

SIMPELT ATLAS OVER NOGLE MIKROFOSSILER MED RELEVANS  
TIL LIMFJORDENS MOLEROMRÅDER

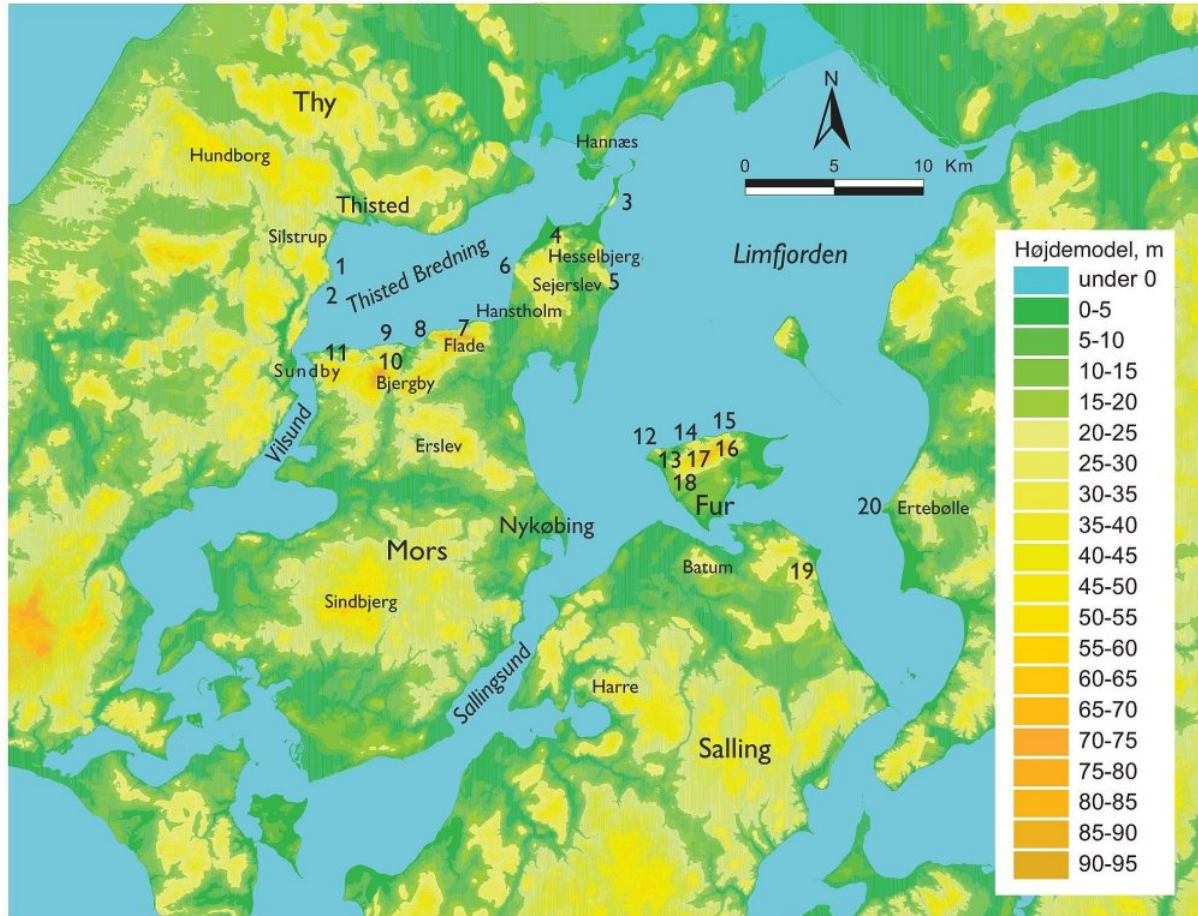


Fig. 1. Lokaltetskort over molerområdet. Moler kan ses i kystklinter og råstofgrave, som er vist med numre svarende til tabellen i Fig.8. Endvidere kender man forekomster af moler fra Hannæs og nord herfor, samt fra Hundborg. Højdemodellen er baseret på KMS kortdatabase TOP10DK.

Lokalitet		Referencer	Bemærk
Silstrup 'Firkanten'	1	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983.	Østvendt kystklint i Thy. Overskydningskontakt til Sydklint Led, Brejning Fm (Oligocæn).
Silstrup 'Sydklint'	2	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1979, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Heilmann-Clausen 1982, 1994b, 1997, Von Salis 1993, Rasmussen <i>et al.</i> 2010.	Østvendt kystklint i Thy. Lokalitet med de øverste askelag. Aflejringskontakt til Sydklint Led, Brejning Fm.
Feggeklit	3	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, 1979, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Espersen 1994, Pedersen 1996, Hundahl 1997, Houmark-Nielsen 1999, 2003, Rasmussen <i>et al.</i> 2010.	Østvendt kystklint på nordspidsen af Mors. Typelokalitet for 'glaciotectonites'. Tæppefolder. En ø i <i>Donax/Littorina</i> havet.
Skarrehage molergrave Museumsgraven Lynghøjgraven	4	Gry 1940, 1979, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Pedersen 1982, 1989, 2000a, 2005, Pedersen & Petersen 1986.	Molergrave på det nordvestlige Mors. Der har været gravet moler i næsten 100 år. Molergravene efterbehandles under hensyntagen til Moler-museets ønsker om formidling.
Ejerslev molergrav, Ejerslev kystklint Harhøj	5	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, 1979, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Pedersen 1993, 1996, 1998, 2000a, 2008a, Houmark-Nielsen <i>et al.</i> 2006.	Molergrav på det nordøstlige Mors. Der har været gravet moler i næsten 100 år. Molergravene efterbehandles under hensyntagen til rekreative værdier. Harhøj er en efterbehandlet molergrav tæt ved Ejerslev.
Skærbæk Klint	6	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, 1979, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Korsager 2002, Houmark-Nielsen 2003, Rasmussen <i>et al.</i> 2010.	Vestvendt kystklint på Nordmors. Klinten indeholder også sort, miocæn ler (Vejle Fjord Fm), samt kvartære lag tilbage til Saale og Elster.
Salgjerhøj	7	Bøggild 1918, Håkansson & Sjørring 1982.	Højeste punkt på Mors. Ved kystklinten nord for findes foldede lag, som også står frem i havbunden.
Hanklit	8	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, Klint & Pedersen 1995, Houmark-Nielsen 1999, 2003, Pedersen 2011.	Vestvendt kystklint på Nordmors. Tværsnit gennem Salgjerhøj randmorænekompleks. Største glacialtektoniske forsætning.
Svalklit, Stærhøj	9	Pedersen & Petersen 1985, Pedersen & Platen 2007, Pedersen 2008c.	Nordvendt kystklint.
Gullerup molergrav	10	Gry 1940, Pedersen & Platen 2007, Pedersen 2008c.	Nedlagt molergrav på Nordmors, nu tilvokset.

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Sundby, Klitgård og Klovbakker molergrave	11	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, Bonde 1986, 1987, 1997b, Heilmann-Clausen <i>et al.</i> 1985, Pedersen & Petersen 1985, Pedersen & Platen 2007, Pedersen 2008c, Bonde <i>et al.</i> 2008, 2010.	Nedlagte, delvis efterbehandlede molergrave på Nordmors med Oligocæn ler direkte oven på moleret. Randmorænestrøg. Strandblotning med Paleocæn/Eocæn grænsen.
Fur Knudeklint	12	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, 1965, Nielsen 1959, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Heilmann-Clausen 1982, Heilmann-Clausen <i>et al.</i> 1985, Bonde 2008, Larsen <i>et al.</i> 2003.	Nordvestvendt kystklint på Fur. Omfatter 'Knudefolderne' (Gry 1940). Typelokalitet for Fur Formationen, Knudeklint Led og Knudshoved Led. Aflejningskontakt Røsnæs Ler/Branden Ler.
Knuden, molergrave	13	Gry 1940, Pedersen & Jakobsen 1993.	Nedlagte molergrave på det nordvestlige hjørne af Fur. Efterbehandlet til rekreative formål.
Fur Stolleklint	14	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, 1965, 1979, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Heilmann-Clausen <i>et al.</i> 1985, Heilmann-Clausen 1995, Bonde 1997b, Willumsen 1998, 2004, Larsen <i>et al.</i> 2003.	Nordvendt kystklint på Fur. Typelokalitet for Stolleklint Ler, som er aflejret under PETM, med egen fiske- og insektfauna. Holme-hus Formationen, Østerrende Ler og Paleocæn/Eocæn grænsen.
Fur Østklint	15	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, Andersen & Sjørring 1992, Larsen <i>et al.</i> 2003.	Nordvendt kystklint på Fur.
Færker molergrav Morten Thiese grav	16	Gry 1940, Andersen & Sjørring 1992.	Tilgroede molergrave på østlige Fur. Normalforkastninger, sandkiler.
Molergrave, centrale Fur, Bakkekronen	17	Gry 1979, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Pedersen & Petersen 1988, Pedersen 2000b, 2002.	Aktive molergrave, som besøges af gæster på Fur Museum. Sandkiler. 'Bispehuen', eksempel på normal-forkastning. Efterbehandles løbende med hensyn til rekreative formål.
Hestegården molergrav Anshede	18	Pedersen 2000a, b.	Grænsen mellem Stolleklint Ler og Fur Formation, tilskredet.
Junget kystklint og molergrav	19	Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Jakobsen <i>et al.</i> 1994.	Tilgroet molergrav på nordøstlige Salling.
Ertebølle klint	20	Bøggild 1918, Gry 1940, Pedersen & Surlyk 1983, Petersen 1986, 1990.	Vestvendt kystklint i Himmerland. Typelokalitet for køkkenmøddinger fra Ertebøllekulturen.

## Dinoflagellater

Dinoflagellater er marine, planktoniske alger. Mange arter danner hvilesporer (cyster), hvis væg består af et resistent organisk materiale (dinosporin), som kan bevares fossilt (Fig. 49). Da dinoflagellatcysterne optræder i stort antal og mange arter i de fleste shelfsedimenter, er de velegnede til biostratigrafisk datering og korrelation. Dinoflagellater af slægten *Apectodinium* havde globalt en stor opblomstring (en acme zone) i tidligste Eocæn. *Apectodinium* acmet er veldokumenteret fra mange profiler (Fig. 49 billede 3–4).

Denne dinoflagellat-slægt blev favoriseret af det varme vand og de næringsstoffer, som blev tilført med flodvand. I acme-zonen udgør *Apectodinium* omkring 50 % af den totale mængde af dinoflagellatcyster. Basis af acme-zonen er sammenfaldende med basis af kulstofisotop-anomalien (CIE) ved starten af varmeperioden PETM. Acme-zonen er registreret fra basis af Ølst Formationen til den nederste del af Fur Formationen (lidt over askelag –33), hvorefter indholdet af *Apectodinium* aftager gradvist til nær nul lidt under askelag –19b.

Over askelag –19b er der en markant forandring i dinoflagellatselskabet, og over +130 findes en acme-forekomst af *Deflandrea oebisfeldensis* (Fig. 49 billede 6–7). Dinoflagellatcysterne i Fur Formationen er undersøgt i en lang række publikationer, og er anvendt til korrelation og datering af de sent paleocæne og tidligt eocæne aflejringer i Danmark og Nordsøen.

## Planter

Der er fundet en del plantefossiler i Fur Formationen (Fig. 50). Blade af planten *Macclintockia kanei* blev tidligt anvendt til at bestemme formationens alder som Eocæn (Fig. 50A). Floraen med *Macclintockia*, *Cercidophyllum* (hjertetræ) og visse andre planter i Nordvesteuropa og Grønland er blevet kaldt den 'Arkto-Tertiære Flora'.

*Macclintockia* kan være bevaret således, at aftryk af overfladens cellelag kan foretages, hvilket giver oplysninger om bladenes klimatilpasning.

Størstedelen af plantefossilerne er kviste, grene og stammer, som formodentlig er drevet med floderne til havs (Fig. 50B). Blade er sjældne, hvilket kan forklares ved, at de lettere nedbrydes under transporten, men de findes hyppigt i Skarrehagelaget. En 8 m lang træstamme er bestemt til at være nært beslægtet med rødtræ (*Sequoia*), som bl.a. kendes som kæmpetræer i Californien. Kviste og pollen fra rødtræ (*Sequoia*) er også fundet i Fur Formationen (Fig. 50C). Fossilt ved er for nylig beskrevet fra et træ, som var beslægtet med *Juglandicarya*, og som formodentlig var en gammel form af den moderne valnød. Andre fossiler menes at repræsentere fyr og abetræ/stuegran (*Araucaria*), bl.a. grene med blade (nåle) og en gren med en klump rav. Der er også kogler fra nåletræer. Der er fundet egeblade med insektangreb (Fig. 50D) og blade af tempeltræ (*Ginkgo*).

Endvidere er der fundet mange lange, bambuslignende blade (Fig. 50E), blade af vandbregnen *Salvinia*, samt en del frø og frugter. De hyppigste er små kuglerunde frugter fra palmer. Andre frø og frugter stammer fra platan, japansk hjertetræ kaldet *Jenkinsella*, løn og vin. Planterne tyder på, at landet har haft en bevoksning af nåletræsskove (rødtræ, abetræ, fyr, gran, sumpcypres og taks) vekslende med en mere åben, steppeagtig bevoksning. Blandt løvtræer kendes ask, poppel og valnød og de ovenfor nævnte arter, især er sådanne blade almindelige i Skarrehagelaget. Der er også fundet bregner og padderokker. Insekterne antyder, at der må have været mange blomsterplanter, men selv om disse er stærkt underrepræsenteret blandt fossilerne, kendes en spinkel lille blomst som fossil (Fig. 50F).

## Sporer og pollen

Sporer og pollen fra landplanter er blevet undersøgt i 74 prøver fra tre lokaliteter (Fur Stolleklint, Silstrup 'Firkanten' og Silstrup Sydklint) samt i 6 prøver fra den øverste del af Stolleklint Ler. Der er i alt identificeret 42 arter af sporer og 108 arter af pollen (Fig. 51).

På basis af spore- og pollenselskaberne kan Fur Formationen inddeles i fire biozoner, som er korreleret direkte med ændringer i dinoflagellatcyst-selskabet. Dette viser, at der samtidigt skete ændringer i landplanterne og i de marine alger.

De sporer og pollen, som kendes fra Fur Formationen, kan korreleres med de biozoner, som er opstillet i Europa og Nordsøen, hvilket viser, at sporer og pollen er et godt værktøj for korrelationer over lange afstande. Ved at undersøge hvornår bestemte pollen, som f.eks. Thomsonipollis magnificus, optræder første gang i henholdsvis USA og Danmark, kan man også kortlægge hvordan forskellige planter er blevet spredt.

## Sumpcypres og valnød

Fur Formationen er domineret af pollen fra sumpcypresser og valnød (Taxodiaceae og Juglandaceae). Pollen fra de to botaniske familier er benævnt Caryapollenites spp. (amerikansk valnød) og Inaperturopollenites spp. (Fig. 51 billede 1–3).

De fleste arter i slægten sumpcypres findes idag i subtropiske til tempererede områder, som f.eks. området omkring den Mexikanske Golf.

Valnødfamilien (Juglandaceae) vokser idag i tempererede regioner som Europa, Asien og Nord- og Sydamerika og omfatter større og mindre løvfældende træer, som kendes på de duftende blade, de store, spiselige nødder og de kegleformede hanrakler.

## Palmer og tropiske pollen

I Fur Formationen er der også fundet palmepollen (Arecipites spp.) og pollen fra tropiske slægter som Symplocos samt slægten Anacolosa, som idag findes i Asien og på Madagaskar (Willumsen 1997, 2004).

Palæotropiske elementer som Labrapollis globosus og Interpollis pollen optræder kun i den øverste, ældste del af Stolleklint Ler. Der mangler palynologiske data fra størstedelen af Stolleklint Leret, da undersøgelsens nederste prøve er taget ca. 3m under askelag –34.

## Hvad siger floraen om klimaet?

Rust (1999a) karakteriserede vegetationen som paratropisk. Dette dækker vegetationsformer, som opstår i lavlandet uden for tropene eller i midten af tropiske bjergområder (eksempelvis Hong Kong og Taiwan). I Sen Paleocæn og Tidlig Eocæn havde denne type af vegetation sin største udbredelse på den nordlige halvkugle og nåede til 60 - 65° N. Selv om der er identificeret mange forskellige arter af eocæne sporer og pollen, mangler der at blive lavet en samlet klimatisk tolkning baseret på både makro- og mikrofloraen fra Fur Formationen. Forløbige undersøgelser viser, at den årlige middeltemperatur i Tidlig Eocæn varierede mellem 15° og 21° og den årlige nedbør i Tidlig Eocæn er anslået til at have været 1200–1400 mm.

Fra: Molerområdets geologi - sedimenter, fossiler, askelag og glacialtektonik, Geologisk Tidsskrift dec.2011: Gunver Krarup Pedersen, Stig Schack Pedersen, Niels Bonde, Claus Heilmann-Clausen, Lotte Melchior Larsen, Bent Lindow, Henrik Madsen, Asger Ken Pedersen, Jes Rust, Bo Pagh Schultz, Michael Storey, Pi Sühr Willumsen

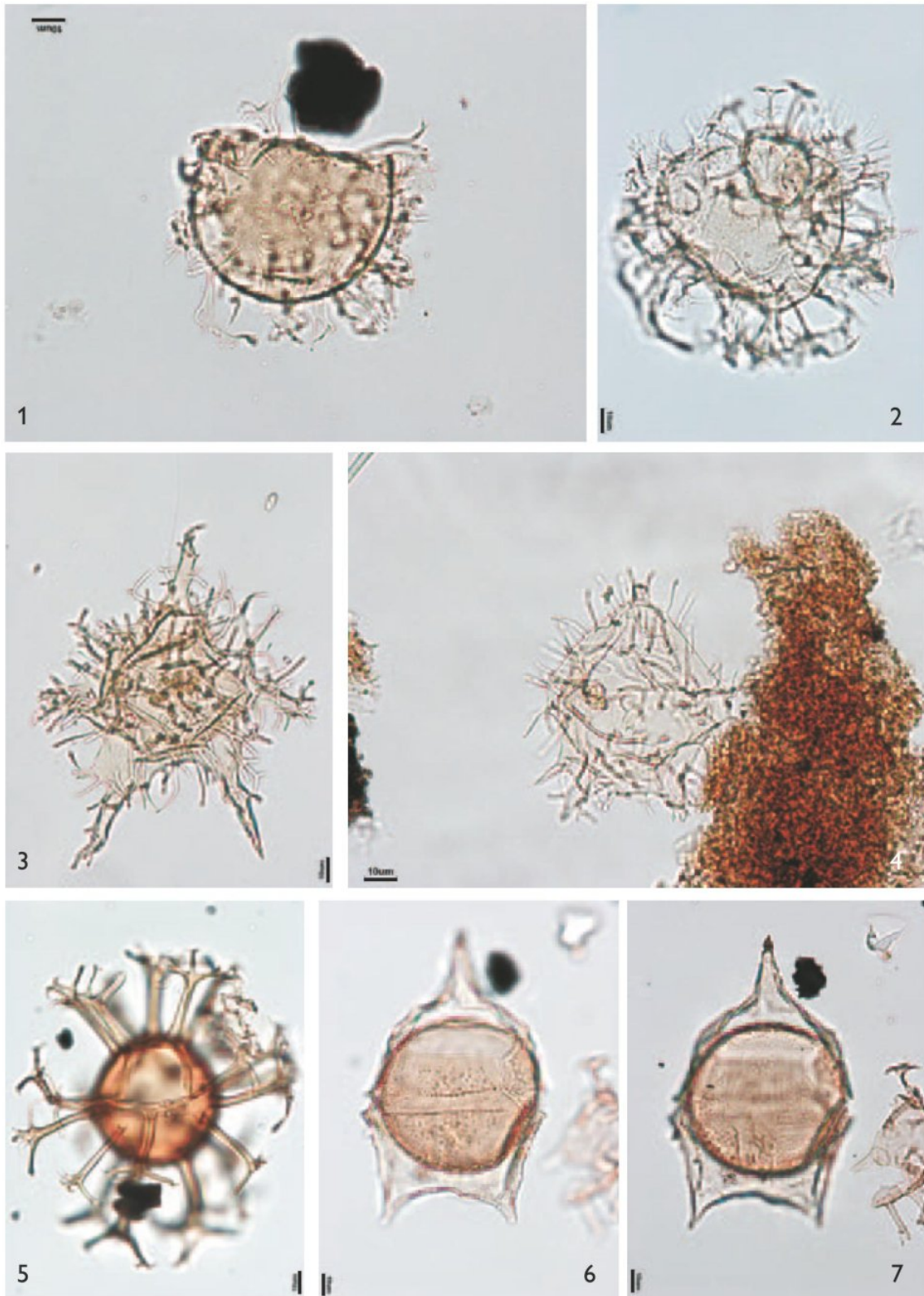


Fig. 49. Organisk-vægede dinoflagellatcyster fotograferet i normalt lysmikroskop, skala = 10mm. For alle arter er der givet følgende oplysninger: a) Artsnavn, b) Lokalitet (St= Stolleklint, Sy= Silstrup Sydklint) og prøvenummer. Prøverne stratigrafiske indplacering findes i Willumsen (1997; 2004: Fig. 3). 1, *Glaphyrocysta ordinata*, St25; 2, *Glaphyrocysta* cf. *divaricata*, St51; 3, *Apectodinium* cf. *parvum*, St12; 4, *Apectodinium quinquelatum*, St12; 5, *Achomosphaera alcicornu*, Sy10; 6 og 7, *Deflandrea oebisfeldensis*, Sy10. Foto Pi Suhr Willumsen.

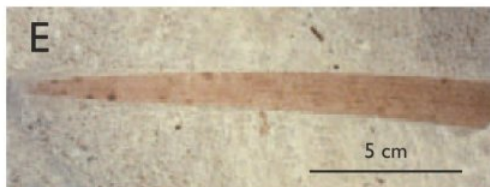


Fig. 50. Plante makrofossiler. **A**, 18 cm langt blad af *Macclintockia*, findested ukendt; **B**, Velbevaret forkislet træ med knaster, længden på stammerne er 100 cm og 135 cm fra negativ serie i Ejerslev og Silstrup; **C**, 15 cm lang kvist af rødtræ (*Sequoia*), findested ukendt; **D**, Egeblad med spor af insektangreb, længde 8 cm, ved -13, Skarrehage; **E**, Langt smalt blad bevaret i moler fra Ejerslev, længde, 14 cm, omkring +25 - +30, stratigrafisk niveau ikke kendt; **F**, Blomst, findested ukendt. **A**, **C**, **F**, Foto Bo Pagh Schultz, **B**, **D**, **E**, Foto Henrik Madsen.

