p. 244–245, pl. 8, fig. 3. (NM-O5159)
- 2005 *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845), syn. *gamingensis* [sic!] (GEINITZ, 1873 [sic!]) – Jäger, p. 162.
- 2007a *Dorsoserpula gamigensis* (GEINITZ, 1875) – Kočí, p. 109–110, fig. 5.
- non 2009a *Dorsoserpula gamigensis* (GEINITZ, 1875) – Kočí, p. 98, fig. 7.
- 2009b *Dorsoserpula gamigensis* (GEINITZ) – Kočí, p. 209, 214, 218–220, fig. 3.
- non 2012a *Dorsoserpula gamigensis* (GEINITZ) – Kočí, p. 10, pl. 1, fig. 6.
- 2012b *Dorsoserpula gamigensis* (GEINITZ, 1875) – Kočí, p. 122, fig. 1C, D.

- 2012b *Dorsoserpula wegneri* (JÄGER, 1983) – Kočí, p. 122, fig. 1E, I, O.
- 2012b *Cementula* sp. – Kočí, p. 120, fig. 1J–K.
- non 2012b *Cementula* sp. – Kočí, p. 123, fig. 1L–M.
- 2014 *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845) – Jäger, p. 70, fig. 2g1–5.

**Material:** Six complete or nearly complete tubes, one damaged coil, two juvenile tubes and two fragments.

**Substrate:** Two tubes are attached to oyster valves. Two other tubes are attached to dorsal valves of the brachiopod *Phaseolina phaseolina* (VALENCIENNES in LAMARCK, 1819). Three tubes are attached to, and one of these is coiled around, separate tubes of *Placostegus rigidus*. Another specimen had originally been attached to an unknown substrate which is no longer present, maybe a crinoid stem or a stem of an alga. A small circular tube, maybe the additional tube characteristic for the genus *Dorsoserpula* (“Nebenröhre”; see Jäger 1983, p. 39), a juvenile serpulid tube or an overgrown stem of an alga, is laterally attached to the anterior portion of this specimen.

**Description.** Usually the tube is almost planispirally coiled and consists of two to three whorls. However, a few tubes, especially in the posterior tube portion, are nearly straight or curved or low trochospiral. Tube diameter ranges from 0.9 to 2.5 mm, and coil diameter ranges from 2.7 to 5.5 mm. There is a delicate but sharp and distinct keel which may be slightly undulating on top of the tube, respectively at the periphery of the coil, and some of the larger tubes possess two additional but less distinct lateral keels which start only in the posterior part of the coil, but don't extend to the aperture of the tube. A smaller specimen has only one lateral keel. Apart from the keels, the surfaces of most tubes appear to be relatively smooth, but under the microscope very delicate, almost indistinct transverse wrinkles are visible. In one specimen, transverse ornamentation is curved forward, similar to the letter “V” turned upside down. The cross-section of the tube and the lumen are circular.

**Remarks and relationships.** Jäger (2005) previously considered *D. gamigensis* (GEINITZ, 1875) a junior subjective synonym of *D. bipartita*, but, however, did not decide if these Late Cenomanian to Early Turonian forms should be synonymized or not with *D. wegneri* (JÄGER, 1983) which is wide-spread mainly in the younger portion of the Late Cretaceous. After studying specimens from the BCB, Jäger (2014) concluded that *D. bipartita* and *D. wegneri* were two closely related but separate species, differing by size (*D. bipartita* remains smaller), by the rarity (but not total absence!) of a keel in subspecies *D. wegneri wegneri*, whereas *D. bipartita* usually (but not in every specimen!) has a keel, and by geological age (*D. wegneri wegneri* is now considered to exist only from the Middle Turonian onwards). Some specimens from Předboj earlier (Kočí 2012b) determined as *Dorsoserpula wegneri* are affiliated to *D. bipartita* here due to their small size, presence of a keel and relatively old geological age.

After a long gap in geological time, keeled forms became common again in the Maastrichtian and were considered by Jäger (2005) to be a separate subspecies, *D. wegneri*

*maastrichtensis* JÄGER, 2005, differing from *D. bipartita* mainly by possession of cellular tubulae.

#### ***Placostegus* PHILIPPI, 1844**

##### ***Placostegus zbyslavus* (ZIEGLER, 1984)**

Pl. 1, Fig. 8

- 1984 *Eoplacostegus dentatus* (NIELSEN), 1931 – Ziegler, p. 235, pl. 5, fig. 6–7. (NM-O5387 and O5388)
- 1984 *Eoplacostegus zbyslavus* nov. spec. – Ziegler, p. 236, pl. 6, fig. 1–2. (NM-O5390)
- 2009a *Placostegus zbyslavus* (ZIEGLER, 1984) – Kočí, p. 98, fig. 2.
- 2012a *Placostegus zbyslavus* (ZIEGLER) – Kočí, p. 10, pl. 1, fig. 3.
- 2012b *Placostegus zbyslavus* (ZIEGLER) – Kočí, p. 122 –123, fig. 1H.

**M a t e r i a l:** Two complete specimens with the anterior tube portion preserved and two other specimens with the anterior portion damaged.

**S u b s t r a t e:** Not preserved.

**D e s c r i p t i o n.** Tube triangular in cross-section. Attached posterior tube portion planispiral, diameter of spiral at base 3.4–3.7 mm. Free anterior tubeportion rises steeply above substrate, total height 4–5 mm, tube diameter of anterior portion 1.2–1.7 mm. Attached portion has one keel, free portion has three strong but rounded keels. Transverse ornamentation of attached tube portion consists of fine but distinct wrinkles, free tube portion lacks transverse ornamentation. Lumen circular.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s.** Ziegler (1984) described and in part figured several specimens of the present species from different localities. The specimens described as *Eoplacostegus dentatus* (BRÜNNICH NIELSEN, 1931) by Ziegler (1984) from Předboj (NM-O5388) and from Kaňk (NM-O5387) belong to *Placostegus zbyslavus*. They correspond with *P. zbyslavus* in the triangular cross-section of the planispiral attached tube portion, and they differ from the specimen from the Danian of Denmark described as “*Eoplacostegus (Caesicius) dentatus* (NIELSEN, 1931)” by Regenhardt (1961) which has denticulated longitudinal keels. Specimen number NM-O5388 has many borings produced by unknown marine organisms. Its attached portion is triangular in cross-section, and the free portion is circular. The specimen of *P. zbyslavus* NM-O5390 from Zbyslav no. 51 bears transverse ornamentation and has a triangular cross-section.