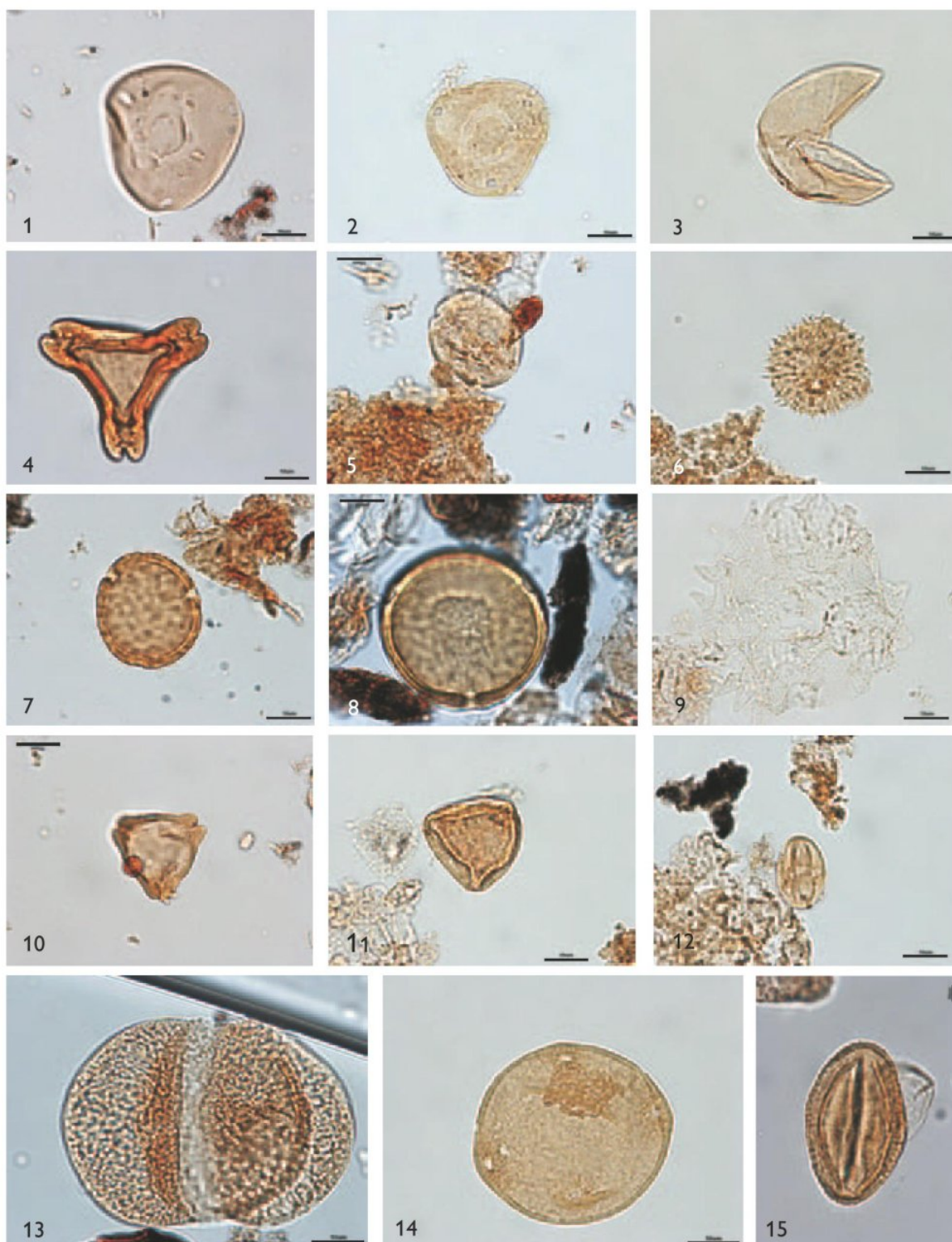
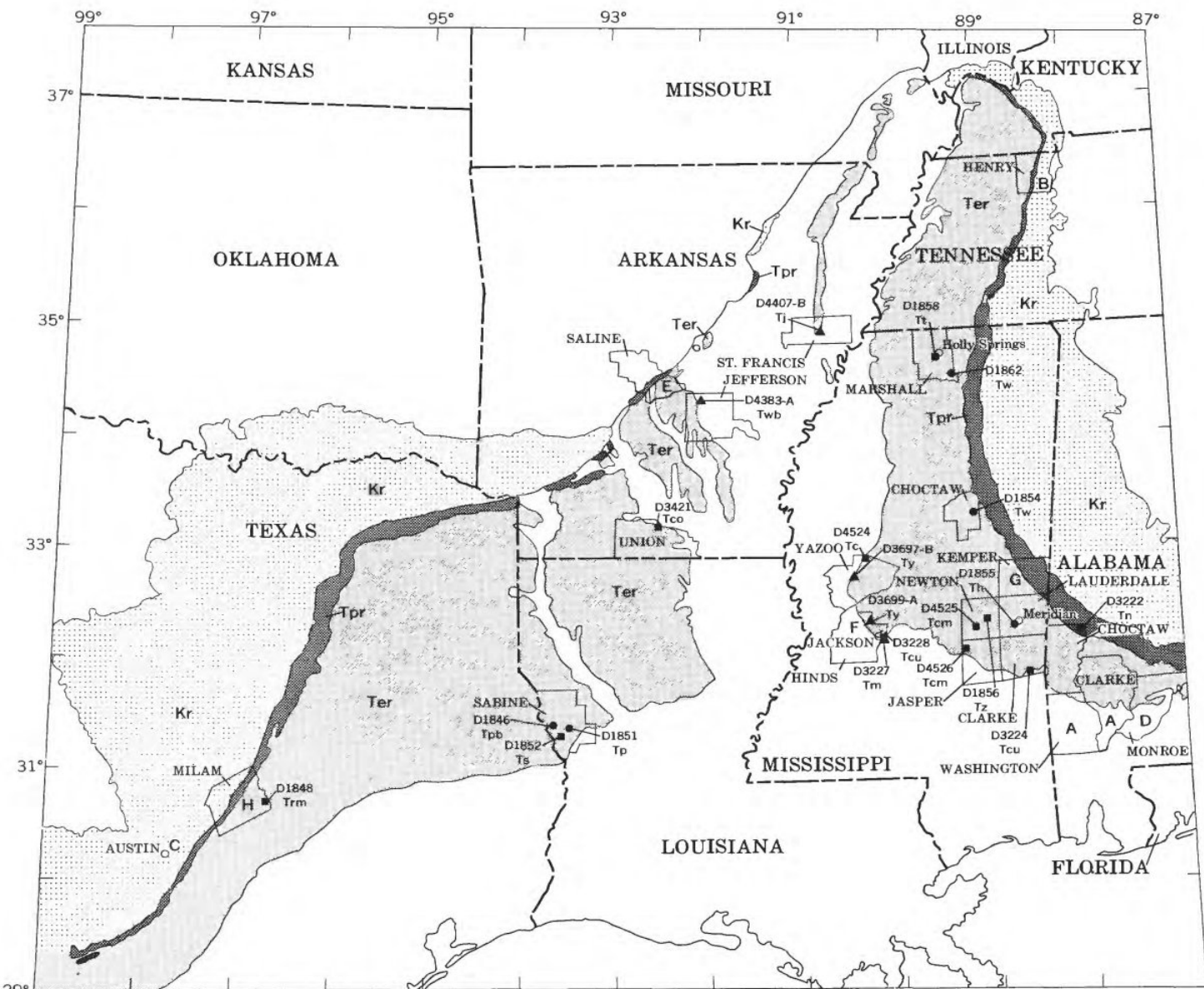


Fig. 51. Sporer og pollen fotograferet i normalt lysmikroskop, skala på alle billeder er 10µm. For alle arter er der givet følgende oplysninger: a) Artsnavn, b) Lokaltet (St=Stolleklint) og prøvenummer. For taxonomiske referencer og prøvernes stratigrafiske indplacering: se Willumsen (1997, 2004). **1**, *Caryapollenites triangulus*, St02; **2**, *Caryapollenites triangulus*, St06; **3**, *Inaperatropollenites hiatus*, St20; **4**, *Basopollis atumenscens*, St28; **5**, *Labrapollis globosus*, St02; **6**, *Compositiopollenites medius*, St03; **7**, *Subtriporopollenites subporatus*, St02; **8**, *Subtriporopollenites constans* subsp. *medius*, St20; **9**, *Pediastrum* sp., St03; **10**, *Plicapollis pseudoexcelsus*, St02; **11**, *Interpollis microsullingensis*, St03; **12**, *Triporopollenites cingulum*, St03; **13**, *Pityosporites microalatus*, St20; **14**, *Polyporopollenites* spp., St20; **15**, *Tricolporopollenites europaeus*, St28. Foto Pi Suhr Willumsen.



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**EXPLANATION**

**USGS PALEOBOTANY COLLECTION LOCALITIES**

- Ter  
Eocene rocks  
*May include Paleocene rocks locally*
- Tpr  
Paleocene rocks
- Kr  
Cretaceous rocks
- D3222  
USGS Paleobotany locality number

- D4383-A  Twb  
Jackson age
- Tj, Jackson Formation
- Twb, White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953)
- Ty, Yazoo Clay
- Trm, Moodys Branch Formation
- D1848  Trm  
Claiborne age
- Tc, Cockfield Formation
- Tcu, upper part
- Tcm, middle part
- Tco, Cook Mountain Formation
- Ts, Sparta Sand
- Tz, Zilpha Clay
- Tt, Tallahatta Formation
- Trm, Marquez Shale Member of Stenzel (1938) of Reklaw Formation

- D1846  Tpb  
Wilcox age
- Th, Hatchetigbee Formation
- Tp, Pendleton Formation of Anderson (1960)
- Tpb, Bayou Lennan Member
- Tw, Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation)
- Tn, Nanafalia Formation

**SPECIFIC LOCALITIES MENTIONED IN TEXT**

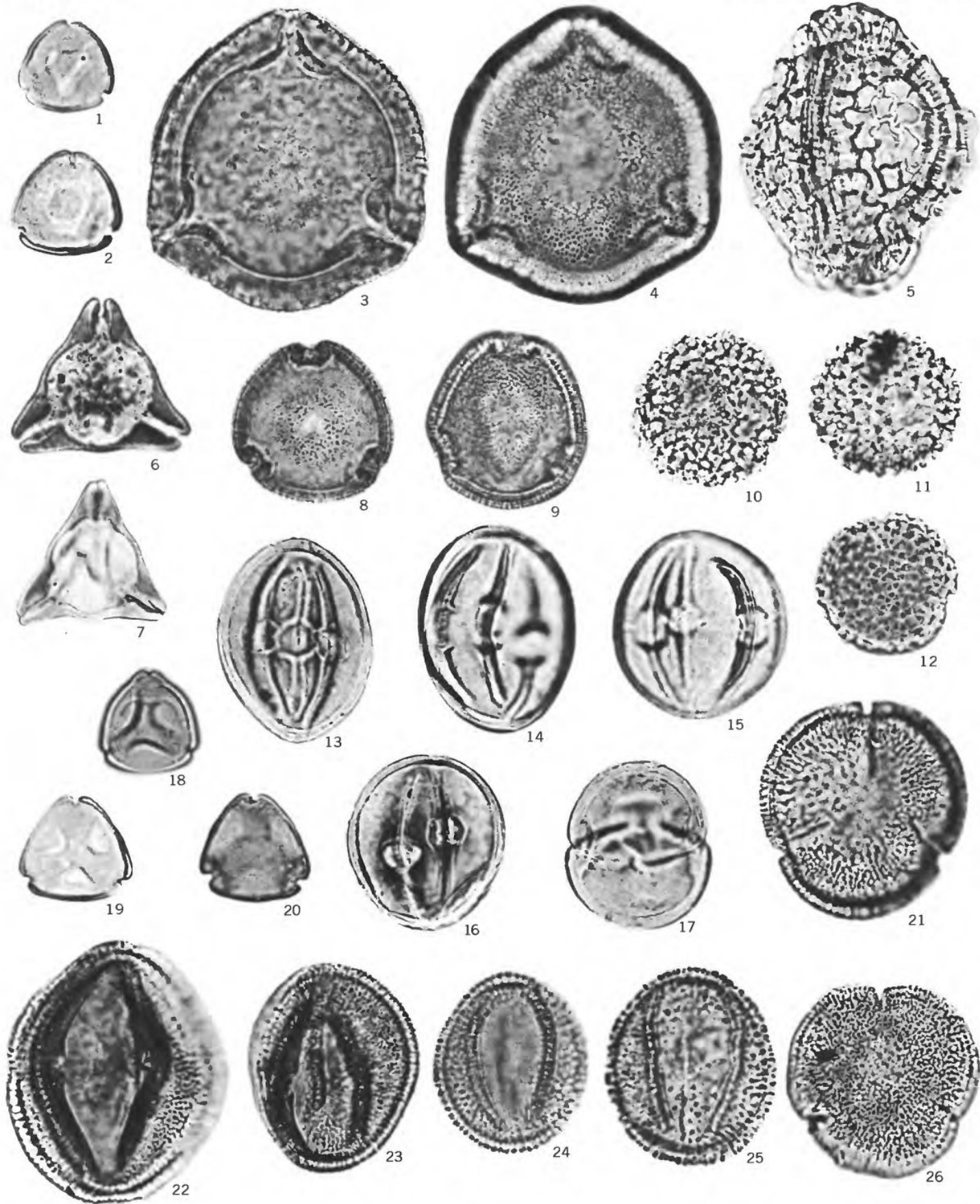
- A, Blanpied and Hazzard (1938)
- B, McLaughlin (1957)
- C, Krutzsch (1960a)
- D, Gray (1960)
- E, Jones (1961a, b)
- F, Engelhardt (1964a, b)
- G, Warter (1966)
- H, Elsik (1968a, b)

FIGURE 1.—Generalized geologic map of Mississippi embayment showing fossil localities. Modified from geologic map of the United States, 1932.

## PLATE 1

[Magnification  $\times 1,000$ ]

- FIGURES 1, 2. *Maceopolipollenites tenuipolus* (p. B9).
1. D3222, slide 3, coordinates  $103.2 \times 15.0$ , diameter  $17\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
  2. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $108.4 \times 20.5$ , diameter  $19\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
- 3, 4. *Kyandopollenites anneratus* (p. B9).
3. D1846, slide 1, coordinates  $102.4 \times 11.8$ , diameter  $55\mu$ , Pendleton Formation of Andersen (1960), low focus.
  4. Same specimen, high focus.
5. *Myocolpopollenites reticulatus* (p. B12).
- D1846, slide 9, coordinates  $80.7 \times 20.7$ ,  $53 \times 44\mu$ , Pendleton Formation of Andersen (1960).
- 6, 7. *Nudopollis* spp. of the *N. thiergarti* type (p. B12).
6. D3222, slide 2, coordinates  $108.2 \times 6.4$ , diameter  $29\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
  7. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $107.4 \times 15.2$ , diameter  $27\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
- 8, 9. *Thomsonipollis* spp. (p. B12).
8. D1855, slide 5, coordinates  $107.1 \times 18.9$ , diameter  $29\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation.
  9. D1854, slide 3, coordinates  $93.2 \times 18.0$ ,  $30 \times 33\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
- 10–12. *Spinaepollis spinosus* (p. B12).
10. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $81.6 \times 19.0$ , diameter  $29\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation. Apertures obscure in this species.
  11. D1848, slide 1, coordinates  $107.7 \times 2.9$ , diameter  $27\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.
  12. D1846, slide 4, coordinates  $86.1 \times 12.8$ , diameter  $27\mu$ , Pendleton Formation of Andersen (1960). Note rosette arrangement of basal part of spines.
- 13–17. *Tricolporopollenites* n. sp. A (psilate, large pores) (p. B12).
13. D1854, slide 3, coordinates  $107.7 \times 11.3$ ,  $37 \times 29\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
  14. D1854, slide 3, coordinates  $107.7 \times 14.7$ ,  $39 \times 29\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
  15. D1854, slide 3, coordinates  $87.0 \times 13.5$ ,  $35 \times 32\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
  16. D1854, slide 3, coordinates  $106.9 \times 11.8$ ,  $32 \times 29\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation). This specimen and figure 17 represent dicolporate variations of the same species shown in figures 13–15.
  17. D1854, slide 2, coordinates  $109.8 \times 19.9$ ,  $30 \times 27\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
- 18–20. *Triatriopollenites quietus* (p. B12).
18. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $78.8 \times 17.3$ , diameter  $19\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
  19. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $88.7 \times 15.9$ , diameter  $19\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
  20. D1862, slide 5, coordinates  $114.6 \times 18.5$ , diameter  $20\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
- 21–26. *Tricolporopollenites* spp. of the *T. baculoferus* type (p. B12).
21. D1862, slide 6, coordinates  $86.9 \times 4.5$ , diameter  $40\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation). view of specimen with long colpi.
  22. D1846, slide 5, coordinates  $87.2 \times 10.8$ ,  $47 \times 40\mu$ , Pendleton Formation of Andersen (1960). Note well-developed pores and colpi here and in figure 23.
  23. D1862, slide 6, coordinates  $81.6 \times 21.6$ ,  $39 \times 31\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
  24. D1855, slide 6, coordinates  $98.9 \times 4.9$ ,  $34 \times 30\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation. Colporate condition poorly developed or absent in this specimen and in figure 25.
  25. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $79.6 \times 18.5$ ,  $37 \times 32\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
  26. D1862, slide 1, coordinates  $105.8 \times 12.5$ , diameter  $35\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation). Not the short colpi in this specimen in contrast to the long colpi displayed on figure 21.

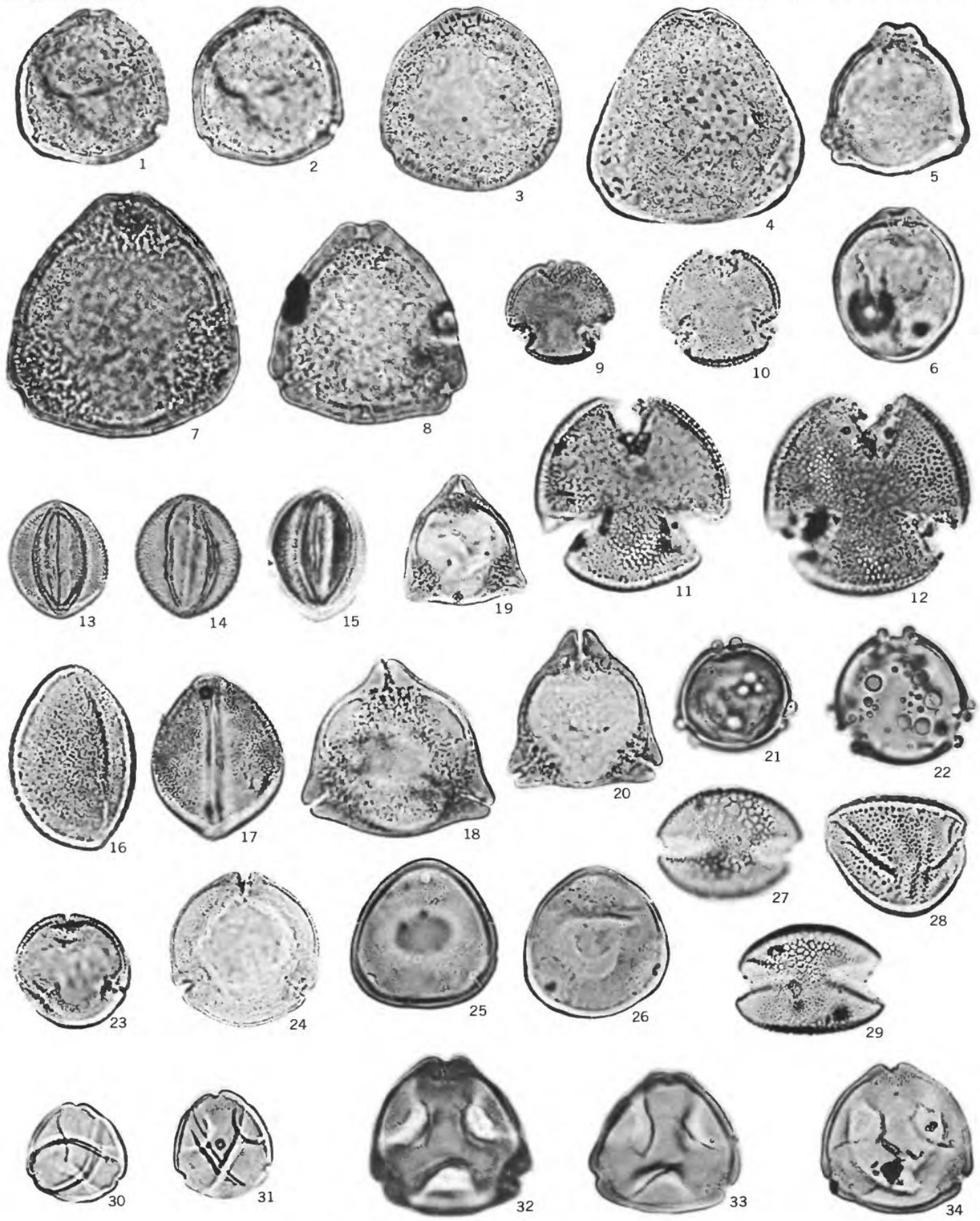


POLLEN FROM WILCOX GROUP

## PLATE 2

[Magnification  $\times 1,000$ ]

- FIGURES 1, 2. *Tripoporollenites* spp. of the *T. robustus* type (p. B13).  
 1. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $76.5 \times 5.9$ , diameter  $29\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation. High focus.  
 2. Same specimen, low focus.
- 3, 4. *Tripoporollenites* n. sp. A (thin walled) (p. B13).  
 3. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $98.5 \times 14.0$ , diameter  $34\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation. Almost circular form.  
 4. D1846, slide 5, coordinates  $93.0 \times 6.3$ , diameter  $40\mu$ , Pendleton Formation of Andersen (1960). Deltoid form with larger pores.
- 5, 6. *Trivestibulopollenites* spp. of the *T. betuloides* type (p. B13).  
 5. D1862, slide 6, coordinates  $107.3 \times 7.4$ , diameter  $27\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).  
 6. D1862, slide 6, coordinates  $82.1 \times 12.7$ ,  $29 \times 24\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation). Oblique equatorial view.
- 7, 8. *Triatriopollenites* spp. of the *T. aroboratus* type (p. B13).  
 7. D3222, slide 3, coordinates  $107.8 \times 11.0$ , diameter  $45\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation. Note granulate endexine in area of atria.  
 8. D3222, slide 2, coordinates  $108.3 \times 17.0$ , diameter  $38\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
- 9–12. *Tricolpites* n. sp. A (microreticulate) (p. B13).  
 9. D3222, slide 2, coordinates  $109.6 \times 20.5$ , diameter  $19\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.  
 10. D1855, slide 6, coordinates  $82.0 \times 20.7$ , diameter  $23\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation.  
 11. D3699–A, slide 3, coordinates  $101.9 \times 8.9$ , diameter  $36\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.  
 12. D3699–A, slide 4, coordinates  $92.1 \times 14.2$ , diameter  $38\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.
- 13–15. *Aesculiidites circumstriatus* (p. B13).  
 13. D1854, slide 4, coordinates  $107.9 \times 4.2$ ,  $22 \times 18\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation). Colporate condition clearly displayed.  
 14. D1851, slide 2, coordinates  $99.7 \times 11.7$ ,  $23 \times 19\mu$ , Pendleton Formation of Andersen (1960).  
 15. D1851, slide 1, coordinates  $100.1 \times 10.0$ ,  $25 \times 18\mu$ , Pendleton Formation of Andersen (1960). Pores obscure in this specimen and in figure 14.
- 16, 17. *Calamuspollenites pertusus* (p. B14).  
 16. D1854, slide 3, coordinates  $98.5 \times 12.4$ ,  $35 \times 23\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).  
 17. D1854, slide 3, coordinates  $95.9 \times 18.3$ ,  $31 \times 24\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
- 18–20. *Nudopollis* spp. of the *N. terminalis* type (p. B14).  
 18. D1862, slide 3, coordinates  $100.0 \times 3.1$ , diameter  $35\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).  
 19. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $92.8 \times 8.8$ , diameter  $24\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.  
 20. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $79.2 \times 20.9$ , diameter  $30\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
- 21, 22. *Pistillipollenites mcgregorii* (p. B14).  
 21. D1854, slide 4, coordinates  $101.7 \times 15.4$ , diameter  $22\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).  
 22. D1854, slide 4, coordinates  $79.7 \times 10.5$ , diameter  $26\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
- 23, 24. *Symplocospollenites* spp. (three aperturate) (p. B14).  
 23. D1848, slide 1, coordinates  $110.8 \times 10.4$ , diameter  $22\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.  
 24. D1862, slide 7, coordinates  $113.0 \times 21.5$ , diameter  $29\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
- 25, 26. *Carya* sp.  $22\mu$ – $28\mu$  (p. B14).  
 25. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $101.5 \times 15.9$ , diameter  $28\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.  
 26. D3222, slide 1, coordinates  $99.0 \times 15.0$ , diameter  $28\mu$ , Nanafalia Formation.
- 27–29. *Dicolpopollis* cf. *D. kalewensis* (p. B14).  
 27. D1855, slide 6, coordinates  $94.1 \times 13.5$ ,  $28 \times 21\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation.  
 28. D1855, slide 6, coordinates  $98.0 \times 3.5$ ,  $27 \times 22\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation.  
 29. D1855, slide 6, coordinates  $80.0 \times 15.1$ ,  $28 \times 20\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation.
- 30–34. *Platycarya* spp. (p. B14).  
 30. D1855, slide 5, coordinates  $91.4 \times 21.2$ , diameter  $19\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation.  
 31. D1855, slide 6, coordinates  $82.0 \times 20.7$ , diameter  $20\mu$ , Hatchetigbee Formation.  
 32. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $109.5 \times 12.9$ , diameter  $29\mu$ , Reklaw Formation. This and the succeeding two specimens can be assigned to the form genus *Plicatopollis*.  
 33. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $107.3 \times 13.9$ , diameter  $27\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.  
 34. D1848, slide 1, coordinates  $113.3 \times 6.4$ , diameter  $28\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.