In addition to these specimens figured by Ziegler (1984), there are some other specimens belonging to *P. zbyslavus* which were not figured in Ziegler (1984) but, nevertheless, are kept in the collection of his original specimens in the NM Prague. A tube of the present species from Velim-Skalka bears inventory number NM-O5172, the same number had erroneously been mentioned by Ziegler (1984, p. 236) as the number of the holotype of this species, although the figure number 1 is correct (in spite of the wrong plate number, 5 instead of 6) and the correct type locality Zbyslav no. 51

indicate specimen no. NM-O5390 figured on pl. 6, fig. 1 to be the correct holotype. Another unfigured specimen of the present species from Velim has inventory number NM-O5389 which is presumably the correct number, even though Ziegler (1984, p. 253) had erroneously mentioned this number in the figure caption of his so-called “*Eoplacostegus sulcatus* (SOWERBY, 1829)” from Velim which represents, however, a fine specimen of *Laqueoserpula reussi* with a rounded quadrangular cross-section and whose correct number, according to the label, is NM-O5167.

*Placostegus rigidus* (REGENHARDT, 1961) is rather similar in its triangular tube, but has somewhat sharper longitudinal keels. *Cycloplacostegus pusillus* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1844) has a circular cross-section, and its surface bears fine granulation.

#### ***Placostegus rigidus* (REGENHARDT, 1961)**

Pl. 1, Fig. 9, 10; Pl. 3, Fig. 4

- 1961 *Eoplacostegus (Eoplacostegus) rigidus* n. sp. – Regenhardt, p. 61, pl. 5, fig. 4.
- 1983 *Eoplacostegus rigidus* REGENHARDT, 1961 – Jäger, p. 98–99, pl. 12, fig. 1–3.
- 2005 *Placostegus rigidus* (REGENHARDT, 1961) – Jäger, p. 170.
- 2012b *Placostegus* sp. – Kočí, p. 123, fig. 1I–K.

**M a t e r i a l:** Six specimens in which at least parts of the attached posterior tube portion as well as the free rising anterior tube portion are preserved, one coil, and 21 specimens of which only the free anterior tube portion is preserved.

**S u b s t r a t e:** One specimen is attached to an oyster valve *Ostrea* sp., another specimen is attached to a bryozoan stem. Vice versa, three *Placostegus* tubes are used as substrates, each of them by a *Dorsoserpula bipartita* tube.

**D e s c r i p t i o n.** The posterior tube portion attached to the substrate is straight or coiled to form a loop, the anterior free tube portion is long and rises steeply. One sharp, sometimes undulating keel is present in the posterior tube portion, three sharp keels in the free tube portion, forming three spines surrounding the aperture of the free tube portion. Between the keels a narrow longitudinal furrow may be present. Apart from the keels and furrows, the surface of the tube appears to be smooth at first sight, but under the microscope very fine distinct transverse corrugations are visible. Cross-section of the tube triangular, subtriangular or, less typical, square.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s.** The tube of *Placostegus velimensis* JÄGER et Kočí, 2007 is similar in shape, but the present species has a narrower tube diameter, less developed transverse ornamentation, and most tubes are triangular to subtriangular instead of square in cross-section. The tube of *Placostegus aduncus* (REGENHARDT, 1961) is similar, too, but it differs by its often very well developed transverse ribs. Also *Placostegus zbyslavus* differs from the present species by its transverse ornamentation and its possibly more often planispirally coiled attached posterior tube portion.

***Placostegus* sp.**

Pl. 2, Fig. 10

2012c *Placostegus* sp. – Kočí, p. 126, fig. 1M–N.

**M a t e r i a l:** Two small specimens of the attached posterior tube portion; neither the posteriomost part nor aperture are preserved.

**S u b s t r a t e:** Both tubes together are attached to one tube of *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp.

**D e s c r i p t i o n.** The tubes are slightly curved or meandering. The diameter increases slowly up to 1 mm. A low narrow but sharp and distinct median keel is present. One of the two tubes has a longitudinal furrow in the lower part of the latera. The transverse ornamentation consists of delicate striae which on the latera are curved forward towards the keel. The tube is subtriangular in cross-section with convex latera especially in the posterior portion. Tubulae can be detected near the damaged area anteriorly though not posteriorly.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s.** Although the small posterior tube portions do not show many special features, comparison with similar posterior and middle portions of more completely preserved unequivocal specimens of the genus *Placostegus* from Velim and Kaňk makes affiliation also of the present specimens from Předboj to this genus probable. Moreover, it is possible that these specimens are juveniles of one of the other *Placostegus* species described in the present paper.

***Pyrgopolon* DE MONTFORT, 1808**

***Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) cf. tricostata* (GOLDFUSS, 1841)**

Pl. 2, Fig. 8–9; Pl. 4, Fig. 2

- 1910 *Burtinella* (?) *Reussi* m. – Weinzettl, p. 23–24, pl. 3, fig. 48, 50. (NM-O3536)  
non 1910 *Burtinella* (?) *Reussi* m. – Weinzettl, p. 23–24, pl. 3, fig. 46–47, 49, and 51.  
1984 *Ditrupa tricostata* (GOLDFUSS), 1841 – Ziegler, p. 239, pl. 6, fig. 8–9. (NM-O5394–5395)  
2009a *Pyrgopolon* cf. *tricostata* (GOLDFUSS) – Kočí, p. 98–100, fig. 5–6.  
2010 *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) cf. tricostata* (GOLDFUSS) – Kočí, p. 124–125, fig. 5–6.  
2012a *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) cf. tricostata* (GOLDFUSS) – Kočí, p. 10–11, pl. 1, fig. 4a–b.  
2012c *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) cf. tricostata* (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Kočí, p. 126, fig. 1I–L.