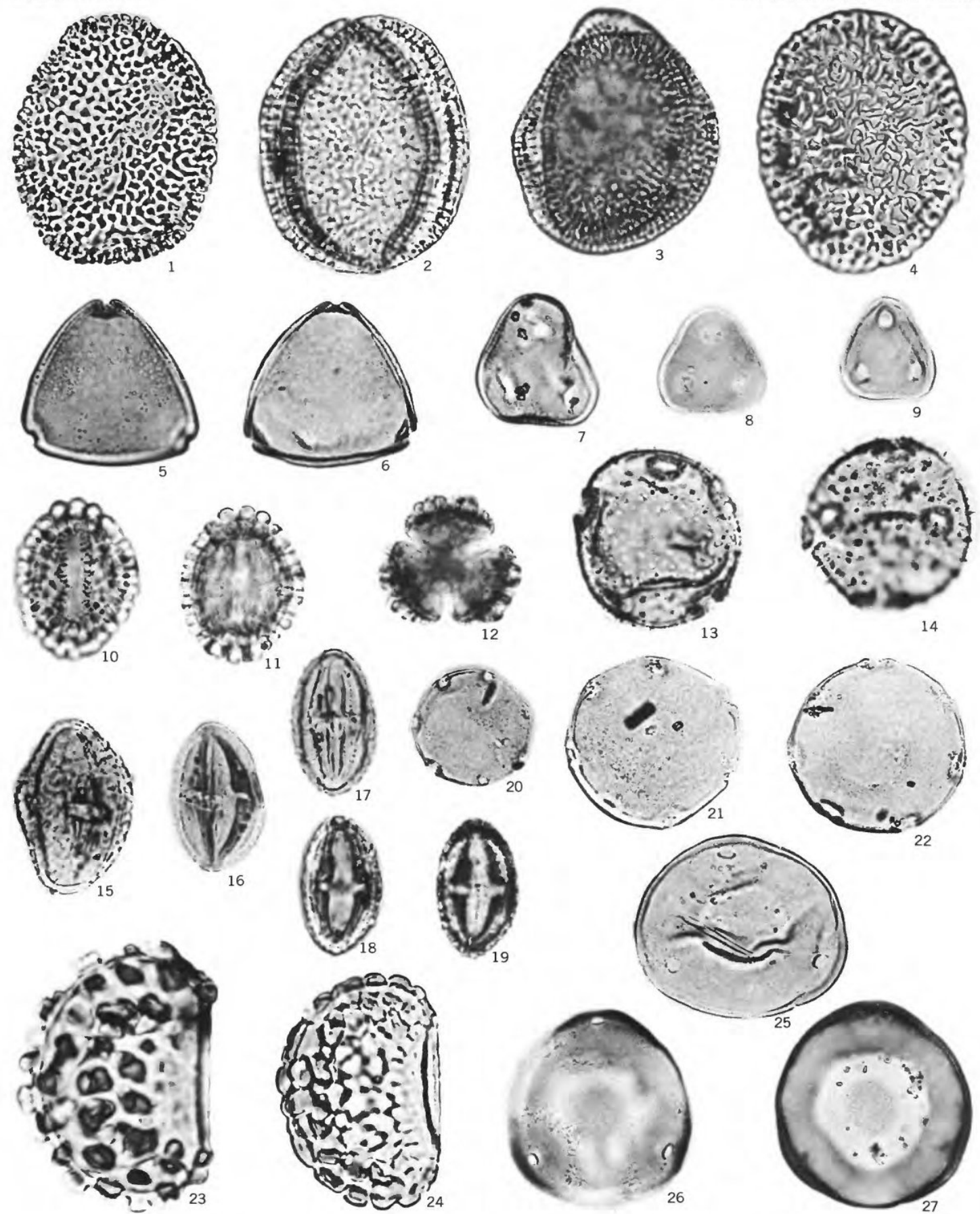


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## PLATE 3

[Magnification  $\times 1,000$ ]

- FIGURES 1-4. *Proxapertites* spp. (p. B15).
1. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $82.4 \times 18.6$ ,  $46 \times 38\mu$ , Reklaw Formation. This specimen as well as that represented by figure 4 are isolated halves. The complete fossil is represented by figures 2 and 3.
  2. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $109.2 \times 15.7$ ,  $48 \times 40\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.
  3. D1848, slide 3, coordinates  $109.3 \times 17.7$ ,  $45 \times 38\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.
  4. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $84.0 \times 16.6$ ,  $48 \times 39\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.
- 5, 6. *Porocolpopollenites* spp. (psilate-microreticulate). (p. B15).
5. D1852, slide 3, coordinates  $98.3 \times 18.0$ , diameter  $32\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
  6. D1852, slide 2, coordinates  $83.5 \times 9.3$ , diameter  $32\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
- 7-9. *Anacolosidites* spp. (p. B15).
7. D1848, slide 2, coordinates  $88.4 \times 11.6$ , diameter  $24\mu$ , Reklaw Formation.
  8. D3421-B, slide 1, coordinates  $87.9 \times 10.6$ , diameter  $20\mu$ , Cook Mountain Formation.
  9. D3421-B, slide 3, coordinates  $78.3 \times 3.7$ , diameter  $19\mu$ , Cook Mountain Formation.
- 10-12. *Ilexpollenites* spp. (p. B15).
10. D1852, slide 2, coordinates  $87.3 \times 2.9$ ,  $30 \times 22\mu$ , Sparta Sand, high focus.
  11. Same specimen, low focus.
  12. D1852, slide 3, coordinates  $105.4 \times 12.6$ , diameter  $25\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
- 13, 14. *Echiperiporites* spp. (p. B15).
13. D4383-A, slide 1, coordinates  $109.7 \times 9.0$ , diameter  $34\mu$ , White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953).
  14. D4383-B, slide 2, coordinates  $110.6 \times 4.2$ , diameter  $32\mu$ , White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953).
- 15-19. *Tricolporopollenites* spp. (fusoid forms) (p. B15).
15. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $111.6 \times 8.0$ ,  $32 \times 23\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  16. D1858, slide 6, coordinates  $91.8 \times 11.2$ ,  $28 \times 17\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  17. D3227, slide 1, coordinates  $110.8 \times 17.6$ ,  $27 \times 16\mu$ , Moodys Branch Formation. The specimens represented by figures 17-19 are perhaps most representative of this heterogeneous group.
  18. D1848, slide 1, coordinates  $113.1 \times 4.8$ ,  $26 \times 15\mu$ , Reklaw Formation. Low focus.
  19. Same specimen, high focus.
- 20-22. *Multiporopollenites* spp. (p. B15).
20. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $89.0 \times 5.0$ , diameter  $22\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  21. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $97.9 \times 10.6$ , diameter  $32\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  22. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $87.2 \times 5.9$ , diameter  $33\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
- 23, 24. *Verrucatosporites* spp. (p. B16).
23. D3699-A, slide 4, coordinates  $101.4 \times 16.8$ ,  $50 \times 35\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.
  24. D3228, slide 1, coordinates  $109.2 \times 20.7$ ,  $43 \times 31\mu$ , Cockfield Formation.
- 25-27. *Carya* spp.  $29\mu$ - $39\mu$  (p. B15).
25. D3697-B, slide 1, coordinates  $98.1 \times 14.6$ ,  $34 \times 40\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.
  26. D3699-A, slide 1, coordinates  $85.2 \times 7.3$ , diameter  $38\mu$ , Yazoo Clay. High focus.
  27. Same specimen, low focus.

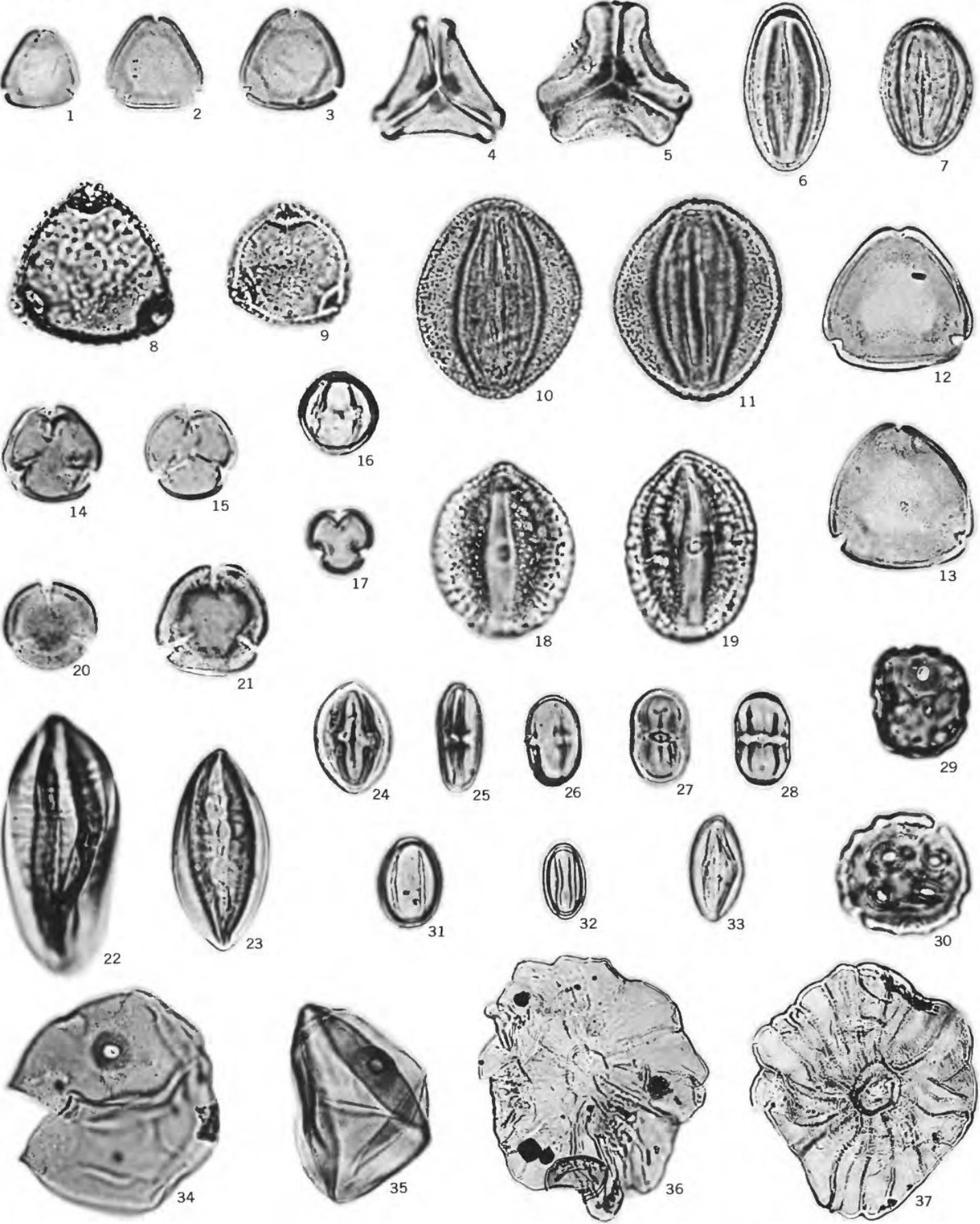


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## PLATE 4

[Magnification  $\times 1,000$ , figs. 1–35,  $\times 500$  figs. 36, 37]

- FIGURES 1–3. *Triatriopollenites* sp. of the *T. coryphaeus* type ( $13\mu$ – $18\mu$ ) (p. B16)
1. D1856, slide 2, coordinates  $78.6 \times 11.6$ , diameter  $14\mu$ , Zilpha Clay.
  2. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $91.5 \times 4.8$ , diameter  $17\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  3. D1858, slide 6, coordinates  $79.6 \times 6.4$ , diameter  $18\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
- 4, 5. *Gothanipollis* spp. (p. B16).
4. D4383–A, slide 1, coordinates  $79.3 \times 21.6$ , diameter  $22\mu$ , White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953).
  5. D1858, slide 3, coordinates  $111.1 \times 9.1$ , diameter  $26\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
- 6, 7. *Tricolpopollenites* spp. of the *T. microhenrici* type (p. B16).
6. D1852, slide 1, coordinates  $91.4 \times 22.1$ ,  $30 \times 16\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
  7. D1852, slide 2, coordinates  $87.3 \times 8.0$ ,  $24 \times 17\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
- 8, 9. *Porocolpopollenites* spp. (verrucate) (p. B16).
8. D3224, slide 2, coordinates  $92.3 \times 13.6$ , diameter  $30\mu$ , Cockfield Formation.
  9. D3224, slide 2, coordinates  $101.4 \times 6.1$ , diameter  $23\mu$ , Cockfield Formation.
- 10, 11. *Tricolpopollenites* spp. of the *T. henrici* type (p. B16).
10. D1852, slide 1, coordinates  $99.0 \times 19.8$ ,  $37 \times 30\mu$ , Sparta Sand. High focus.
  11. Same specimen, low focus.
- 12, 13. *Triatriopollenites* sp. of the *T. coryphaeus* type ( $20\mu$ – $30\mu$ ) (p. B16).
12. D1852, slide 2, coordinates  $85.5 \times 17.7$ , diameter  $26\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
  13. D1852, slide 3, coordinates  $81.7 \times 13.3$ , diameter  $27\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
- 14–17. *Cyrillaceapollenites* cf. *C. megaexactus* (p. B17).
14. D4407–B, slide 2, coordinates  $102.6 \times 6.2$ , diameter  $18\mu$ , Jackson Formation.
  15. D4524, slide 1, coordinates  $91.6 \times 8.6$ , diameter  $17\mu$ , Cockfield Formation.
  16. D4524, slide 1, coordinates  $91.5 \times 8.6$ ,  $15 \times 14\mu$ , Cockfield Formation.
  17. D1856, slide 2, coordinates  $82.0 \times 2.6$ , diameter  $13\mu$ , Zilpha Clay.
- 18, 19. *Tricolporopollenites* n. sp. B (*Parthenocissus* type) (p. B17).
18. D3228, slide 1, coordinates  $84.0 \times 17.8$ ,  $33 \times 26\mu$ , Cockfield Formation.
  19. D3228, slide 1, coordinates  $84.2 \times 6.0$ ,  $35 \times 24\mu$ , Cockfield Formation.
- 20, 21. *Cyrillaceapollenites* of the *Pollenites ventosus* type (p. B17).
20. D3699–A, slide 3, coordinates  $82.6 \times 17.1$ , diameter  $17\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.
  21. D4383–A, slide 1, coordinates  $99.1 \times 5.0$ , diameter  $21\mu$ , White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953).
- 22, 23. *Ephedra* type A of Steeves and Barghoorn (p. B17).
22. D4383–A, slide 1, coordinates  $78.0 \times 6.2$ ,  $48 \times 22\mu$ , White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953).
  23. D3699–A, slide 3, coordinates  $101.2 \times 10.6$ ,  $37 \times 18\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.
- 24–28. *Tricolporopollenites cingulum* (p. B17).
24. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $111.3 \times 16.3$ ,  $21 \times 14\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  25. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $111.3 \times 16.3$ ,  $21 \times 9\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  26. D1858, slide 5, coordinates  $114.2 \times 18.5$ ,  $17 \times 11\mu$ , Tallahatta Formation.
  27. D3227, slide 1, coordinates  $105.8 \times 12.4$ ,  $18 \times 11\mu$ , Moodys Branch Formation. Low focus.
  28. Same specimen, high focus.
- 29, 30. *Multiporopollenites* sp. of the *Dorstenia* type (p. B17).
29. D3699–A, slide 3, coordinates  $81.4 \times 3.4$ ,  $21 \times 18\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.
  30. D3699–A, slide 3, coordinates  $77.7 \times 5.1$ ,  $24 \times 23\mu$ , Yazoo Clay.
- 31–33. *Tricolpopollenites liblarensis* (p. B18).
31. D1854, slide 2, coordinates  $112.5 \times 8.3$ ,  $17 \times 12\mu$ , Wilcox Formation (formerly Ackerman Formation).
  32. D1852, slide 1, coordinates  $90.6 \times 19.9$ ,  $14 \times 8\mu$ , Sparta Sand.
  33. D1856, slide 2, coordinates  $80.3 \times 1.9$ ,  $20 \times 10\mu$ , Zilpha Clay.
- 34, 35. *Graminidites* spp. (p. B17).
34. D4407–B, slide 2, coordinates  $105.7 \times 10.6$ ,  $42 \times 40\mu$ , Jackson Formation.
  35. D4383–A, slide 1, coordinates  $80.30 \times 6.4$ ,  $37 \times 28\mu$ , White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953).
- 36, 37. Peltate leaf hairs of *Engelhardtia*.
36. D4407–B, slide 2, coordinates  $86.8 \times 5.5$ ,  $100 \times 86\mu$ , Jackson Formation ( $\times 500$ ).
  37. D4383–B, slide 3, coordinates  $77.3 \times 13.1$ ,  $94 \times 86\mu$ , White Bluff Formation of Wilbert (1953) ( $\times 500$ ).



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## PLATE 1

- FIGURE1. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITATTUM  
FIGURE2. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITATTUM  
FIGURE3. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITATTUM  
FIGURE4. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITATTUM  
FIGURE5. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM SP. APICALVIEW  
FIGURE6. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM SP. ANTAPICAL VIEW [SAME AS FIG. 5]  
FIGURE7. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITTATUM  
FIGURE8. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITTATUM  
FIGURE9. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITTATUM  
FIGURE10. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITTATUM  
FIGURE11. ADNATOSPHAERIDIUM VITTATUM  
FIGURE12. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUMELEGATULUM  
FIGURE13. AREOLIGERA GIPPINGENSIS  
FIGURE14. AXIODINIUM SP.  
FIGURE15. AXIODINIUM SP.  
FIGURE16. CERODINIUM GLABRUM  
FIGURE17. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUMPALMATUM [SCALE:50UM]  
FIGURE18. DAPSILIDINIUM SP.?  
FIGURE19. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUMSP.  
FIGURE20. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUMDIVERSISPINOSUM

Plate 1

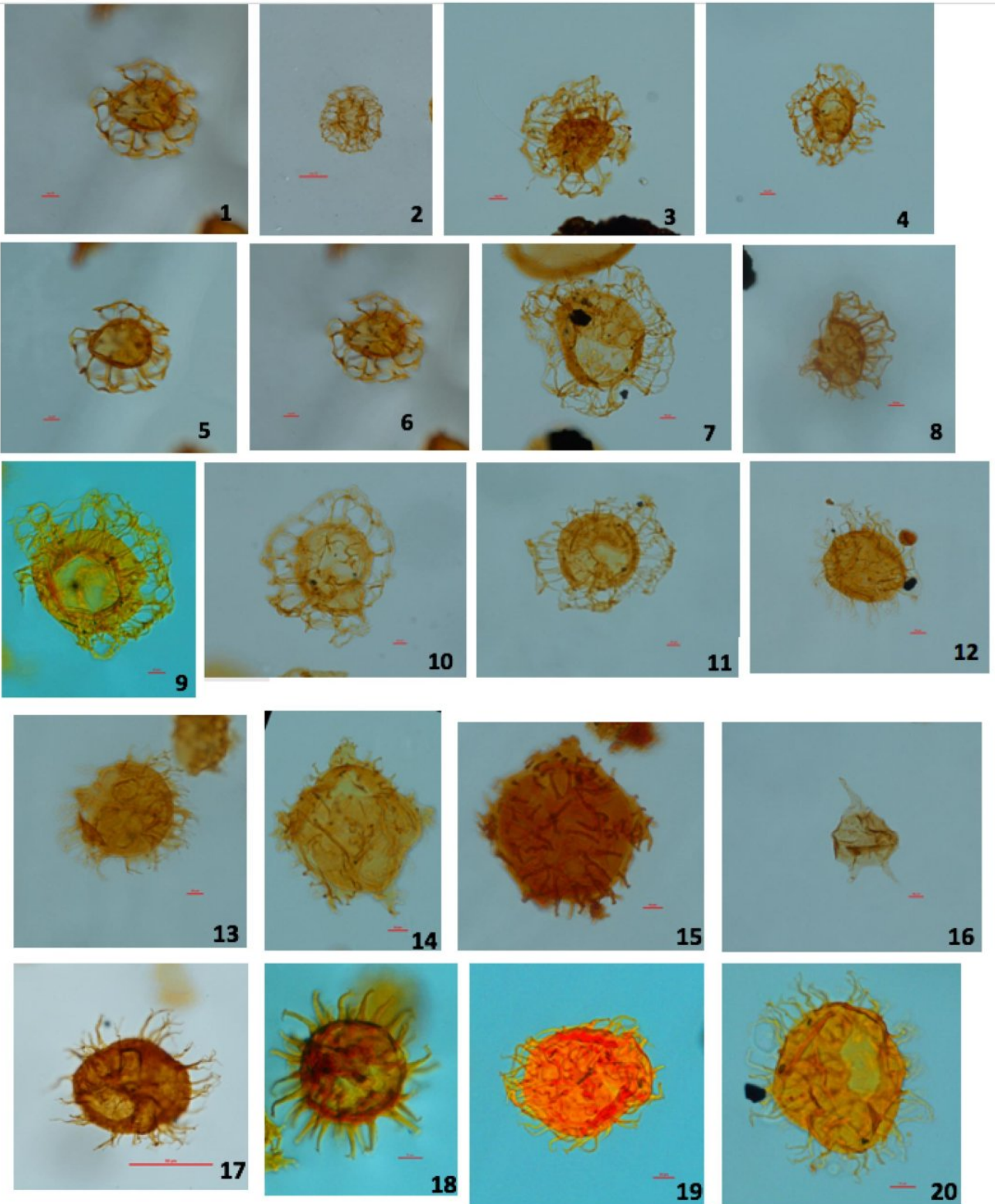


PLATE 2

- FIGURE1. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM ELEGATULUM  
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FIGURE4. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM ELEGATULUM  
FIGURE5. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM ANCRYEUM  
FIGURE6. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM ANCRYEUM  
FIGURE7. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM DIVERSISPINOSUM  
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FIGURE11. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM SP.  
FIGURE12. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM GRACILE  
FIGURE13. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM GRACILE  
FIGURE14. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM DELIMURUM  
FIGURE15. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM DELIMURUM  
FIGURE16. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM DELIMURUM [SCALE:50UM]  
FIGURE17. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM DELIMURUM  
FIGURE18. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM CANTHARELLUS  
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FIGURE20. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM CANTHARELLUS