**M a t e r i a l:** At least four specimens. Two incomplete specimens representing the anterior tube portion with the aperture preserved, one of them with remains of the transitional area between the attached and the free portion.

**S u b s t r a t e:** Not preserved. One of the tubes is infested by the symbiont *Protulophila gestroi* ROVERETO, 1901.

**D e s c r i p t i o n.** A medium-sized *Pyrgopolon*. The free tube portion is straight and measures 2.9 mm, respectively 3.4 mm in diameter which stays nearly constant throughout

the whole free tube portion. The upper side of the tube bears three strong straight keels of which the median keel is the strongest and highest. In the lower left and right there are two more keels but these are wide and very rounded, in cross-section appearing like lobes. Faint incremental lines protrude slightly on the median keel and cause this keel to protrude a little over the aperture. Apart from the keels and the faint incremental lines, the tube's surface appears to be relatively smooth. The lumen is circular. The colour is usually brownish.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s.** The tubes from Předboj differ considerably from *Pyrgopolon* (*P.* or *Triditrupa*) *tricostata* sensu stricto from the Middle Cenomanian of Essen in which the tube diameter increases rapidly in size, it has three wide rounded keels situated at almost equal distances from each other all around the tube, and its circular inner tube wall is visible from the posterior tube fracture. This latter factor is typical for nearly all subgenera of the genus *Pyrgopolon* except for the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* REGENHARDT, 1961, see Jäger (2005). Thus, the tubes from Předboj may even belong to a different subgenus than *tricostata* sensu stricto.

Moreover, the tubes from Předboj also differ from tubes from Saxony described by Jäger (2014) as “*Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) sp. aff. tricostata*” in which the keels, in spite of considerable variation, are more similar to those of *tricostata* sensu stricto.

Within the BCB, except for its Saxon portion, the tubes from Předboj represent a similar fauna as the tubes described by Kočí (2009a, b, 2010, 2012a) from other rocky coast facies localities (Kaňk, Velim, Nová Ves near Kolín, Chrtníky, Kamajka) which display a wider range of tube diameters. For a more detailed discussion see Kočí (2012a).

The two specimens described and figured by Ziegler (1984) as “*Ditrupa tricostata* (GOLDFUSS), 1841” may, in spite of some morphological differences, represent the same species as the Předboj tubes. One of these specimens (NM-O5394) possesses a “*Favosites* structure” at the transition from the attached to the free tube portion; as a consequence at least this specimen belongs to the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)*. Moreover, in the collection of Ziegler’s original specimens kept in the National Museum in Prague, there is another but unfigured specimen of *P. cf. tricostata* labelled with inventory number NM-O5363 instead of the missing “*Ditrupa subtorquata*” specimen with the same registration number figured by Ziegler (1984, pl. 6, fig. 7).

***Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) nekvasilovae* sp. nov.**

Pl. 2, Fig. 5–7

2012c *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp. 1 – Kočí, p. 126, fig. 1E–H.

**D i a g n o s i s :** A medium-sized species of the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)*. Attached tube portion bears five distinct keels of which the median keel is very strong and undulating, whereas the other four keels are weaker and straight. Free tube portion bears seven moderately to weakly developed keels giving the tube a near-circular subheptagonal cross-section.

**E t y m o l o g y :** In honour of Dr. Olga Nekvasilová, CSc. (the famous Czech specialist in Mesozoic brachipods) who studied the geology and paleontology of the Předboj site and other rocky coast localities in the BCB.

**H o l o t y p e :** The specimen is deposited in the collections of the National Museum in Prague, inventory number NM-O7561, and figured on Pl. 2, Fig. 7.

**T y p e l o c a l i t y :** Předboj near Prague.

**T y p e h o r i z o n :** Upper Cenomanian.

**M a t e r i a l :** Three well preserved tubes.

**S u b s t r a t e :** One of the tubes is attached to an oyster valve.

**D e s c r i p t i o n .** The attached tube portion is slightly to strongly curved posteriorly and straight anteriorly, the short straight free anterior tube portion rises moderately above the substrate. For keels and cross-section see diagnosis. Anterior tube portion bears transverse ornamentation consisting of indistinct weak corrugations.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s .** *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* (see below) is similar, but differs by possessing only three keels situated closer together in the attached tube portion.

*Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) septenaria* REGENHARDT, 1961 and *P. (S.) macropus* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829) possess respectively five and seven keels in the free tube portion, but differ by possessing only one strong keel in the attached portion.

***Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov.**

Pl. 2, Fig. 1–4; Pl. 3, Fig. 5

2012c *Pyrgopolon* sp. 3 – Kočí, p. 126, fig. 1A–C.

2012c *Propomatoceros?* sp. – Kočí, p. 124–126, fig. 1D.

**D i a g n o s i s :** A moderately large-sized species of the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)*. Attached tube portion has three keels close to each other; the median keel appears as a high and sometimes undulating comb, the other two keels are straight and much smaller. One or two additional rounded longitudinal edges may or may not be present on the latera. No transverse ornamentation. Cross-section triangular.

**E t y m o l o g y :** In honour of Dr. Jiří Žitt, CSc. (the famous Czech specialist in Mesozoic echinoids, asteroids and crinoids) who studied the geology and paleontology of the Předboj site and other rocky coast localities in the BCB.

**H o l o t y p e :** The specimen is deposited in the collections of the National Museum in Prague, inventory number NM-O7555, and figured on Pl. 2, Fig. 1, as the holotype. The specimens with inventory numbers NM-O7556, O7557, O7558 and O7571 and figured on Pl. 2, Fig. 2, 3, 4 and Pl. 3, Fig. 5 are paratypes.

**T y p e l o c a l i t y :** Předboj near Prague.

**T y p e h o r i z o n :** Upper Cenomanian.

**M a t e r i a l :** At least four specimens representing at least 16 tubes, maybe more.

**S u b s t r a t e :** Four tubes are attached to an oyster valve, eight tubes are attached to a *Spondylus* valve and in part to

each other (Pl. 3, Fig. 5), two specimens (Pl. 2, Fig. 3–4) each consist of two tubes of which the upper one is attached to the lower one.