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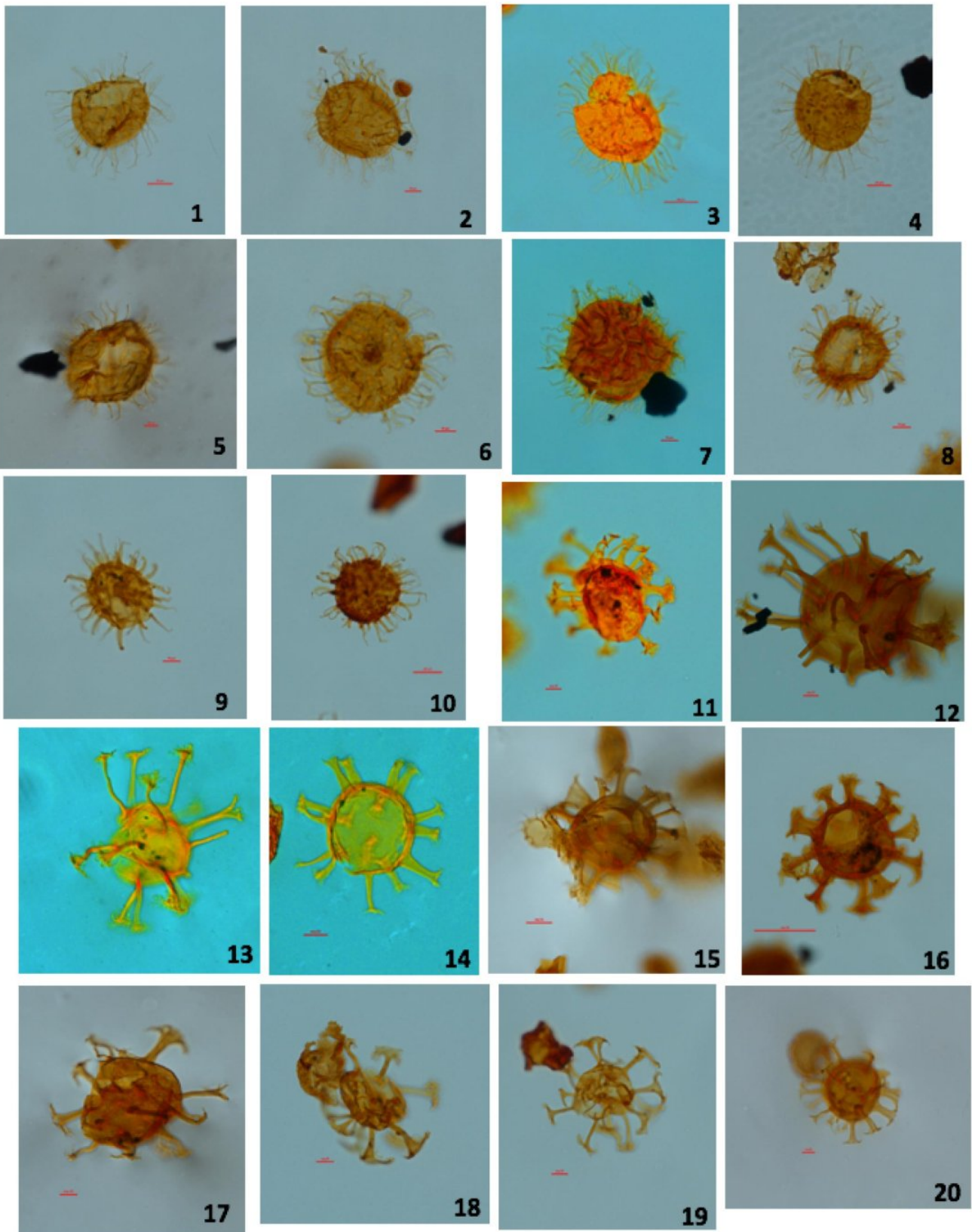


PLATE 3

- FIGURE1. DANEASP.  
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FIGURE3. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM DELIMURUM  
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FIGURE9. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM DELIMURUM  
FIGURE10. CORDOSPHAERIDIUM DELIMURUM  
FIGURE11. DAPSILIDINIUM PSEUDOCALLIGERUM  
FIGURE12. DAPSILIDINIUM PSEUDOCALLIGERUM  
FIGURE13. DAPSILIDINIUM PSEUDOCALLIGERUM  
FIGURE14. DEFLANDREA EOCENICA  
FIGURE15. DEFLANDREA EOCENICA  
FIGURE16. DEFLANDREA EOCENICA  
FIGURE17. DEFLANDREA EOCENICA  
FIGURE18. DEFLANDREA PHOSPHORITICA  
FIGURE19. DEFLANDREA SP.  
FIGURE20. DEFLANDREA SP.

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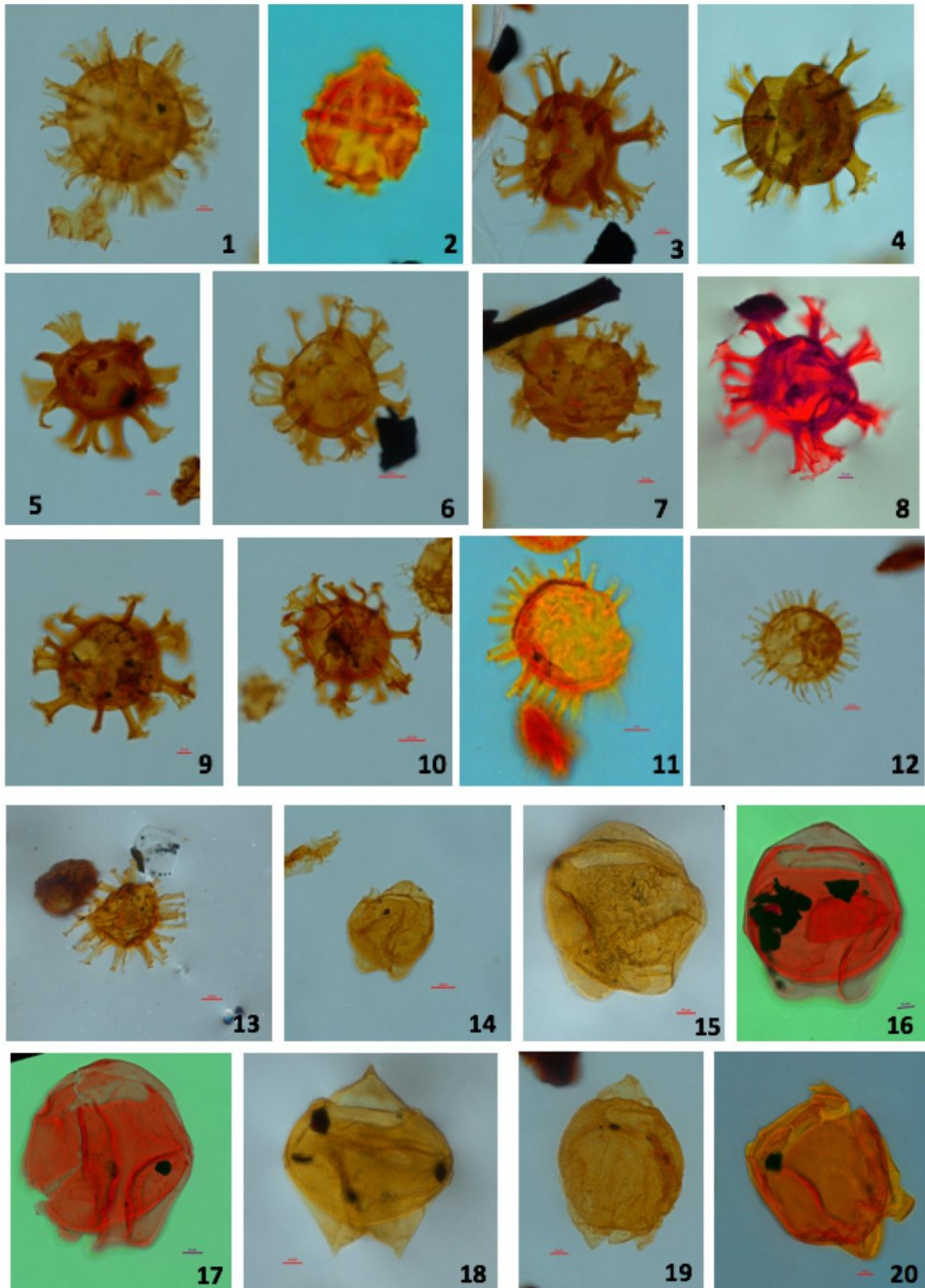


PLATE 4

- FIGURE1. GLAPHYROCYSTA DIVARICATA, VENTRAL SURFACE  
FIGURE2. GLAPHYROCYSTA DIVARICATA, VENTRAL VIEW  
FIGURE3. GLAPHYROCYSTA DIVARICATA  
FIGURE4. GLAPHYROCYSTA DIVARICATA  
FIGURE5. GLAPHYROCYSTA DIVARICATA  
FIGURE6. SPINIFERITES SP.?  
FIGURE7. GLAPHYROCYSTA SP.  
FIGURE8. GLAPHYROCYSTA SP.  
FIGURE9. GLAPHYROCYSTA SP.  
FIGURE10. GLAPHYROCYSTA SP.  
FIGURE11. HAFNIASPHERA DELICATA  
FIGURE12. SPINIFERITES SP.?  
FIGURE13. HYSTRICHOSTROGYLON SP.  
FIGURE14. IMPAGIDINIUM SP., DORSAL VIEW (BLACK ARROW: APEX)  
FIGURE15. IMPAGIDINIUM SP., VENTRAL VIEW [SAME AS FIG. 14]  
FIGURE16. IMPAGIDINIUM SP., VENTRAL VIEW  
FIGURE17. IMPAGIDINIUM SP., DORSAL VIEW [SAME AS FIG.16]  
FIGURE18. IMPAGIDINIUM SP. (BLACK ARROW: APEX)  
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FIGURE20. IMPAGIDINIUM SP. (BLACK ARROW: APEX)

Plate 4

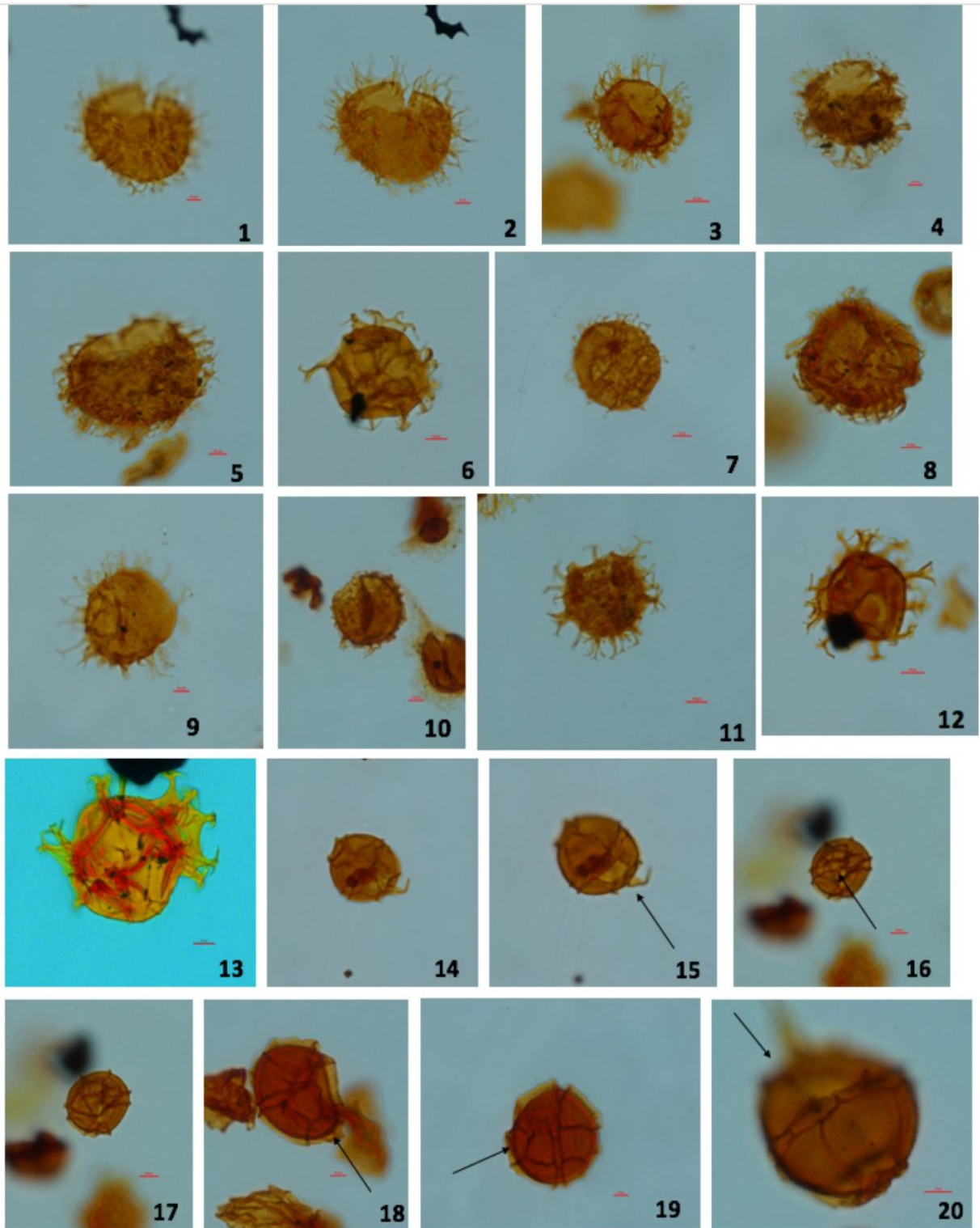


PLATE 5

FIGURE1.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
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FIGURE4.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE5.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE6.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE7.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE8.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE9.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE10.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE11.	OPERCULODINIUM	SP.?
FIGURE12.	LINGULODINIUM	FUNGINUM
FIGURE13.	DAPSILIDIUM	PSEUCOLLIGERUM
FIGURE14.	DAPSILIDIUM	PSEUCOLLIGERUM
FIGURE15.	HAFNIASPHERA	SP.
FIGURE16.	OPERCULODINIUM	CENTROCARPUM, ARCHEOPYLE VIEW [SCALE 50UM]
FIGURE17.	OPERCULODINIUM	CENTROCARPUM, VENTRAL SURFACE
FIGURE18.	OPERCULODINIUM	CENTROCARPUM
FIGURE19.	OPERCULODINIUM	CENTROCARPUM
FIGURE20.	OPERCULODINIUM	CENTROCARPUM

Plate 5

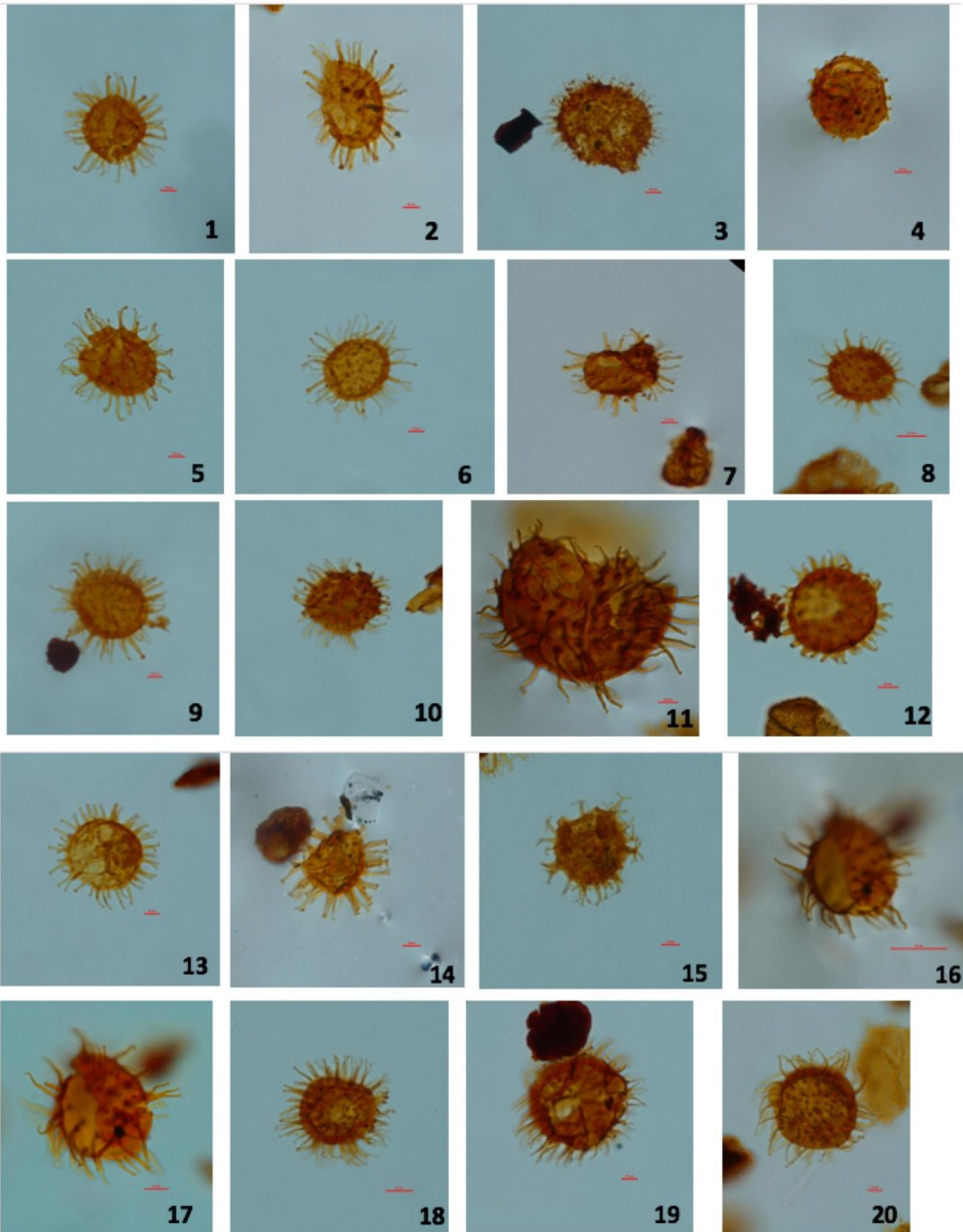
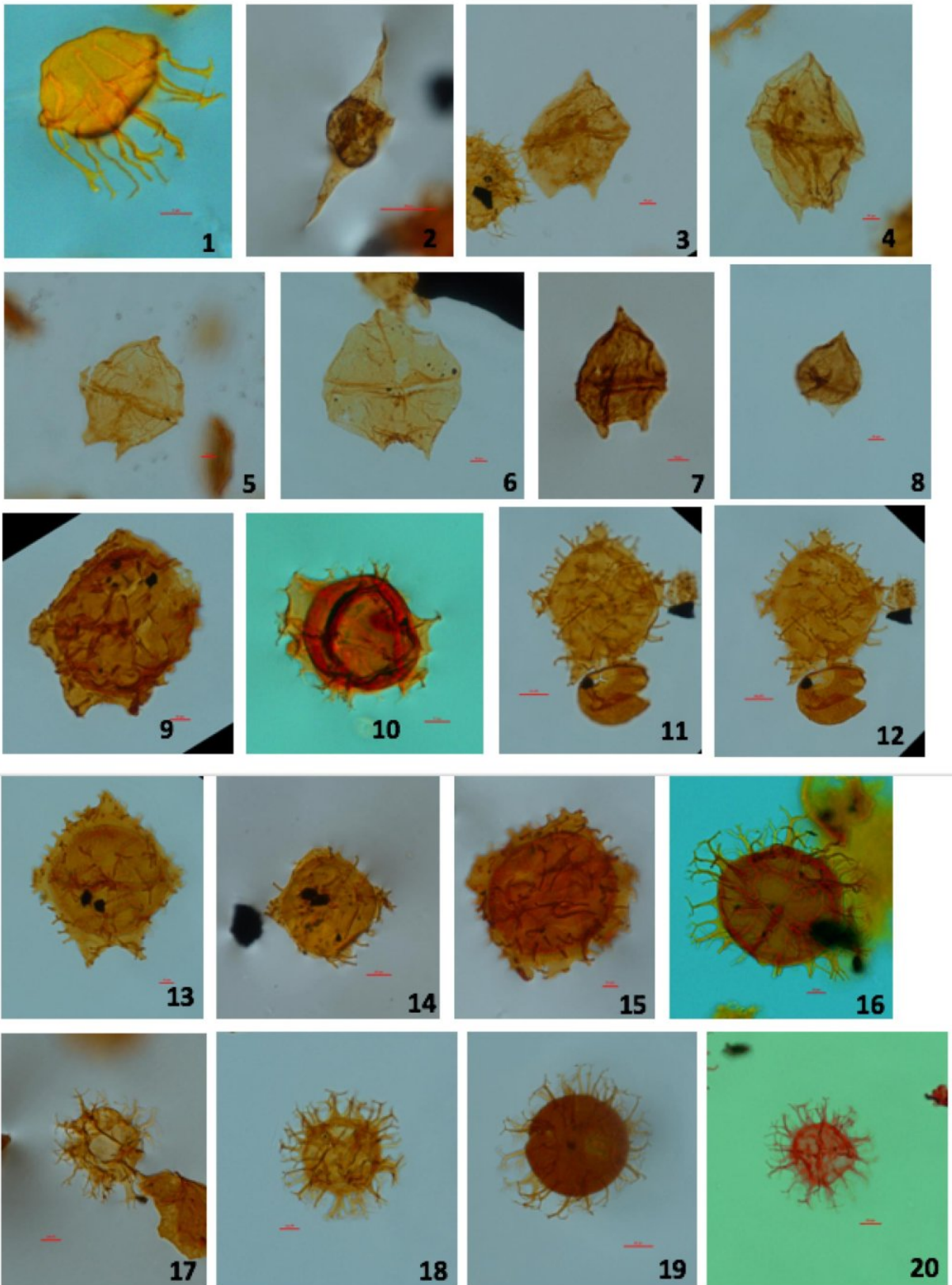


PLATE 6

- FIGURE1. CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM DIVERSISPINOSUM, APICAL PLATE  
FIGURE2. PALAEOCYSTODINIUM BULLIFORME  
FIGURE3. PALAEOPERIDIINIUM PYROPHORUM  
FIGURE4. PALAEOPERIDIINIUM PYROPHORUM  
FIGURE5. PALAEOPERIDIINIUM PYROPHORUM  
FIGURE6. PALAEOPERIDIINIUM PYROPHORUM  
FIGURE7. LENTINIA SP.  
FIGURE8. LENTINIA SP.  
FIGURE9. RHOMBODINIUM SP.  
FIGURE10. ROTTNESTIA BORUSSICA  
FIGURE11. WETZELIELLA CAVIARTICULATA, VENTRAL SURFACE  
FIGURE12. WETZELIELLA CAVIARTICULATA, VENTRAL VIEW [SAME AS FIG. 11]  
FIGURE13. WETZELIELLA CAVIARTICULATA  
FIGURE14. WETZELIELLA GOCHTII  
FIGURE15. WETZELIELLA GOCHTII  
FIGURE16. SPINIFERITES SP.  
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FIGURE18. SPINIFERITES SP.  
FIGURE19. SPINIFERITES SP.  
FIGURE20. SPINIFERITES SP.

Plate 6



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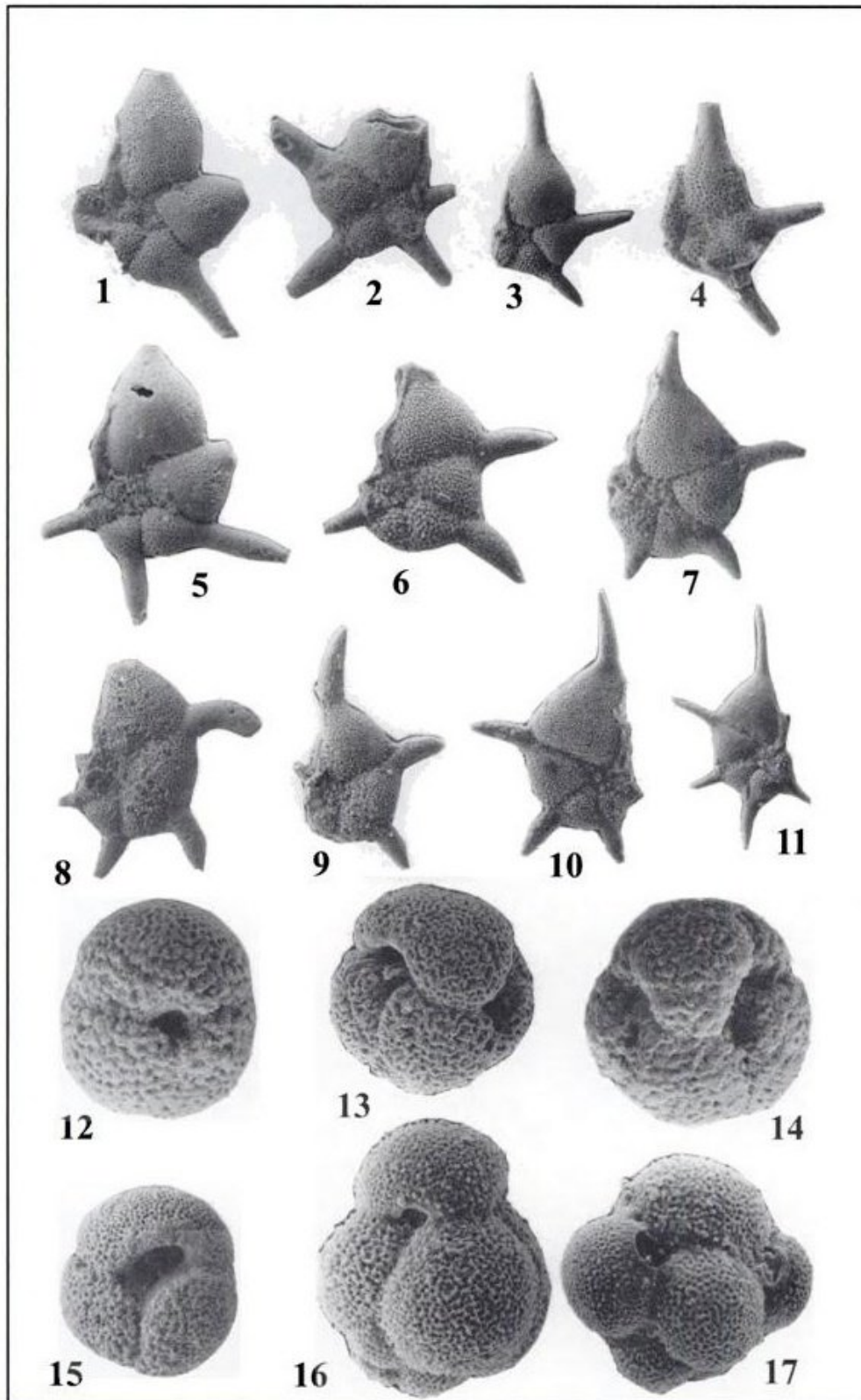


Figure 7. Planktonic foraminifera from the middle Eocene of the Crimea (Bakhchisaray Section), Pre-Caucasus (Keresta Section) and western coast of the Aral sea (Aktumsuk Section). 1–4—*Hantkenina mexicana* Cushman: Bakhchisaray: 1—sample 9 ( $\times 70$ ), 2—sample 34 ( $\times 70$ ), 3—sample 19 ( $\times 70$ ), 4—9 ( $\times 70$ ); 5—*Hantkenina liebusi* Shokhina, sample 19 ( $\times 100$ ); 6—*Hantkenina alabamensis compressa* Parr, sample 43 ( $\times 70$ ); 7–10 *Hantkenina australis* Finlay: 7—Bakhchisaray, sample 43 ( $\times 70$ ), 8—Bakhchisaray, sample 43 ( $\times 70$ ), 9—Bakhchisaray, sample 43 ( $\times 70$ ), 10—Aktumsuk, sample 104 ( $\times 70$ ); 11—*Hantkenina dumblei* Weinzierl and Applin, Bakhchisaray, sample 43 ( $\times 80$ ); 12—*Globigerinatheka micra* (Shutskaya), sample 1 ( $\times 120$ ); 13–14 *Globigerinatheka subconglobata* (Shutskaya) transition to *Globigerinatheka index* (Finlay), 13—Keresta, sample 38 ( $\times 80$ ), 14—Bakhchisaray, sample 19 ( $\times 100$ ), 15—*Globigerinatheka index* (Finlay), Bakhchisaray, sample 38 ( $\times 100$ ), 16—*Catapsydrax unicavus* Bolli, Loeblich and Tappan, Aktumsuk, sample 104 ( $\times 130$ ), 17—*Catapsydrax dissimilis* (Cushman and Bermudes), sample 104 ( $\times 100$ ).

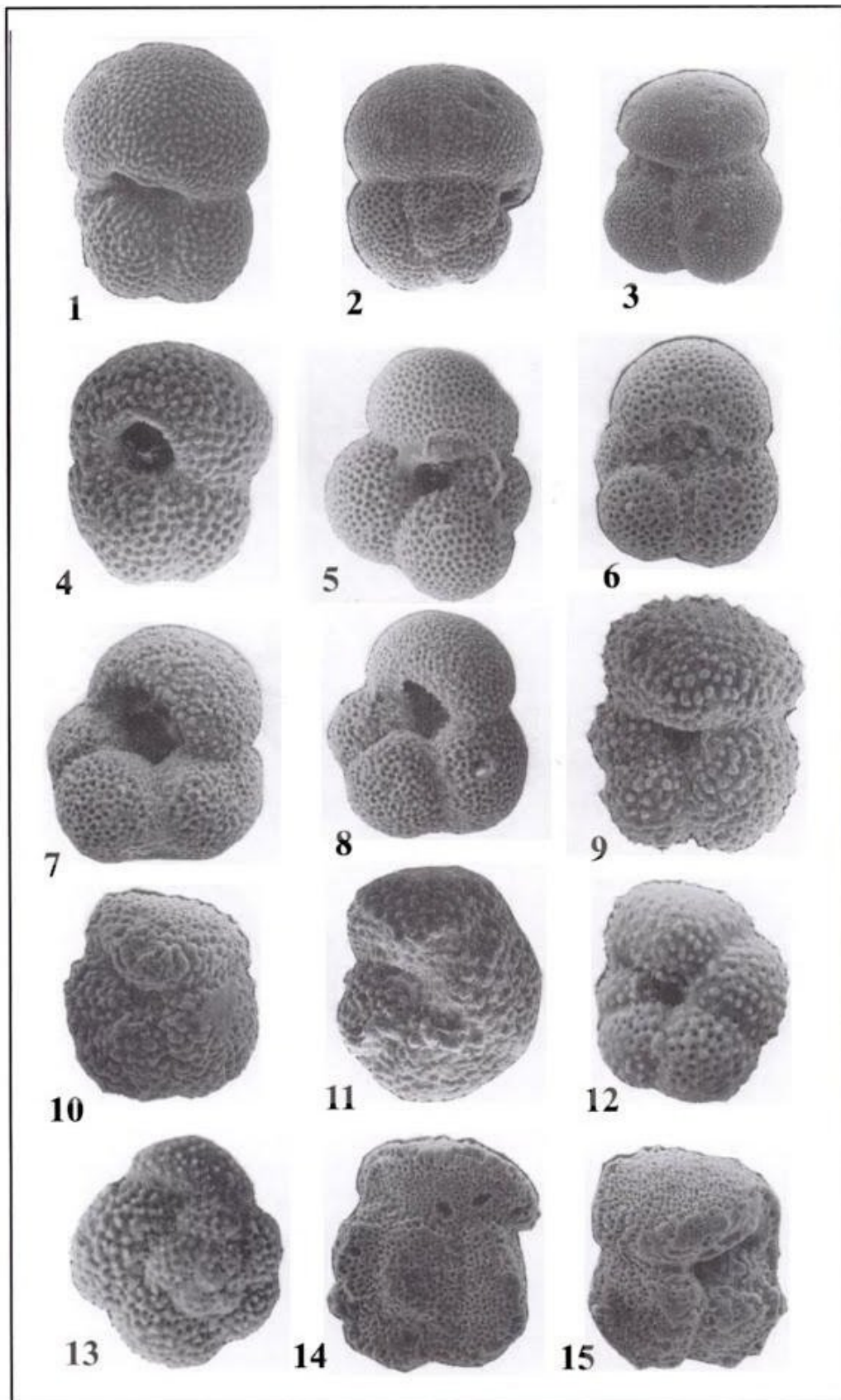


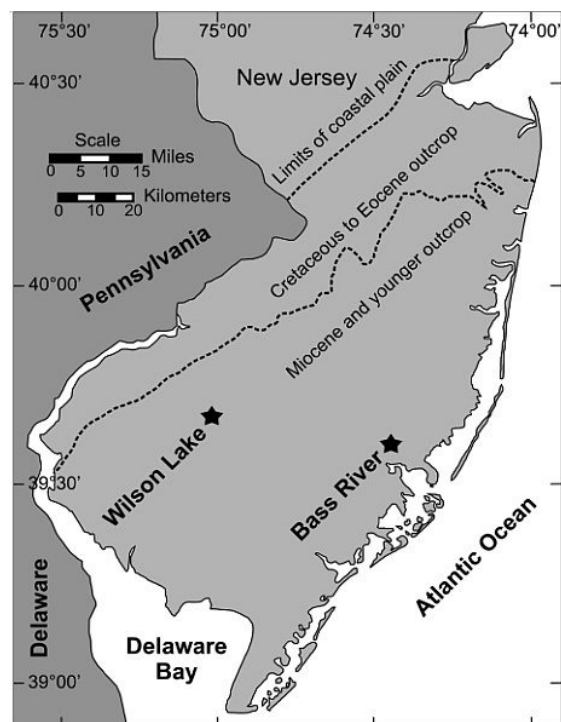
Figure 8. Planktonic foraminifera from the middle Eocene of the Crimea (Bakhchisaray Section) and Pre-Caucasus (Keresta Section). 1, 2—*Turborotalia boweri* (Bolli), Keresta, sample 36 ( $\times 100$ ); 3—*Turborotalia possagnoensis* (Toumarkine and Bolli), Keresta, sample 36 ( $\times 80$ ); 4—*Turborotalia frontosa* (Subbotina), Bakhchisaray, sample 1 ( $\times 150$ ); 5—*Subbotina turcmenica* (Khalilov), Bakhchisaray, sample 48 ( $\times 130$ ); 6—*Subbotina azerbaijanica* (Khalilov), Keresta, sample 20 ( $\times 120$ ); 7—*Subbotina yeguaensis* (Weinzierl and Applin), Bakhchisaray, sample 48 ( $\times 130$ ); 8—*Subbotina turcmenica* (Khalilov), Keresta, sample 20 ( $\times 120$ ); 9—*Acarinina triplex* Subbotina, Keresta, sample 44 ( $\times 130$ ); 10—*Acarinina bullbrooki* Bolli, Keresta, sample 40 ( $\times 130$ ); 11—*Acarinina rotundimarginata* Subbotina, Bakhchisaray, sample 98/1 ( $\times 130$ ); 12, 13—*Acarinina rugosoaculeata* Subbotina, Bakhchisaray, sample 48 ( $\times 180$ ); 14, 15—*Truncorotaloides topilensis* (Cushman), Keresta, sample 30 ( $\times 100$ ).

## The progression of environmental changes during the onset of the Paleocene-Eocene thermal maximum (New Jersey Coastal Plain)

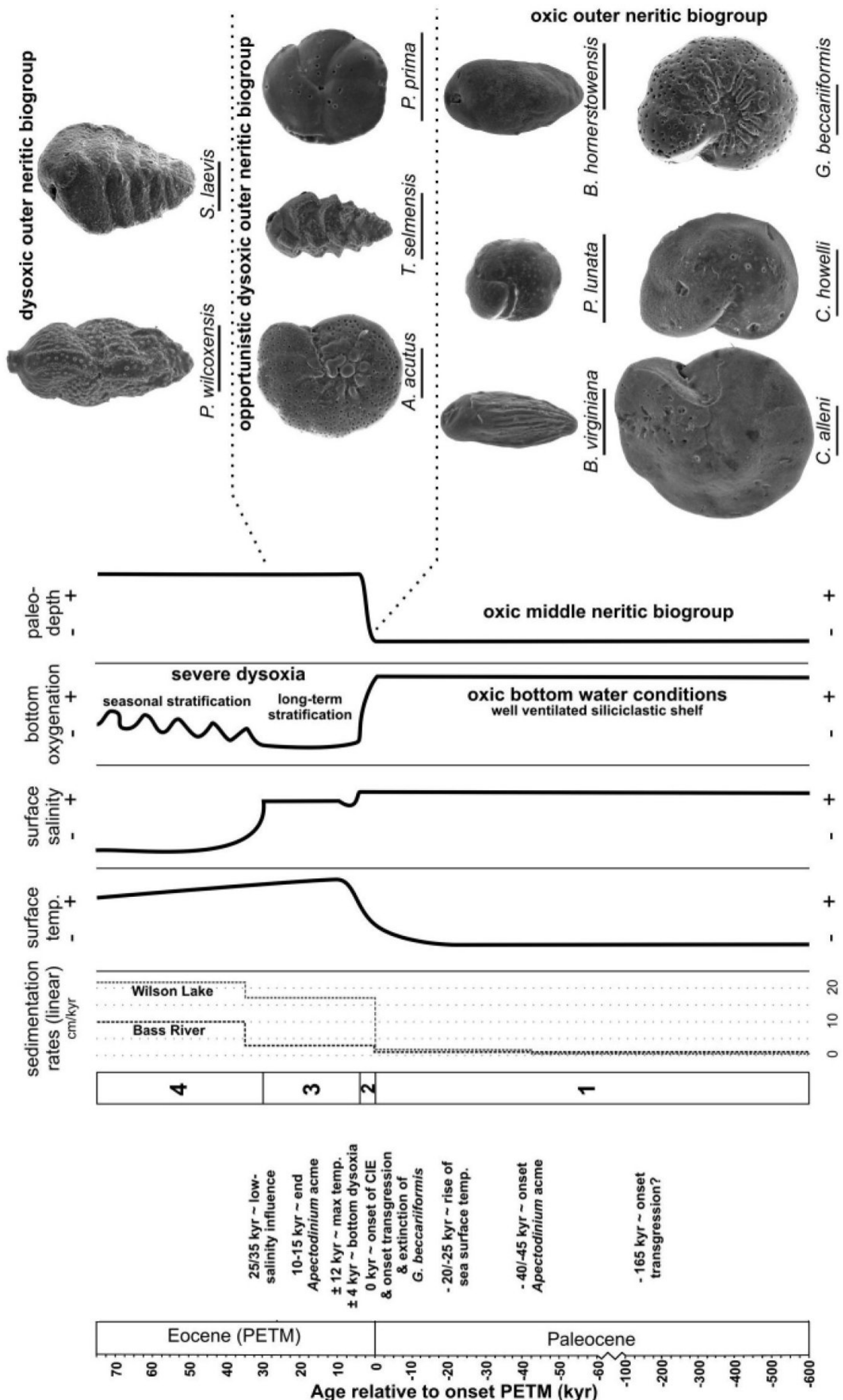
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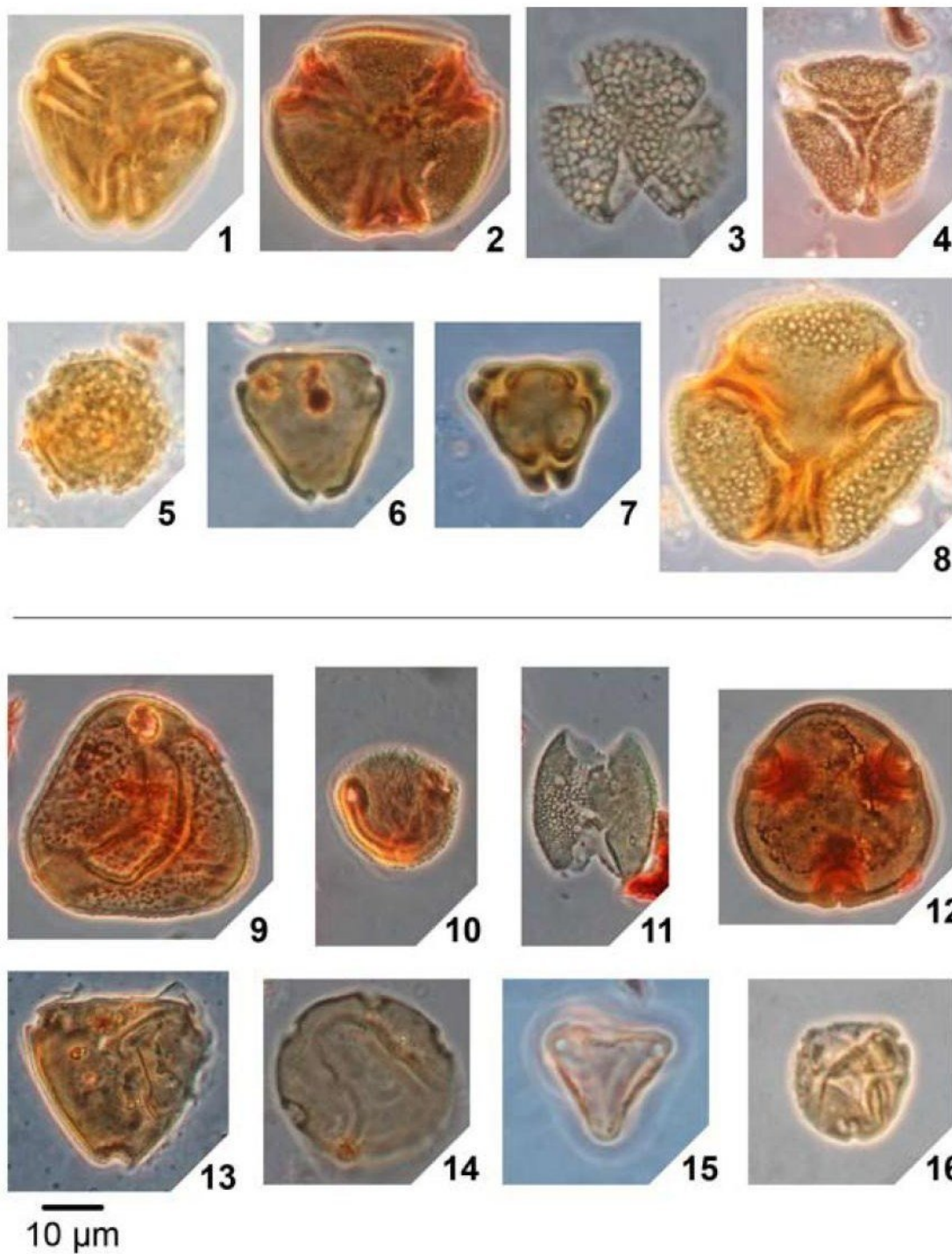
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**FIGURE 1:** Location of the Wilson Lake and Bass River core sites (modified after Miller, 1997).



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**Figure 5 - Pollen and spores from Mississippi and Alabama, United States, representing plant types that either went extinct (1–8) or first appeared (9–16) at the Paleocene–Eocene boundary. 1, *Holkopollenites chemardensis*; 2, *Lanagiopollis cribellata*; 3, *Retitrescolpites anguloluminosus*; 4, *Insulapollenites rugulatus*; 5, *Spinaepollis spinosus*; 6, *Momipites strictus*; 7, *Trudopollis plenus*; 8, *Lanagiopollis lihoka*; 9, *Granulatisporites luteticus*; 10, *Brosipollis striata*; 11, *Dicolpopollis* sp.; 12, *Intratrisporopollenites instructus*; 13, *Symplocos contracta*; 14, *Celtis tschudyi*; 15, *Interpollis microsupplingensis*; 16, *Platycarya platycaryoides*.**

## Cooling Event in the Boundary of Middle/Late Eocene of Java

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**Abstract:** The indication of Eocene climatic changes is defined based on the change of abundance and diversity of palynomorphs occurring in the Nanggulan Formation. This is possible because this formation has been found to yield the richest and most diverse palynomorph assemblages of Eocene age in Southeast Asia. Palynological evidence, from the distribution of index taxa and palynological events, indicates that the Nanggulan Formation was deposited during the Middle to Late Eocene as marked by the constant occurrence of *Longapertites vaneendenbergi*, *Proxapertites operculatus*, *Proxapertites cursus* and *Cicatricosisporites eocenicus*. The Middle Eocene age is characterised by high abundance and diversity of rain forest elements suggesting warm and wet climate which include *Palmaepollenites kutchensis*, *Sapotaceoidaepollenites* spp., *Retitricolporites equatorialis*, *Camnosperma* sp., *Marginipollis concinus* and *Dicolpopollis malesianus*. On the other hand, the Late Eocene age is marked by the appearance of the hinterland element *Podocarpidites* spp. and the disappearance of the main rain forest elements indicating cool and dry climate. In this case, cooling event is defined by the occurrence hinterland element of *Podocarpidites* spp. which can be used for recognising Middle/ Late Eocene boundary.