**D e s c r i p t i o n .** Tube moderately large in size. The attached tube portion has three keels situated close to each other; the median keel is developed as a high and, in some tubes, undulating comb, whereas the other two keels are straight and much smaller, but nevertheless distinct. In a few tubes, one or two additional rounded longitudinal ridges may be present on the latera. Otherwise the surface is rather smooth; no transverse ornamentation. Tube triangular in cross-section; lumen circular. One or two specimens, including one of the two tubes shown in Pl. 2, Fig. 4, possess a distinct “*Favosites* structure”. However, the other tube shown in Pl. 2, Fig. 4 shows in cross-section depressions at the lateral areas of the base which may be interpreted as tubulae. Tube colour is bright yellow, slightly brighter than in *Pyrgopolon* gen. et sp. indet.

**R e m a r k s a n d r e l a t i o n s h i p s .** The welldeveloped keels and the lack of peristomes point to the genus *Pyrgopolon*, and the presence of a distinct “*Favosites* structure” (Jäger 1983, Jäger and Breton 2002) characteristic for *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* clearly proves affiliation to this subgenus. However the triangular cross-section resembles that of the genera *Propomatoceros*, *Spirobranchus* and some fossil specimens of *Neovermilia*, all of these lacking a “*Favosites* structure”. One of the two tubes in Pl. 2, Fig. 4 shows structures which may be tubulae which are known in the above mentioned genera *Propomatoceros*, *Spirobranchus*, *Neovermilia* and others and in the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Pyrgopolon)*, but not in the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)*, making determination of this specimen doubtful, even though its well-developed keels clearly match those of *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti*.

*Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp. A1 (Kočí 2010) from the rocky coast facies locality Velim differs in its lower, less prominent median keel, a more rounded cross-section and a thinner tube wall. In *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp. A2 (Kočí 2010), also from Velim, the two lateral keels are weakly developed.

***Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp.**

Pl. 2, Fig. 10

2012c *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp. 2 – Kočí, p. 126, fig. 1M–N.

**M a t e r i a l :** One fragment of the posterior tube portion.

**S u b s t r a t e :** The former substrate of this *Pyrgopolon* tube is unknown, but in turn the *Pyrgopolon* tube was used as a substrate for two juvenile serpulid tubes described above as *Placostegus* sp.

**D e s c r i p t i o n .** The formerly attached tube portion is 6.4 mm wide (measured at the base) and 5 mm high. It bears five straight strong but rounded keels, of which the median one is the strongest and widest, two are in an upper/lateral position and two are in a lower lateral position, situated slightly above the tube's base. Otherwise the tube's surface is smooth.

**Remarks and relationships.** The wide and rounded median keel resembles that of *Pyrgopolon* subgen. et sp. indet., but the chevron pattern is not developed or not well developed, and the other keels are more distinctly developed.

#### *Pyrgopolon* subgen. et sp. indet.

Pl. 2, Fig. 11–12

- 2012c *Pyrgopolon* (*Septenaria*)? *Pyrgopolon* (*Pyrgopolon*) subsp. [sic!] indet. – Kočí, p. 126–127, fig. 1O–Q.

**Material:** Two large tubes.

**Substrate:** The tubes had previously been attached to an unknown substrate.

**Description.** Tube large, 5.5–7.4 mm wide (measured at the base) and 5.8–6.0 mm high at the aperture respectively at the anterior cross-section; length reaching more than 25 mm in the longest preserved fragment. Attached posterior portion slightly twisted to strongly curved, free anterior portion unknown if at all existing. The attached portion in some specimens bears three keels or rounded edges, in other specimens five, most of them are inconspicuous except for the very broad flat median keel which shows a distinct chevron-like or V-like pattern of strongly protruding incremental lines. Cross-section rounded triangular posteriorly but tunnel-shaped or rounded trapezoid anteriorly. Lumen circular. Tube wall thick, with a thin innermost tube layer which is slightly separated from the main tube layer.

**Remarks and relationships.** In the Late Cretaceous of Europe the vast majority of *Pyrgopolon* specimens belong to one of two subgenera, *P.* (*Pyrgopolon*) and *P.* (*Septenaria*), which may look more or less similar in outer aspect but are usually well distinguishable by several features of the tube structure: usually *P.* (*Pyrgopolon*) has a moderate to thin tube wall and well-developed chambered tubulae in the lateral areas of the attached tube base, and often its inner tube layer is more or less separated from the outer tube layer during diagenesis. In contrast, *P.* (*Septenaria*) has a moderate to thick tube wall, which in the lower half of the attached portion may show “*Favosites* structure” which is a cellular structure resembling that of the Paleozoic coral genus, and some specimens may show a honeycomb-like ornamentation on the surface of the tube.

The problem with the present species is that it combines features of both previously mentioned subgenera, and plus the low number of available specimens mean it is therefore impossible to affiliate it to any subgenus at the present state of knowledge. Features pointing to *P.* (*Pyrgopolon*) are a thin innermost tube layer which is slightly separated from the main tube layer and the nondevelopment of a “*Favosites* structure” (Jäger 1983, Jäger and Breton 2002) and honeycomb-like ornamentation. Features pointing to *P.* (*Septenaria*) are the thick tube wall and the absence of tubulae.

In its relatively large size and thick tube wall, the present species resembles *Pyrgopolon* (*Septenaria*) sp. B (Kočí 2010) which, however, has a thicker external tube layer and developed cellular layers.

#### Subfamily *Spirorbinae* CHAMBERLIN, 1919

##### *Neomicrorbis* ROVERETO, 1903

Affiliation of this genus to either *Spirorbinae* or non-spirorbin *Serpulidae* is still debated (see Ippolitov et al. 2014).