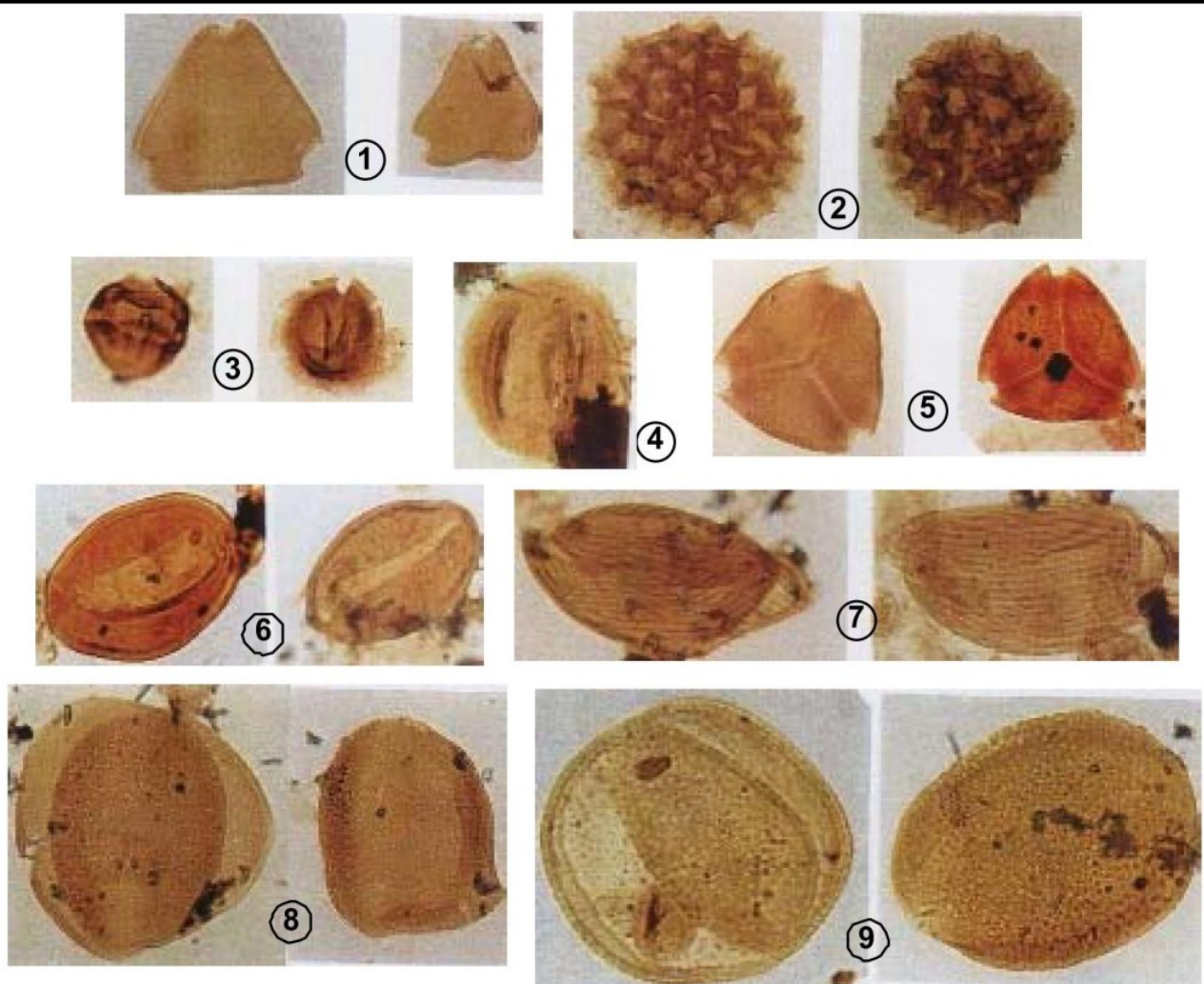


Fig. 4 Key palynomorphs to designate the Eocene age. All taxa are 1000 $\times$ . (1) aff. *Beupreadites matsuoekae*; (2) *Ruellia* type; (3) *Polygalacidites clarus*; (4) *Ixonanthes* type; (5) *Cupanieidites* cf. *flaccidiformis*; (6) *Palmaepollenites kutchensis*; (7) *Cicatricosporites eocenicus*; (8) *Proxapertites operculatus*; (9) *Proxapertites cursus*.

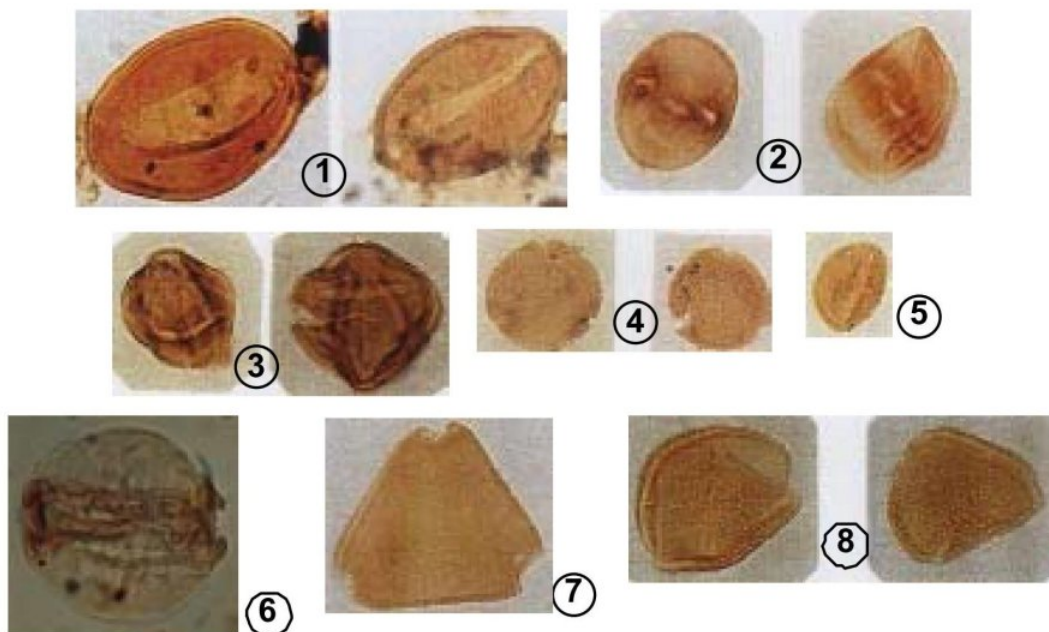


Fig. 5 Some palynomorphs represent lowland/rain forest elements and wet climate indicators. All taxa are 1000 $\times$ . (1) *Palmaepollenites kutchensis*; (2) *Sapotaceoidapollenites* spp.; (3) *Retiricolporites equatorialis*; (4) *Blumeodendron*; (5) *Camptosperma*; (6) *Marginipollis concinus*; (7) aff. *Beupreadites matsuoekae*; (8) *Dicolpopollis malesianus*.

Fig. 6 The occurrence of cooler climate in Late Eocene as indicated by dramatic decrease of abundance and diversity of palynomorphs.



Fig. 7 Cool/dry climate indicators which commonly occur in the Late Eocene. All taxa are 1000 $\times$ . (1) *Podocarpidites* spp.; (2) *Restioniidites ounceulosus*.

## Late Paleocene-early Eocene dinoflagellate cyst records from the Tethys: Further observations on the global distribution of Apectodinium

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**ABSTRACT** To further understand the distribution and abundance of Apectodinium through space and time, dinoflagellate cyst (dinocyst) records from two well-calibrated Paleocene sections in the Tethys (Tunisia and Uzbekistan) have been examined. Apectodinium was present in the southern Tethys (Tunisia) by the late Paleocene (planktonic foraminiferal Subzone P4a), confirming earlier findings that the genus evolved in lower latitudes. Apectodinium abundance was frequent to dominant from the upper Paleocene to lower Eocene in the Tethys. The initial Eocene thermal maximum (IETM) at lower latitudes appears to be characterized by high percentages of Apectodinium, although it may not always have dominated assemblages. Other dinocyst genera with thermophilic preferences may be abundant during the IETM. At mid to high latitudes, Apectodinium has been sporadically recognized during the upper Paleocene. Nevertheless, the IETM at mid to high latitudes was still characterized by Apectodinium-dominated assemblages. Additional Apectodinium acmes occurred in the lower Eocene, although as yet it is unclear if these are globally isochronous. Intervals of Apectodinium-dominated assemblages are indicative of environmental conditions that were apparently markedly different to “normal background settings” of the late Paleocene-early Eocene. Sea surface temperature (SST) was probably the main control in distribution since Apectodinium acmes at mid to high latitudes seem to have occurred during intervals of highest SSTs, such as the IETM. In addition, the probable heterotrophic Apectodinium “blooms” were intricately linked to enhanced runoff and increased delivery of nutrients in surface waters, probably as a result of intensification of the weathering cycle and other possible specific oceanic conditions.

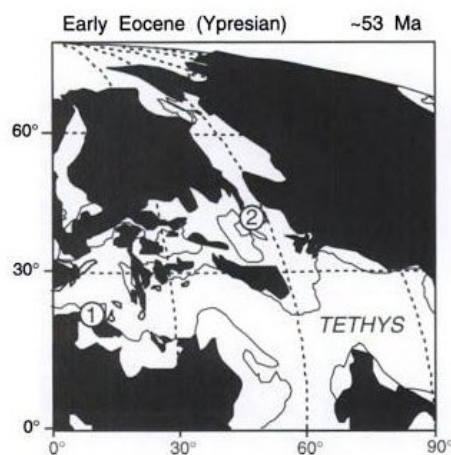
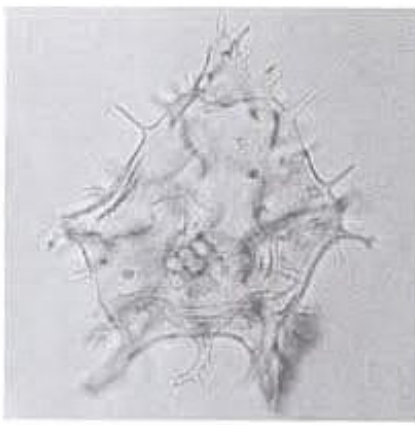
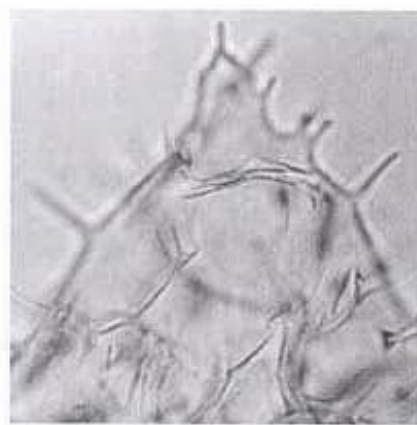


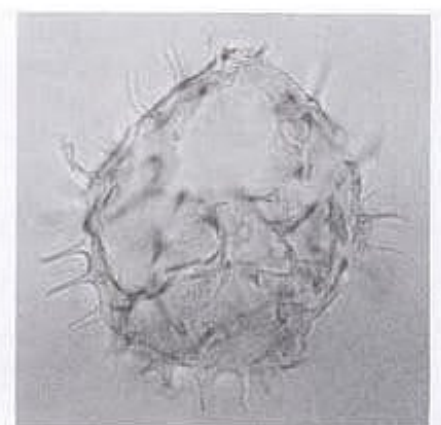
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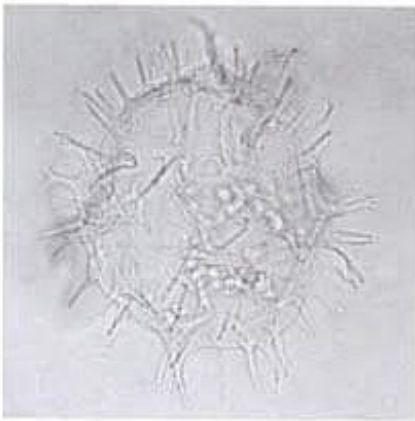
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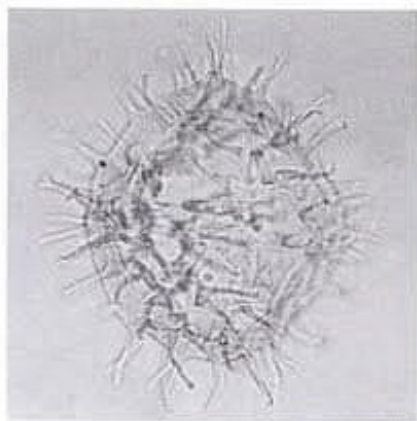
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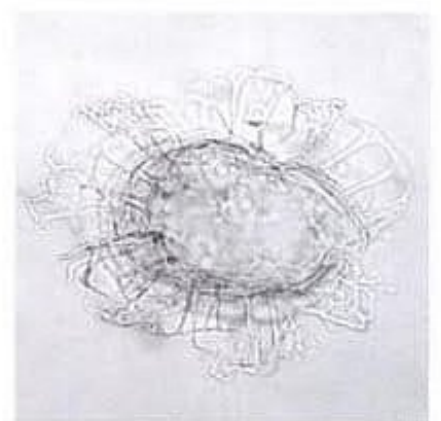
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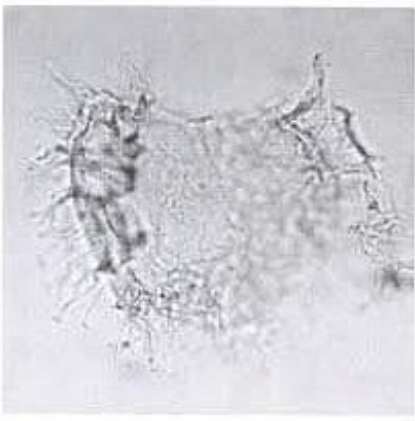
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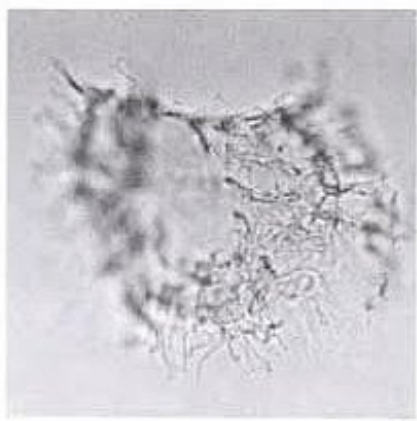
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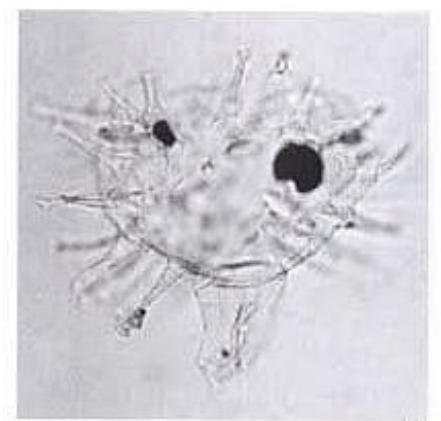
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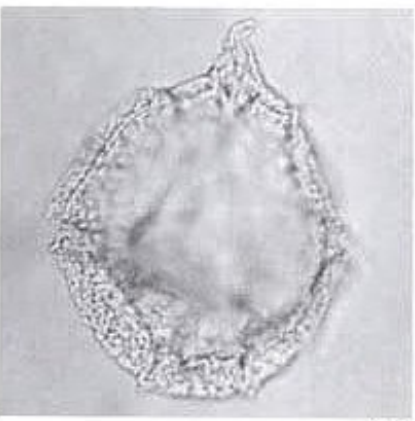
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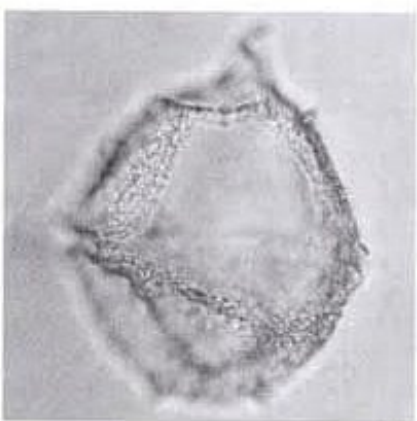
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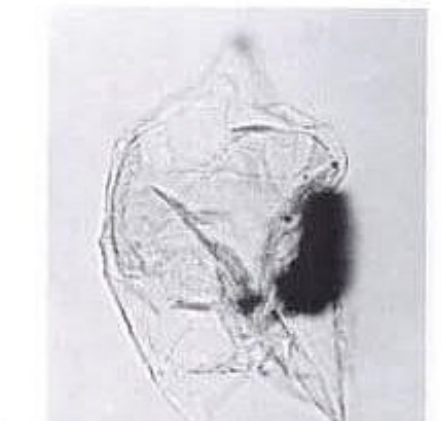
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Plate 1. **1:** *Apectodinium* sp. Sample AM16, Slide 1 (E24/3). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~87  $\mu$ m by 103  $\mu$ m. Archeopyle that involves two plates; 2a and 4" plates. **2:** *Apectodinium* sp. Sample AM16, Slide 1 (E24/3). Aktumsuk section. Vertical dimension ~60  $\mu$ m; close up of archeopyle (2a and 4" plates). **3:** *Apectodinium* sp. Sample EL145 (~35.75 m), Slide 1 (H24/0). Elles section. Overall dimensions ~80  $\mu$ m by 85  $\mu$ m. Archeopyle that involves two plates; 2a and 4" plates. **4:** *Apectodinium* sp. Sample EL136 (~33.43 m), Slide 1 (R22/3). Elles section. Overall dimensions ~79  $\mu$ m by 85  $\mu$ m. **5:** *Apectodinium* sp. Sample EL162 (~41.8 m), Slide 1 (E20/0). Elles section. Overall dimensions ~90  $\mu$ m by 100  $\mu$ m. **6:** *Adnatosphaeridium multispinosum*. Sample EL59 (~18.4 m), Slide 1 (K20/3). Elles section. Overall dimensions ~78  $\mu$ m by 98  $\mu$ m. **7 and 8:** *Areoligera senonensis* group. Sample EL111 (~26.92 m), Slide 1 (U33/3). Elles section. Overall dimensions ~65  $\mu$ m by 95  $\mu$ m. **9:** *Diiphyes colligerum*. Sample AM17, Slide 1 (P30/0). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~58  $\mu$ m by 50  $\mu$ m. **10 and 11:** *Cribroperidinium* sp. A. Sample AM19, Slide 1 (P35/0). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~50  $\mu$ m by 61  $\mu$ m. **12:** *Deflandrea phosphoritica*. Sample AM17, Slide 1 (R22/0). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~70  $\mu$ m by 120  $\mu$ m.

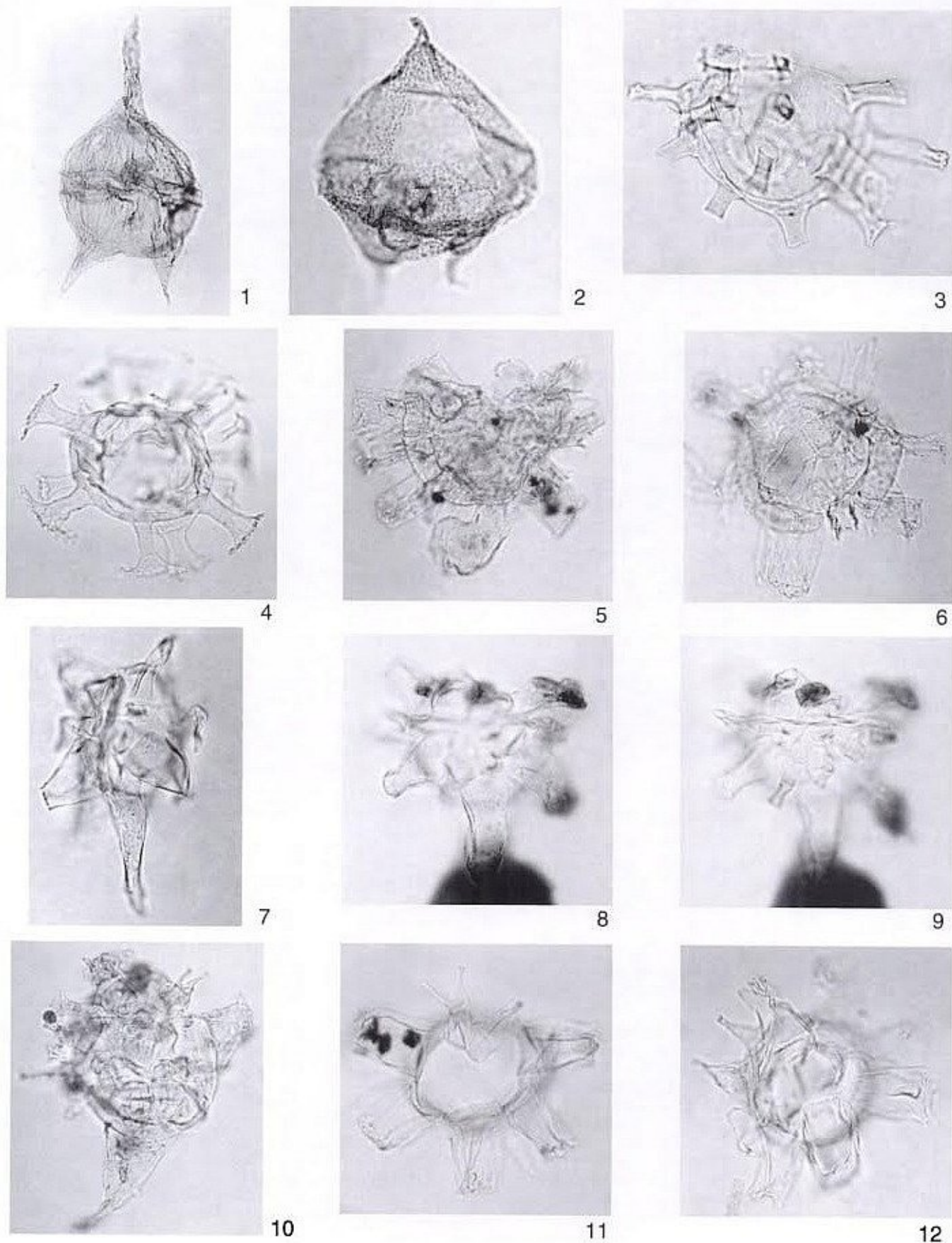


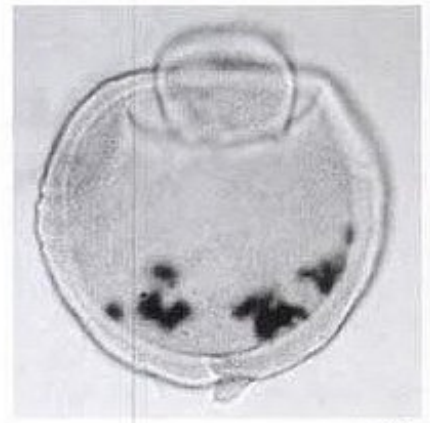
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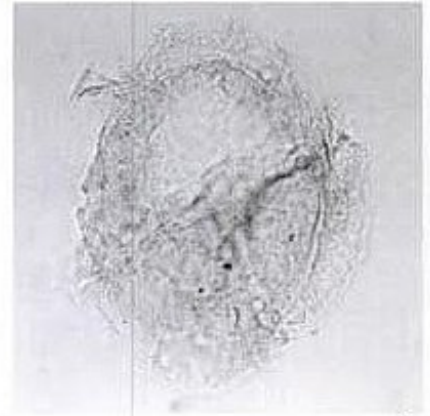
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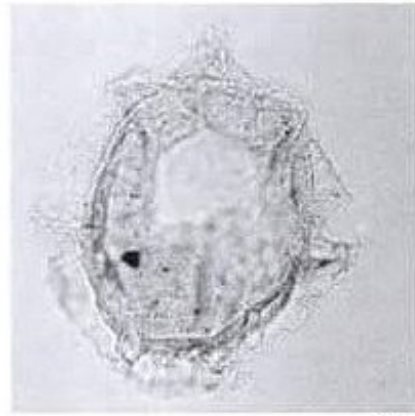
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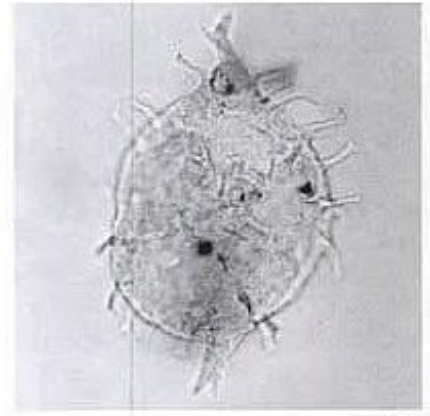
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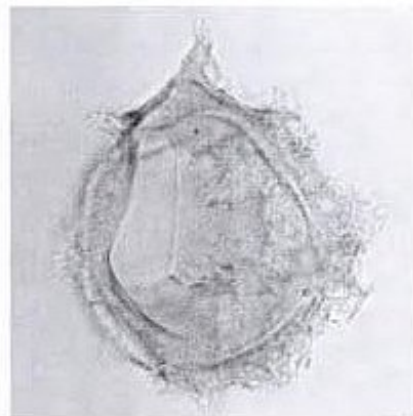
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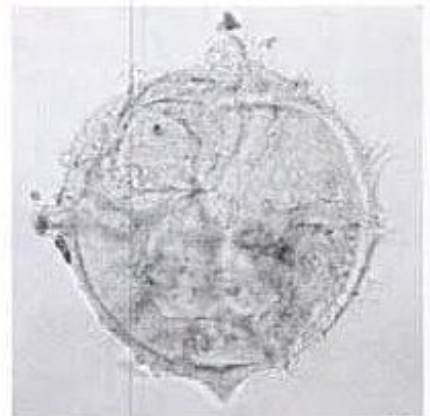
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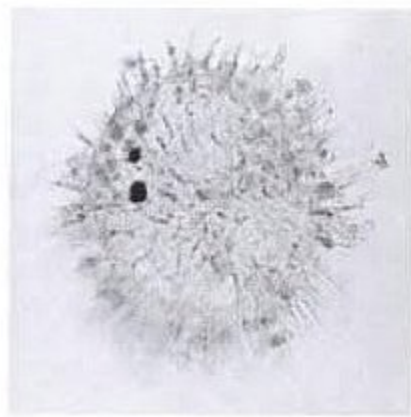