##### *Neomicrorbis crenatostriatus subrugosus* (MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS, 1831)

Pl. 3, Fig. 1

- 1831 *Serpula subrugosa* MÜNSTER – Goldfuss, p. 239, pl. 71, fig. 1a–b.  
1983 *Neomicrorbis subrugosus* (MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Jäger, p. 127–128, pl. 15, fig. 9–11.  
2005 *Neomicrorbis crenatostriatus subrugosus* (MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Jäger, p. 197, pl. 9, fig. 11.  
2012b *Neomicrorbis crenatostriatus subrugosus* (MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS, 1831) – Kočí, p. 123, fig. 1N.

**Material:** Two tubes.

**Substrate:** Both tubes are attached to a dorsal valve of the brachiopod *Cyclothyris* aff. *diformis* (VALENCIENNES in LAMARCK, 1819).

**Description.** The tube is circular, smooth, sinistrally coiled. Spiral diameter is 0.5–1.1 mm.

**Remarks and relationships.** Due to their small sizes, the present specimens are certainly juveniles. Detailed remarks and relationships of *N. c. subrugosus* are mentioned in Sklenář et al. (2013).

##### *Bipygmaeus* REGENHARDT, 1961

##### *Bipygmaeus pygmaeus* (VON HAGENOW, 1840)

- 1840 *Serpula pygmaea* nob. – von Hagenow, p. 667.  
1961 *Spirorbis* (*Bipygmaeus*) *pygmaeus* (HAGENOW, 1840) – Regenhardt, p. 89.  
1983 *Bipygmaeus pygmaeus* (HAGENOW, 1840) – Jäger, p. 132–133, pl. 16, fig. 13–15.

**Material:** Two damaged specimens of which at least one could belong to the present species.

**Substrate:** Both tubes are attached to a serpulid tube of the genus *Pyrgopolon*.

No description is given here due to insufficient preservation.

#### Palaeoecological remarks – worms and their substrates

The worm-substrate relationship has been at least a partial subject of many papers dealing with polychaetes (e.g. Taylor and Wilson 2003, Žitt et al. 2003, Sørensen and Surlyk 2010) among other benthic organisms since the 1960s. An exhaustive study of soft-bottom dwellers was published by Seilacher et al. (2008). The substrate preferences or the life strategies of taxa present at the locality Předboj are summarized below. Identified substrates inhabited by sabellids and serpulids at Předboj are also mentioned by us in the chapters on the individual species.

Larvae of the sabellid species *Glomerula serpentina* attached themselves not only to bivalve shells (see above), but frequently also to tiny substrates such as small shell fragments, large foraminifers or sand grains. During growth, a self-supporting knot-like reeflet ("glomerate knot") adapted for living on soft bottom is produced (Seilacher et al. 2008).

In accordance with the vast majority of extant serpulid species, all serpulid species found at Předboj are obligate encrusters. Some of the Předboj serpulids, especially *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti*, but also *Cementula* sp. and *Laqueoserpula reussi*, built small clusters consisting of two tubes, rarely more, in which one tube was attached to another tube of the same species. Moreover, there are several specimens in which one serpulid tube is attached to the tube of a different serpulid species. For example, three specimens of *Dorsoserpula bipartita* are each attached to a separate tube of *Placostegus rigidus*, and two tubes of *Placostegus* sp. are attached to a single tube of *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp.

The Předboj serpulids are not specialized for any specific kind of hard substrate. Medium-sized to relatively large oyster valves and other bivalve shells are among the most common substrates onto which serpulids have settled. Dense spatfall had perhaps been the reason for the crowding of eight tubes of *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* densely attached to a *Spondylus* valve and to each other (Pl. 3, Fig. 5).

Three brachiopod shells had been settled on by serpulid tubes. Two of these three specimens have a *D. bipartita* tube attached to the dorsal valve of *Phaseolina phaseolina*; one of these two tubes is oriented with its aperture towards the anterior commissure (Pl. 3, Fig. 2), the other towards the lateral commissure. The third specimen has two tubes of *Neomicroris crenatostriatus subrugosus* on the dorsal valve of *Cyclothyris* aff. *difformis*, between the ribs near the anterior commissure. These tubes attached close to the commissures of brachiopod shells could have fed upon microscopical food particles which were transported by currents produced by the activity of the brachiopods' lophophorate apparatus (Pl. 3, Fig. 1) – provided that the brachiopods were still alive which is, however, unknown.

As is common in the genus *Dorsoserpula*, some but not all tubes of *D. bipartita* coiled spirally around a longer present upright cylindrical object which may had been the stem of an alga, another serpulid tube, or a crinoid stem. Crinoid columnals have been found in the centre of *D. bipartita* coils at other rocky coast facies sites of the BCB, e.g. Velim, Kamajka, and Chrtníky, as well as in the centre of *D. wegneri wegneri* at Úpolhlavy (Sklenář et al. 2013) and in northern Germany (Jäger 1983).

Vice versa, serpulid tubes had often been settled on by other organisms. Some tubes, especially some specimens belonging to different species of the genera *Pyrgopolon* (e.g. Pl. 2, Fig. 1, 10, 12; Pl. 4, Fig. 2) and *Neovermilia* (Pl. 4, Fig. 1), show variable numbers of small holes. While these small holes are true borings by some unknown organisms into a formerly intact serpulid tube wall, additonal larger holes in one of these serpulid tubes (Pl. 4, Fig. 2), some of a more oval shape and surrounded by a small elevated rim, were produced by the serpulid itself when prolonging its tube and

thereby surrounding stolons of the symbiotic hydroid *Protulophila gestroi* ROVERETO, 1901 living inside the serpulid tube wall (see e.g. Zágoršek et al. 2009).

The common and diverse occurrence of medium- to large-sized and relatively thick-walled tubes of the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* points to adaptation to an environment of high water energy. Some of the relatively smaller-sized serpulids, e.g. the *Dorsoserpula* tubes coiling around vertical substrates and the *Dorsoserpula* and *Neomicroris* tubes settling on the valves of living(?) brachiopods, may also have been exposed to considerable water energy, whereas other smaller-sized serpulids, e.g. *Filogranula*, *Cementula* and others, may alternatively have settled on bioclasts or rocks within small cryptic environments of lower water energy.

## Conclusions

A diverse tube-dwelling polychaete fauna thrived in the rocky coast environments near Předboj, comprising 10 genera and 16 species, some of them described in open nomenclature.

Two new species, *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) nekvasilovae* sp. nov. and *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov., are described.

The relatively high diversity of tube dwelling polychaetes – sabellids and serpulids including spirorbins – is not unusual, and similar assemblages are known especially from other Late Cenomanian and Early Turonian shallow marine rocky coast sites in the Bohemian Cretaceous Basin, e.g. Velim, Kaňk, Kamajka, Chrtníky, and Zbyslav (Ziegler 1984, Kočí 2009a, 2010, 2012a, Žitt and Nekvasilová 1996, Žitt et al. 2006). Moreover, the fauna resembles that of shallow marine sites in northwest Germany, northeast Belgium, southeast Netherlands, southeast France and southern Sweden (Jäger 1983, 2005, 2012, Sørensen and Surlyk 2010).

The common and diverse occurrence of medium to large sized and relatively thick-walled tubes of the subgenus *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* points to adaptation to a high water energy environment. Also the *Dorsoserpula* tubes coiled around vertical substrates and the *Dorsoserpula* and *Neomicroris* tubes settled on the valves of living(?) brachiopods may also have been exposed to considerable water energy, whereas other smaller-sized serpulids may alternatively have settled on bioclasts or rocks within small cryptic environments of lower water energy.

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## Explanation of plates

### PLATE 1

1. *Glomerula serpentina* (GOLDFUSS, 1831), the specimen is attached to an oyster valve, (NM-O7544).
2. *Neovermilia* cf. *ampullacea* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829), fragment of the free anterior tube portion, (NM-O7545).
3. *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845), tube coiled around a no longer preserved substrate, possibly a crinoid stem or a stem of an alga, (NM-O7546).
4. *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845), underside of coil (= lateral view of tube), with the posterior tube portion forming a kind of "apex" in the centre, (NM-O7547).
5. *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845), coil, (NM-O7548).
6. *Filogranula cincta* (GOLDFUSS, 1831), upper side, (NM-O7549).
7. Two tubes of *Laqueoserpula reussi* (WEINZETTL, 1910), upper side of the larger specimen showing anterior tube portion, encrusted by a small tube, (NM-O7550).
8. *Placostegus zbyslavus* (ZIEGLER, 1984), coiled posterior tube portion and steeply elevated anterior portion, (NM-O7551).
9. *Placostegus rigidus* (REGENHARDT, 1961), anterior tube portion, encrusted by a coiled tube of *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845), (NM-O7552).
10. *Placostegus rigidus* (REGENHARDT, 1961), small tube fragment, encrusted by a now damaged coiled tube of *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845), (NM-O7553).
11. *Cementula* sp., anterior parts of the attached tube portions of two tubes attached to each other, (NM-O7554).

Scale bars are 2 mm in Fig. 1–2 and 9 and 1 mm in Fig. 3–8 and 10–11.

### PLATE 2

1. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov., holotype, attached to an oyster valve, upper side, (NM-O7555).
2. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov., paratype, attached to an oyster valve, upper side, (NM-O7556).
3. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov., paratype, two tubes attached to a *Spondylus* valve and to each other, upper sides, (NM-O7557).
4. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov., paratype, two tubes attached to each other, cross-sections. The tube seen in the lowerpart of the photograph shows depressions which may be tubulae (inner basal-lateral channels), whereas the tube seen in the upper part of the photograph possesses "Favosites structure", (NM-O7558).
5. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) nekvasilovae* sp. nov., attached to an oyster valve, upper side, (NM-O7559).
6. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) nekvasilovae* sp. nov., lateral view of attached posterior tube portion and elevated free anterior portion, (NM-O7560).
7. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) nekvasilovae* sp. nov., holotype, a – cross-section of anterior tube portion showing the five keels, b – upper side, (NM-O7561).
8. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* cf. *tricostata* (GOLDFUSS, 1841), a – aperture, b – upper side, (NM-O7562).
9. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* cf. *tricostata* (GOLDFUSS, 1841), a – cross-section, b – upper side, (NM-O7563).

10. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria)* sp., encrusted by two *Placostegus* sp. tubes, a – upper side, b – lateral view, (NM-O7564).
11. *Pyrgopolon* subgen. et sp. indet., a – aperture, b – upper side, (NM-O7565)
12. *Pyrgopolon* subgen. et sp. indet., anterior tube portion, upper side, showing many borings, (NM-O7566).

Scale bars are 5 mm in Fig. 1–7 and 9–12 and 4 mm in Fig. 8.

### PLATE 3

1. *Neomicroris crenatostriatus subrugosus* (MÜNSTER in GOLDFUSS, 1831), a small spiral tube attached to the dorsal valve of a brachiopod, *Cyclothyris* aff. *diformis* (VALENCIENNES in LAMARCK, 1819), upper side, (NM-O7567).
2. *Dorsoserpula bipartita* (REUSS, 1845), a curved but not coiled tube attached to a valve of the brachiopod *Phaseolina phaseolina* (VALENCIENNES in LAMARCK, 1819), upper side, (NM-O7568).
3. *Neovermilia* cf. *ampullacea* (J. DE C. SOWERBY, 1829), tube encrusted by membranipore bryozoa, upper side, (NM-O7569).
4. *Placostegus rigidus* (REGENHARDT, 1961), anterior tube portion with very short elevated free portion, posterior tube portion damaged, attached to poorly preserved bryozoan stem, oblique view to upper side and aperture, (NM-O7570).
5. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) zitti* sp. nov., paratype, eight tubes attached to spondylid valve and to each other, upper sides and cross-sections, (NM-O7571).

Scale bars are 2 mm in Fig. 1 and 5 mm in Fig. 2–5.