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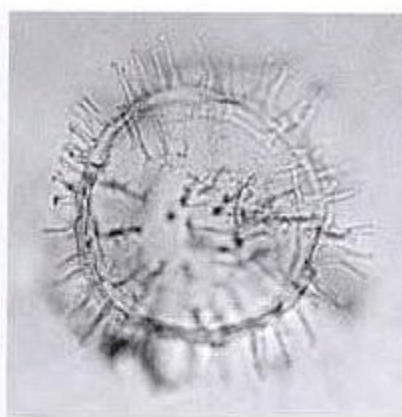


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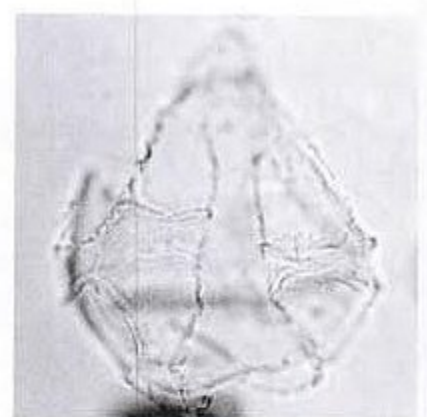
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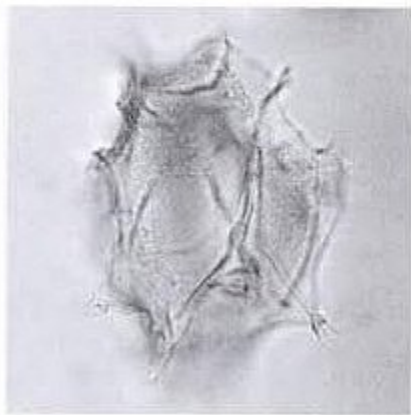
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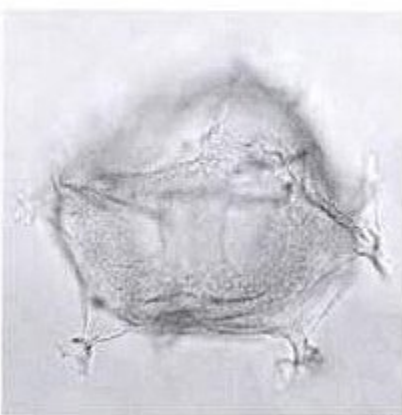
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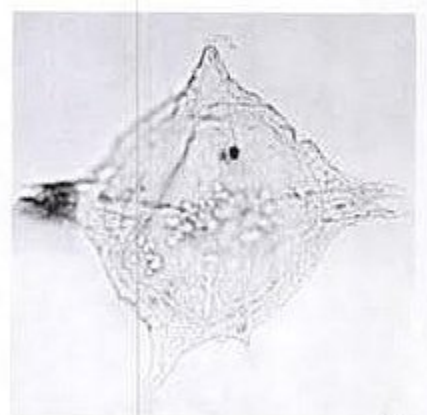
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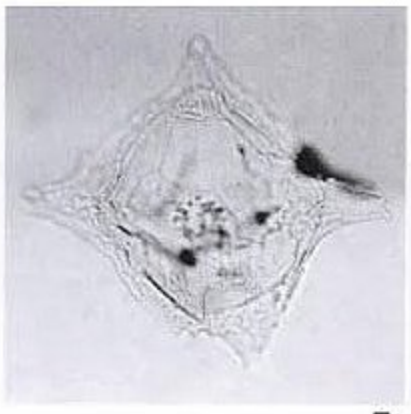
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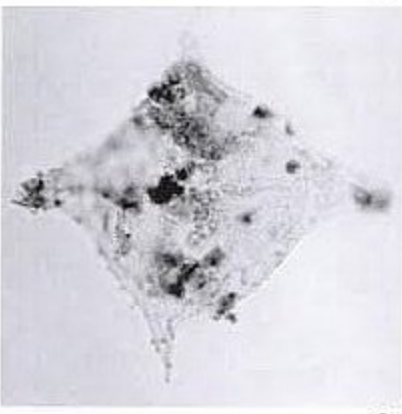
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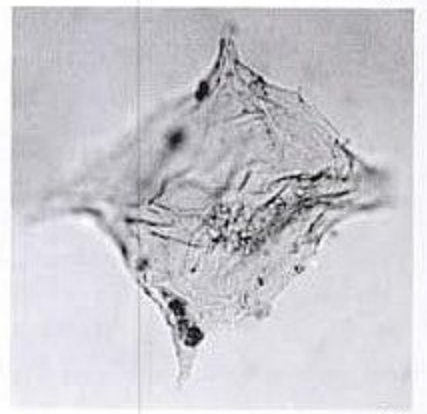
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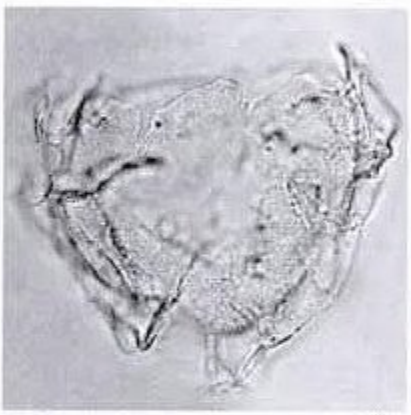
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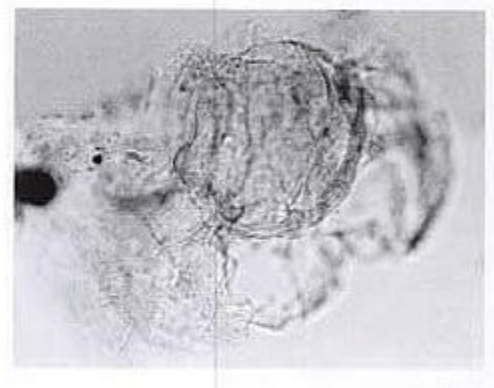
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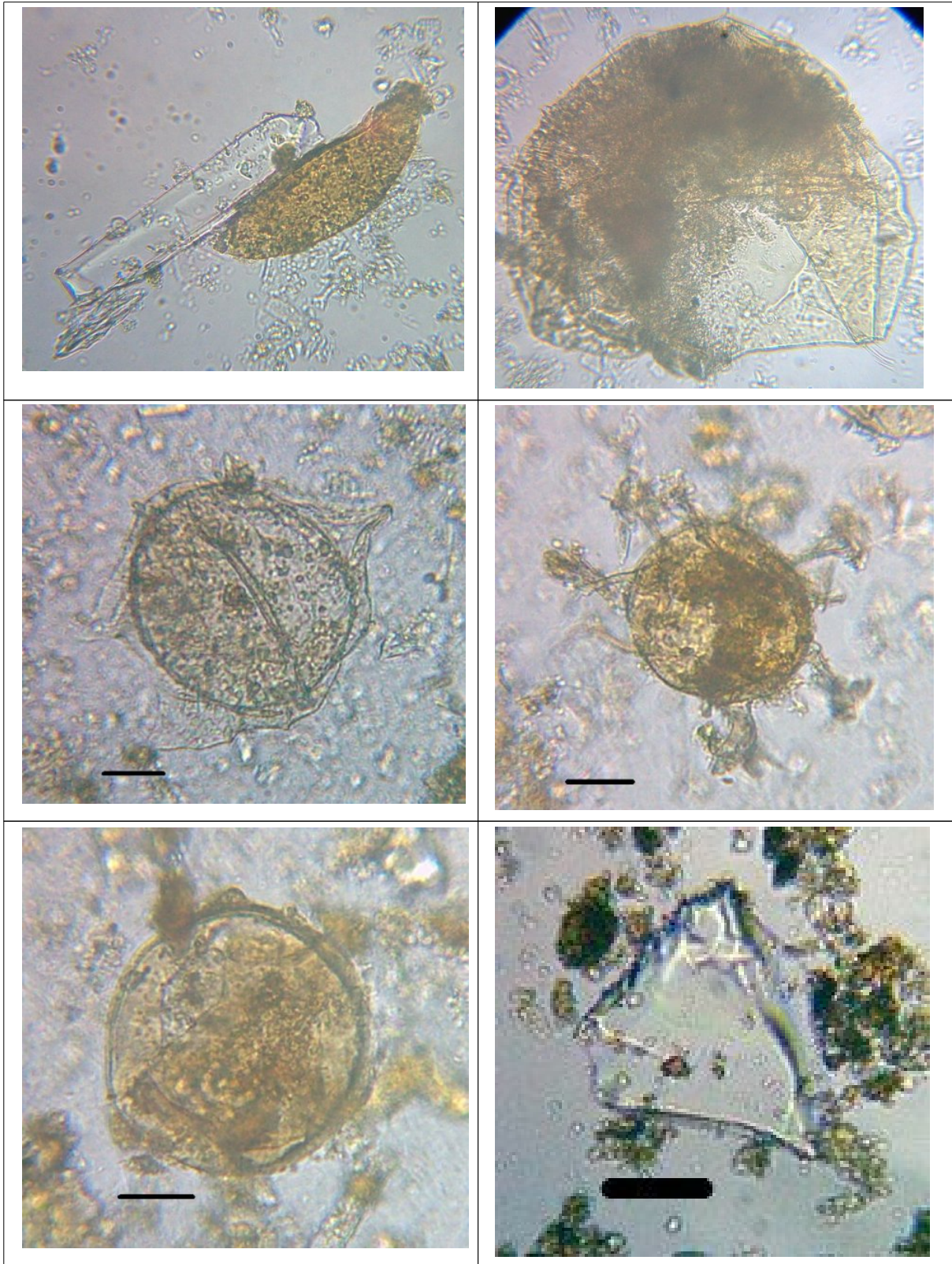


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Plate 4. **1:** *Operculodinium severinii*. Sample AM15, Slide 1 (P23/1). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~80  $\mu\text{m}$  by 85  $\mu\text{m}$ . **2:** *Poly-sphaeridium* sp. Sample EL59 (~18.4 m), Slide 1 (J24/0). Elles section. Overall dimensions ~70  $\mu\text{m}$  by 72  $\mu\text{m}$ . **3:** *Phthanoperidinium crenulatum*. Sample AM16, Slide 1 (R27/2). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~54  $\mu\text{m}$  by 63  $\mu\text{m}$ . **4:** *Pentadinium* sp. cf. *P. goniferum*. Sample AM17, Slide 1 (R28/4). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~65  $\mu\text{m}$  by 83  $\mu\text{m}$ . **5:** *Pentadinium* sp. cf. *P. goniferum*. Sample AM17, Slide 2 (L28/0). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~100  $\mu\text{m}$  by 90  $\mu\text{m}$ . **6:** *Rhombodinium* sp. Sample AM17, Slide 2 (R37/0). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~93  $\mu\text{m}$  by 88  $\mu\text{m}$ . **7:** *Rhombodinium* sp. Sample AM18, Slide 1 (W18/2). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~95  $\mu\text{m}$  by 86  $\mu\text{m}$ . **8:** *Rhombodinium* sp. Sample AM15, Slide 1 (M26/0). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~98  $\mu\text{m}$  by 92  $\mu\text{m}$ . **9:** *Rhombodinium* sp. Sample AM16, Slide 1 (K26/2). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~96  $\mu\text{m}$  by 95  $\mu\text{m}$ . **10:** *Senoniasphaera?* sp. Sample AM19, Slide 1 (X20/2). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~72  $\mu\text{m}$  by 66  $\mu\text{m}$ . **11:** *Senoniasphaera?* sp. Sample AM21, Slide 1 (P20/0). Aktumsuk section. Overall dimensions ~65  $\mu\text{m}$  by 60  $\mu\text{m}$ . **12:** *Thalassiphora velata*. Sample EL111 (~26.92 m), Slide 1 (U34/4). Elles section. Overall dimensions ~125  $\mu\text{m}$  by 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .



Dinoflaggelater og et korn af vulkansk glas fra lerprøver taget vest for Hanklit, Mors

# Diatom turnover in the early Paleogene diatomite of the Sengiley section, Middle Povolzhie, Russia: A response to the Initial Eocene Thermal Maximum?

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**ABSTRACT** The lower Paleogene sequence in the Middle Povolzhie (Ulyanovsk-Saratov syncline) of Russia is dominated by a terrigenous-rich siliceous facies with abundant and well-preserved siliceous plankton. Calcareous microfossils are virtually absent. The diatom successions of the Sengiley diatomite are correlated to diatom assemblages of the Fur Formation (Denmark) and the Polosataya Formation (Kazakhstan), and are calibrated to calcareous nannofossil and dinocyst zonations. The *Trinacria ventriculosa* Zone, which is found in the lower part of the Sengiley diatomite (Kamyshin Formation), is age equivalent to the upper part of calcareous nannofossil zones NP8 through NP9a. The upper part of the Sengiley diatomite (Kamyshin Formation; *Hemiaulus proteus* Zone) can be correlated to the uppermost part of the *Apectodinium augustum* dinocyst Zone, which corresponds to the NP9b calcareous nannofossil Sub-zone, in which the globally observed negative carbon isotope excursion occurs. A major floral turnover in the upper third of the Sengiley diatomite is characterized by a succession of bioevents, including first appearances at generic and specific levels. Quantitative diatom analyses show pronounced compositional changes: (1) the decline of the meroplanktonic *Pyxidicula* group, typical of neritic conditions (2) the increase of the *Paralia* group, a marker for the proximity of the shoreline, and (3) a relatively high abundance of pelagic cosmopolitan species. Grain size analyses show an increase in terrigenous input in the upper part of Sengiley diatomite. The floristic and lithologic shifts indicate changes from stable, highly productive neritic conditions during a sea-level lowstand (Phase 1) to the onset of a transgression (Phase 2), which is followed by a highstand (Phase 3). The highstand phase coincides with enhanced exchange between the Tethys and the adjacent epicontinental seas. The diatom bioevents in Phases 2 and 3 in the Sengiley section are most probably coeval to the well-documented biotic changes of the Initial Eocene Thermal Maximum.

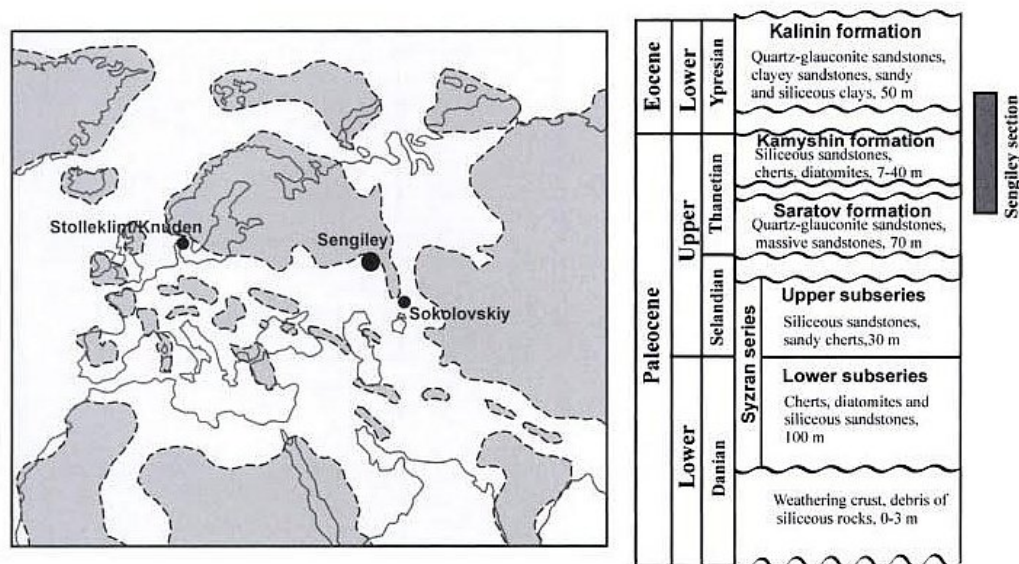


Figure 1. Location of the Sengiley section (Russia), and the correlative sections of the Stolteklint-Knuden (Denmark) and Sokolovskiy (Kazakhstan), shown in the paleogeographic setting of the area in the latest Paleocene. The figure on the right shows the Tertiary succession in the Ulyanovsk-Saratov syncline together with the stratigraphic position of the Sengiley section (shaded area).