### PLATE 4

1. *Neovermilia* cf. *ampullacea* (J. de C. SOWERBY, 1829), a – upper side, b – underside of formerly attached tube portion, A, B – arrows point to an area with many borings into the tube wall, (NM-O7572).
2. *Pyrgopolon (Septenaria) cf. tricostata* (GOLDFUSS, 1831), anterior tube portion with borings and holes, A – arrows point to small borings similar to those in Fig. 1, present in all surfaces of the tube wall, B, C – arrows point to large holes caused by the growing serpulid tube around stolons of the hydroid symbiont *Protulophila gestroi* ROVERETO, 1901, (NM-O7573).

Scale bars are 5 mm in Fig. 1 and 1 mm in Fig. 2.

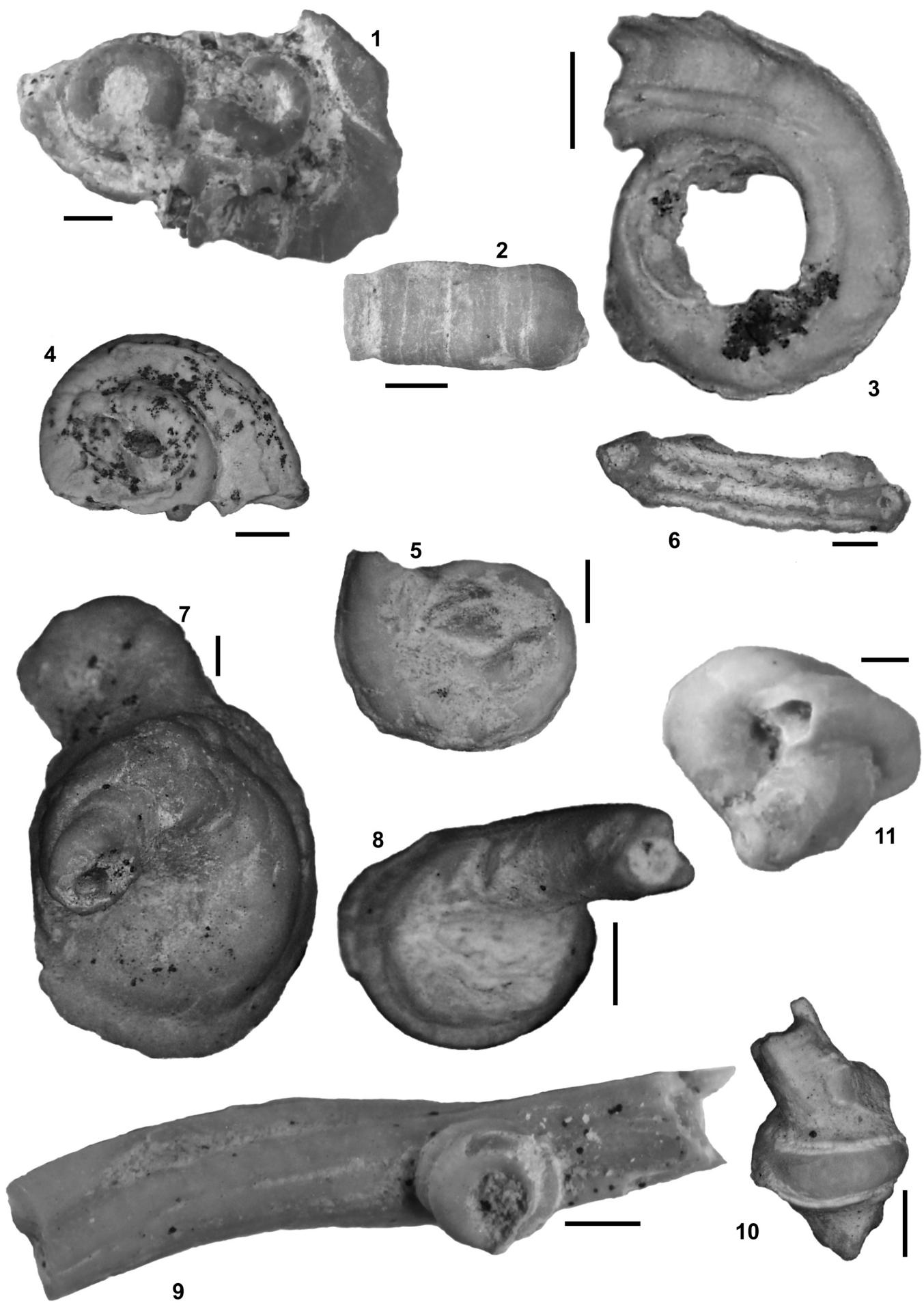
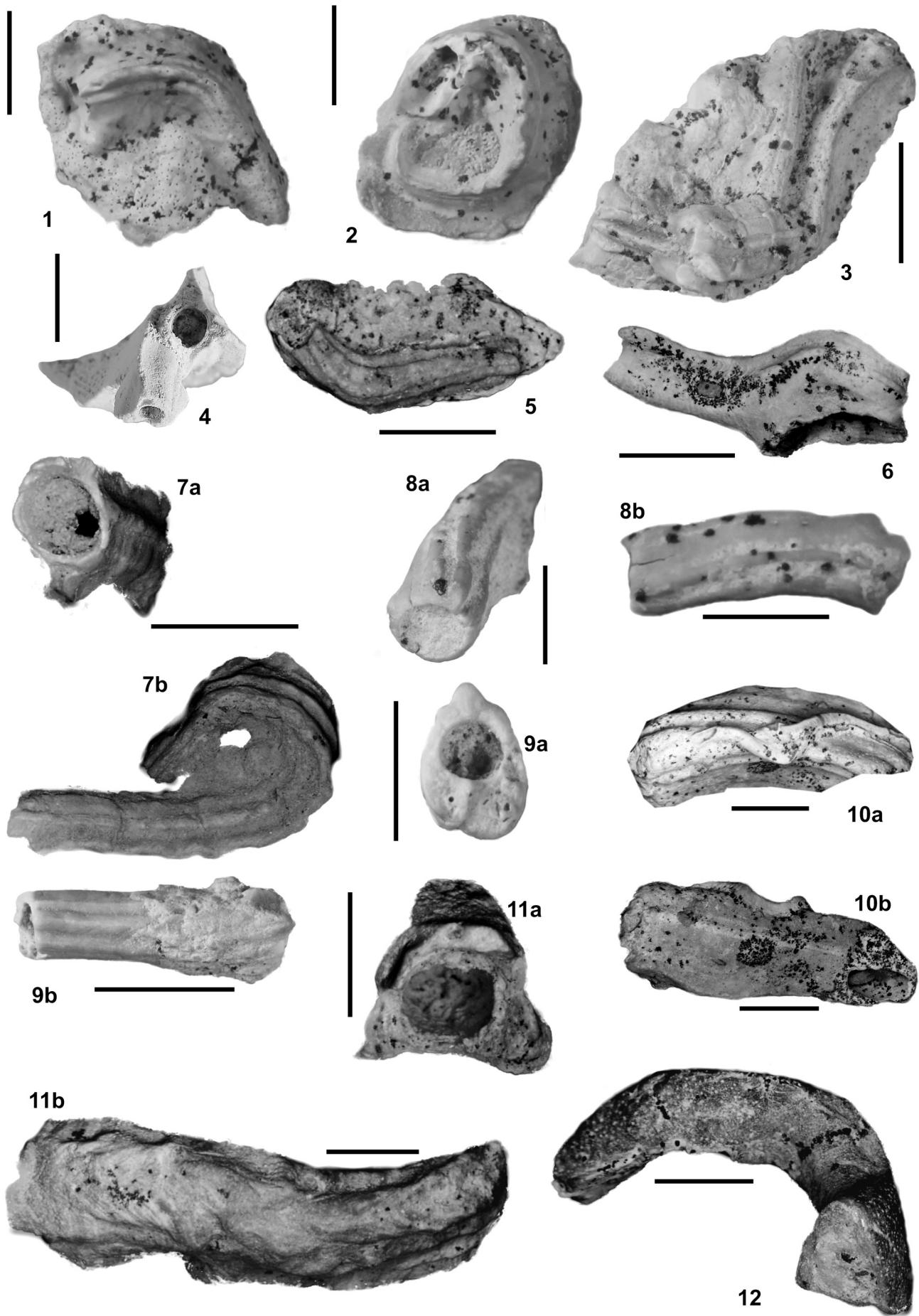


PLATE 2



**PLATE 3**

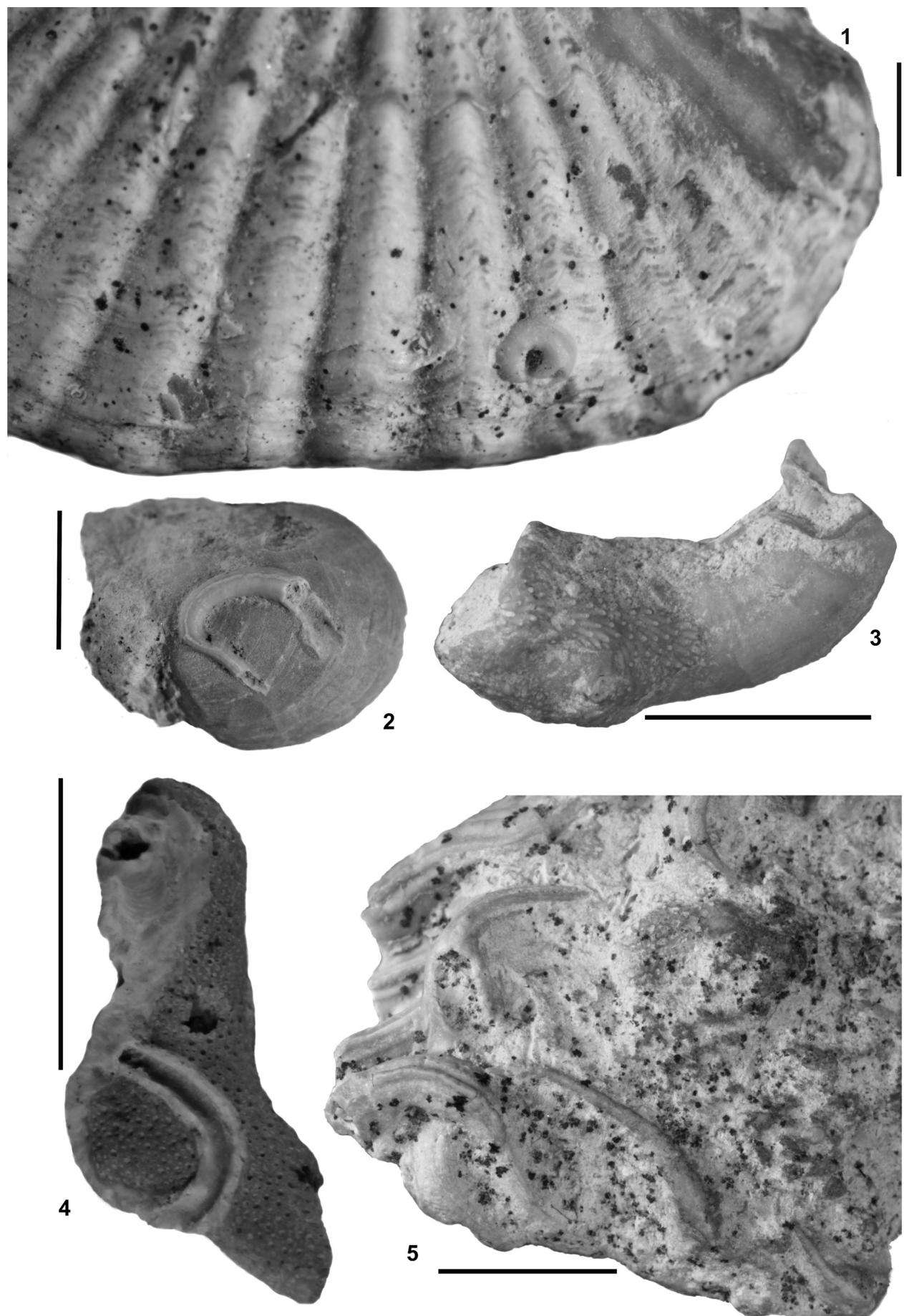


PLATE 4