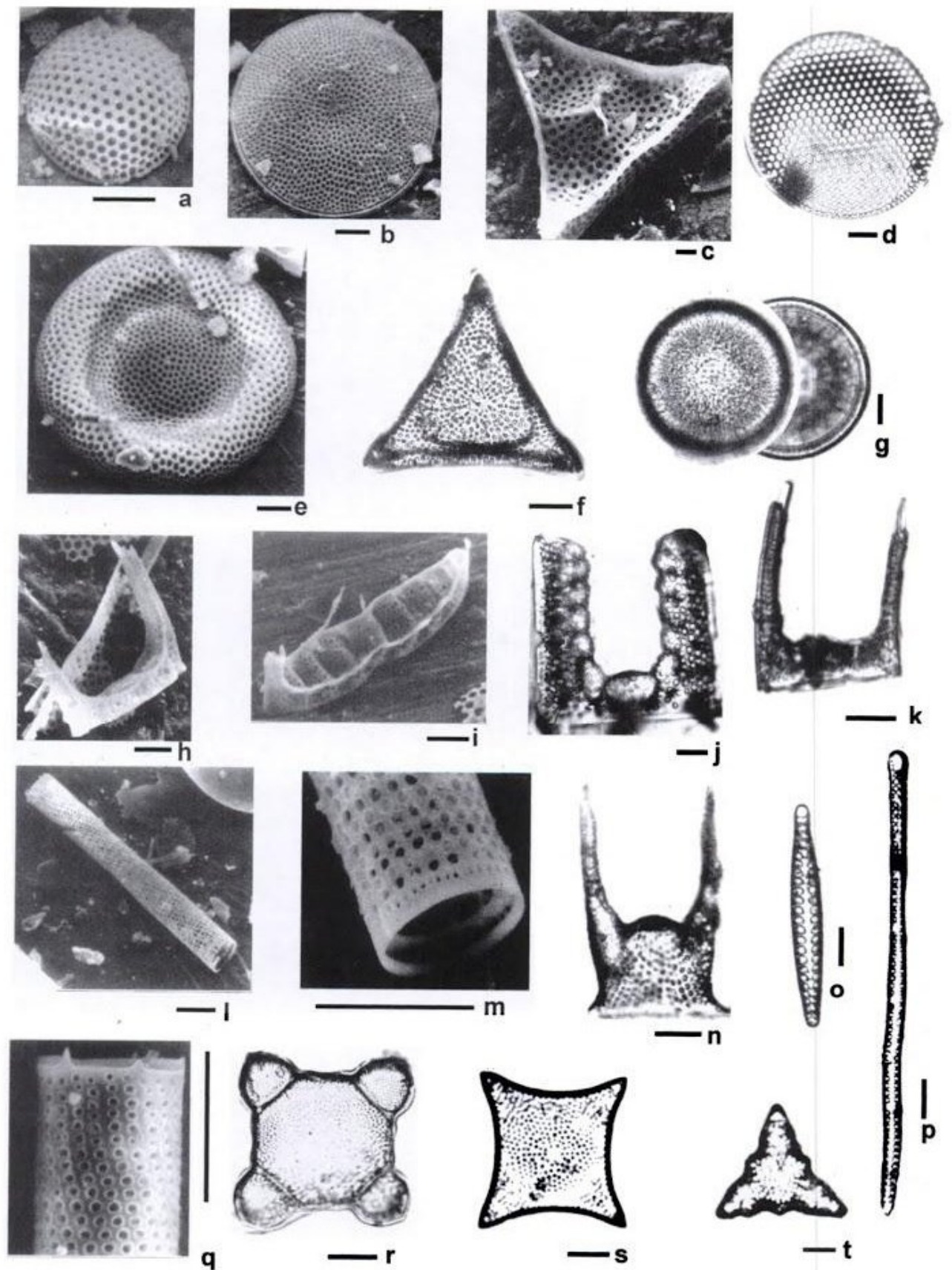
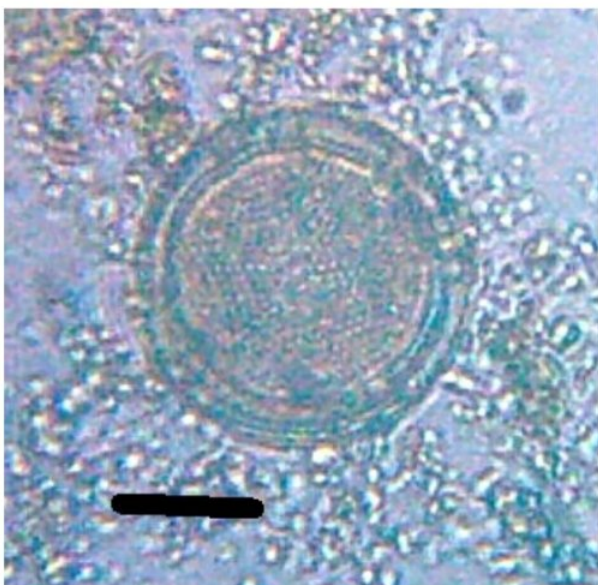
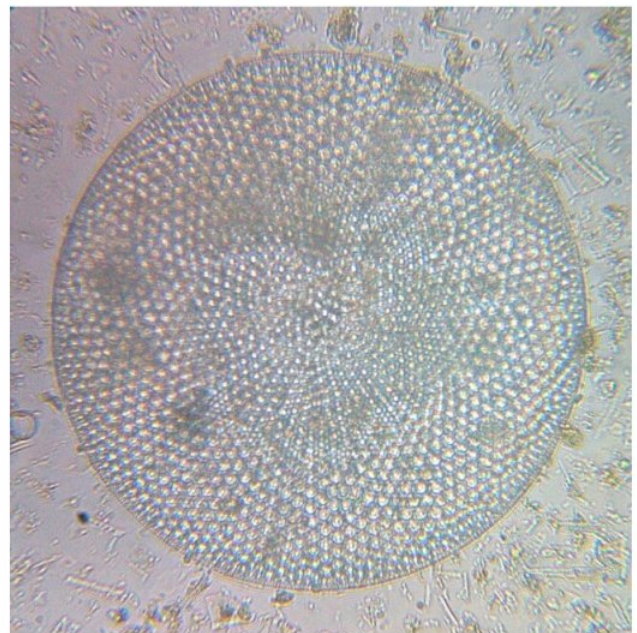
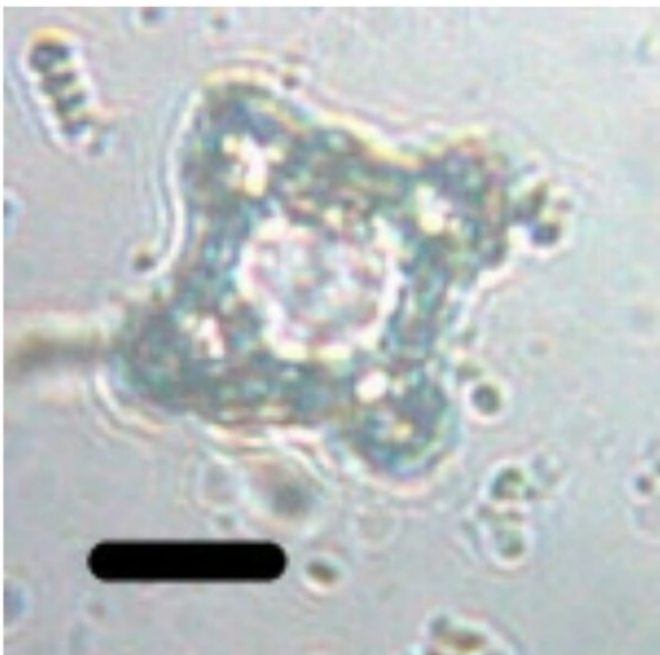
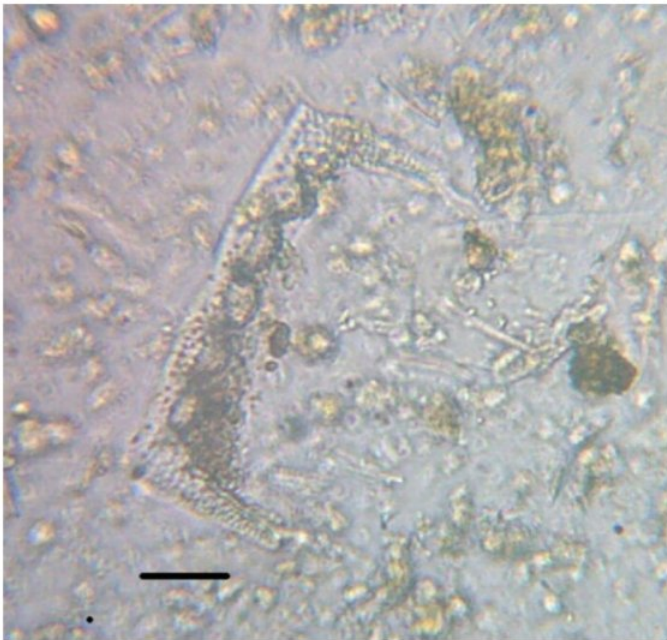


Figure 4. Diatom marker-species of the Sengiley section. a: *Pyxidicula moelleri* (Schmidt) Strelnikova et Nikolaev, sample 58. b: *Moisseevia uralensis* (Jousé) Strelnikova, sample 58. c: *Triceratium heibergii* Grunow sensu Gombos, (1977), sample 58. d: *Thalassiosiropsis wittiana* (Pantocsek) Hasle, sample 100. e: *Craspedodiscus moelleri* sample 58. f: *Trinacria ventriculosa* (Schmidt) Gleser, sample 103. g: *Pseudopodosira anissimovae* (Gleser et Rubina) Strelnikova, sample 100. h: *Hemiaulus inaequilaterus* Gombos, sample 64. i: *Hemiaulus proteus* Heiberg, sample 58. j: *Hemiaulus incurvus* Shibkova, sample 85. k: *Hemiaulus curvatulus* Strelnikova, sample 67. l, m, q: *Gyrocylindrus antiquus* Strelnikova et Nikolaev, sample 62. n: *Hemiaulus incisus* Hajos, sample 58. o: *Grunowiella gemmata* (Grunow) Van Heurck, sample 100. p: *Grunowiella palaeocaenica* Jousé, sample 58. r: *Trinacria exculpta* (Heiberg) Hustedt, sample 67. s: *Trinacria regina* Heiberg, sample 61. t: *Triceratium mirabile* Jousé, sample 98. Scale bar indicates 10  $\mu$ m.

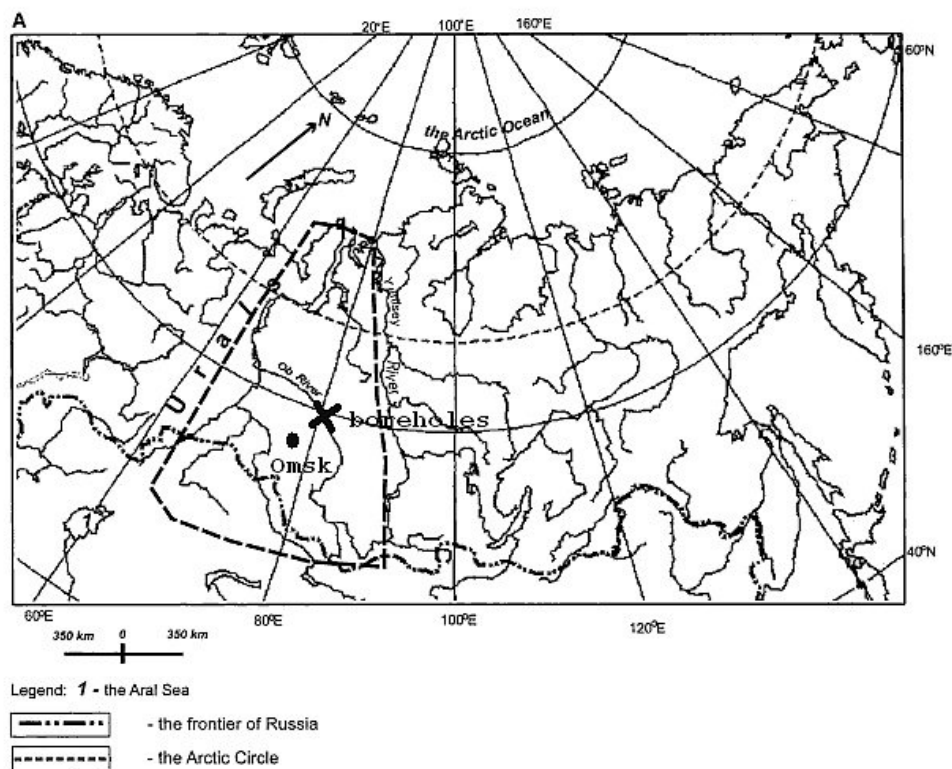


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## Paleocene biota of the West Siberian plain

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**ABSTRACT** In the Paleocene, most of the present West Siberian plain was occupied by a vast epicontinental sea, which reached from the present Arctic and Atlantic oceans in the North to the Aral Basin in the South. Climate and ocean circulation fluctuated and affected marine and continental biota. Benthic foraminifera that occurred over a large part of the sea throughout the Paleocene were used as representatives of the marine biota, and spores and pollen of terrestrial plants as representatives of the continental biota, in order to study these environmental and biotic changes. Foraminifera and palynomorphs were studied in sedimentary sequences of Danian, Selandian, and Thanetian age. These sequences have regional names, and encompass the upper part of the Gankinskaya Stage, the whole Talitskaya Stage, and the lower part of the Lyulin-vorskaya Stage. In the southwest part of the basin (the Omsk depression), upper Gankinskaya sediments (Maastrichtian to lowermost Danian) contain calcareous benthic foraminifera. Benthic foraminiferal assemblages suggest that sea level fell during the early Paleocene, so that the West Siberian basin shallowed significantly and decreased in size. During the earliest Danian, the basin in the Ust-Tym depression also became shallower, and "primitive" agglutinated foraminifera were dominant (e.g., *Bathysiphon*, *Glomospira*, *Ammodiscus*). Sea level rose during the Selandian boreal transgression (Talitskaya Stage), and agglutinated foraminifera occurred over large areas. In the Thanetian (represented by the uppermost Talitskaya and the base of the Lyulin-vorskaya Stage) the basin again shallowed, and foraminifera became rare. The analysis of palynomorphs (spores and pollen) in allochthonous assemblages in marine sediments documents that an alluvial plain with lakes and bogs was situated on the southeast coast of the Paleocene West Siberian marine basin. The climate became more arid during the Danian and late Thanetian, with a pronounced phase of drying at the boundary between the Talitskaya and Lyulinvorskaya Stages (early Thanetian).



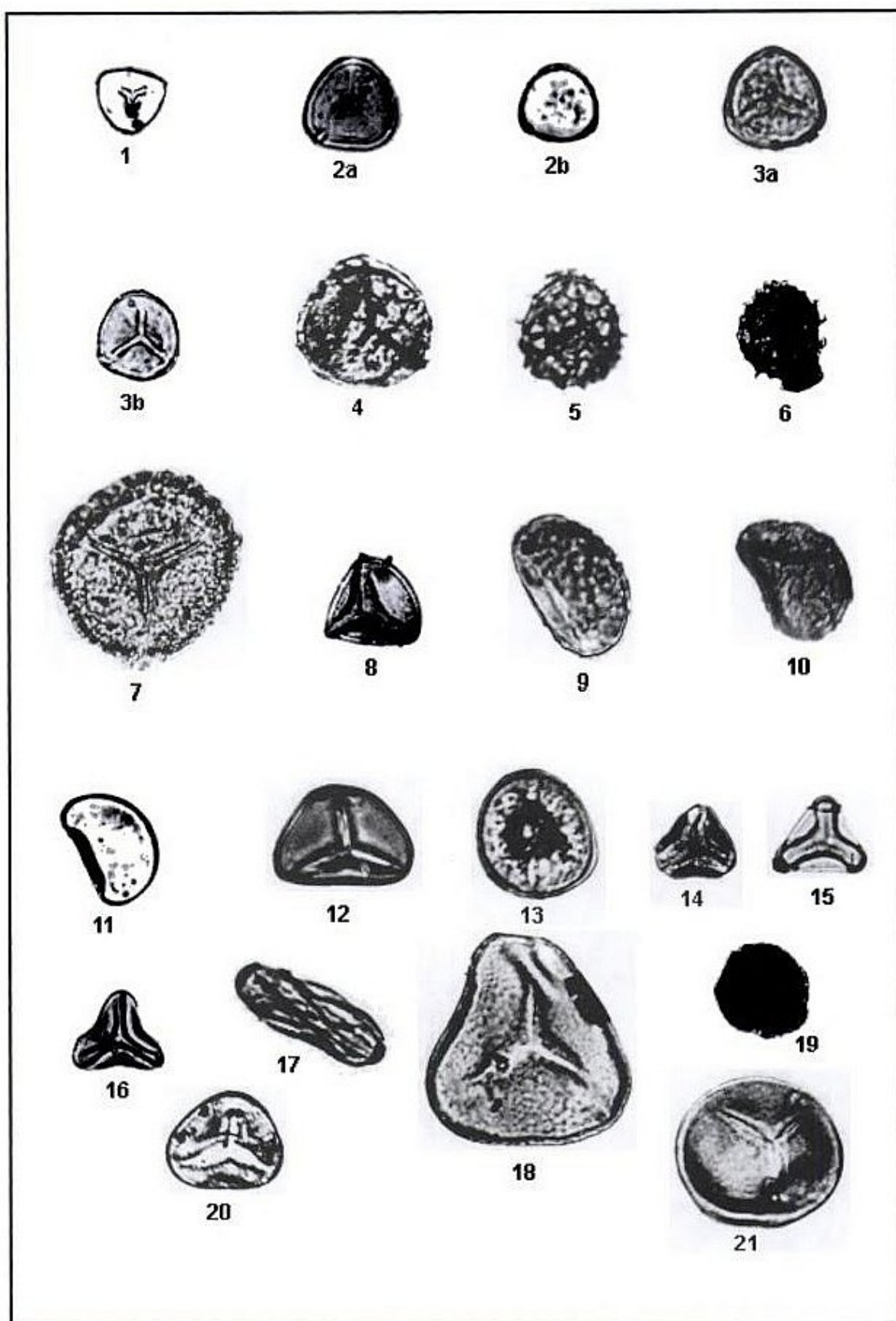


Plate 9. West Siberian Plain; early Paleocene; Sporae (magnification  $\times 600$ ). (All specimens are deposited in the Micropaleontological Laboratory and Paleontological Museum of Tomsk State University.) Figure 1. *Sphagnum australe* (Cook) Drozh; Figure 2a, b. *Sphagnum putillum* Drozh. et Purt. Figure 3a, b. *Sphagnum regium* Drozh. Figures 4–6. *Lycopodium* sp. Figure 7. *Selaginella* sp. Figure 8. *Cyathea* sp. Figures 9–10. Polypodiaceae. Figures 11–12. *Adiantum* sp. Figure 13. *Cheiropleuria* sp. Figure 14. *Gleichenia umbonata* Bolch. Figure 15. *Gleichenia rara* Chlon. Figure 16. *Gleichenia* sp. Figure 17. *Schizaea dorogensis* (R. Pot.) Chlon. Figure 18. *Lygodium* sp. Figure 19. *Osmunda* sp. Figure 20. *Leiotriletes* Naum. Figure 21. *Stenozonotriletes* Naum.

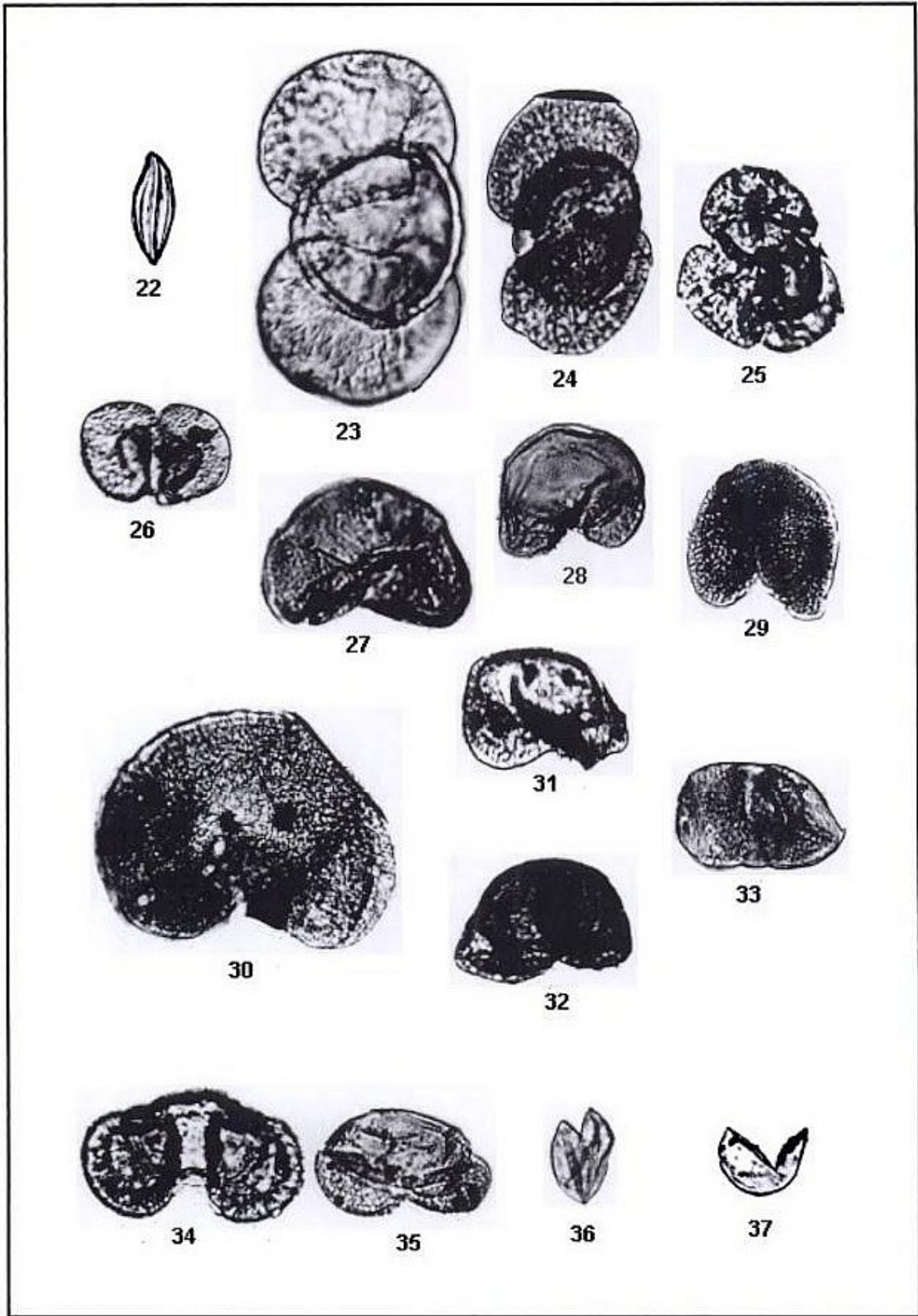


Plate 10. West Siberian Plain; early Paleocene; Gymnospermae Pollen (magnification  $\times 600$ ). (All specimens are deposited in the Micropaleontological Laboratory and Paleontological Museum of Tomsk State University.) Figure 22. *Ginkgo* sp. Figure 23. *Podocarpus unica* Bolch. Figures 24–26. *Podocarpus* sp. Figures 25–27. Pinaceae. Figure 28. *Cedrus parvisaccata* Sauer. Figures 29–32. *Cedrus* sp. Figure 33. *Pinus aequalis* (Naum.) Bolch. Figure 34. *Pinus vulgaris* (Naum.) Bolch. Figure 35. *Pinus* n./p. *Dyploxylon*. Figure 36. Taxodiaceae. Figure 37. *Taxodium* sp.

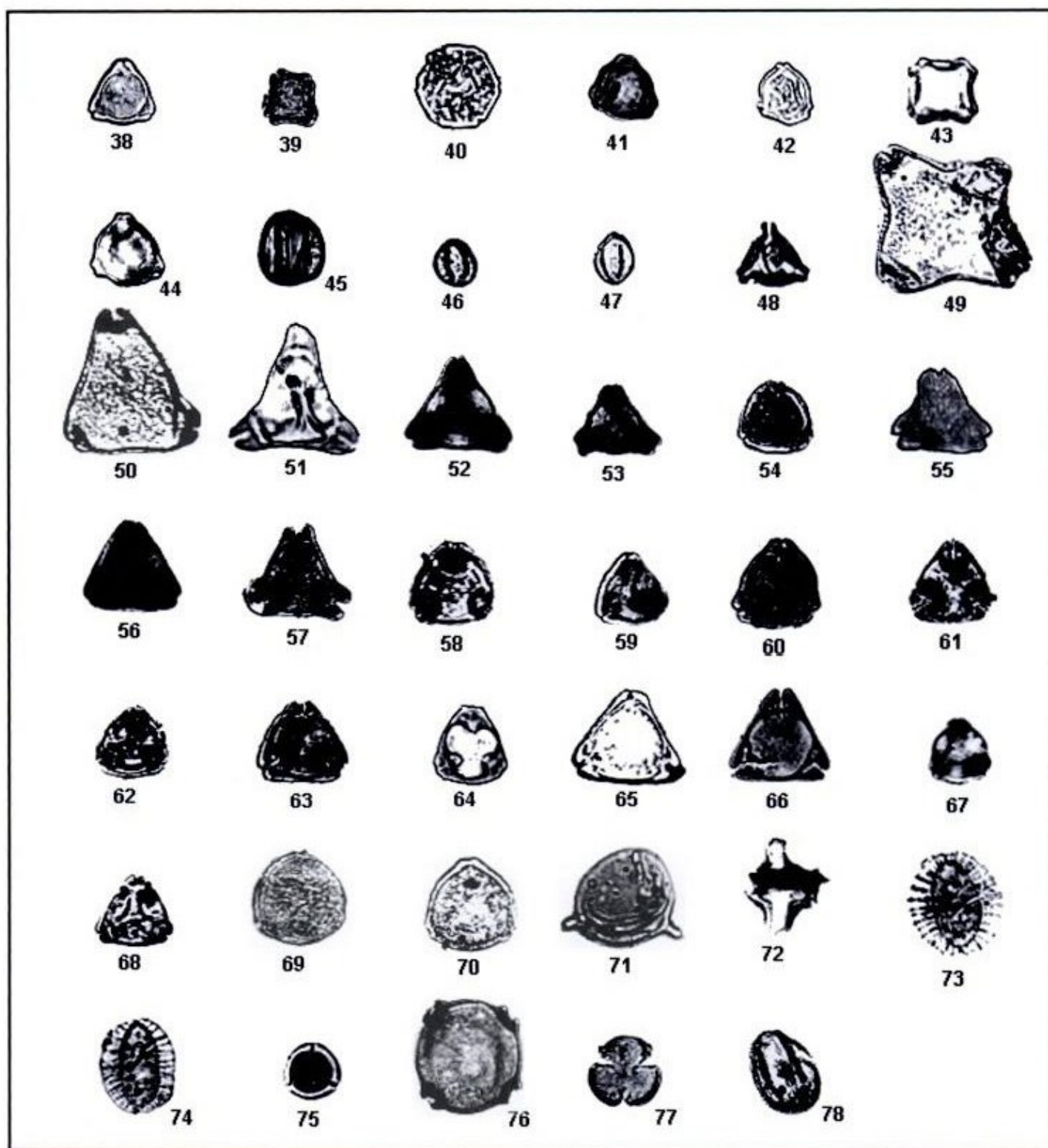


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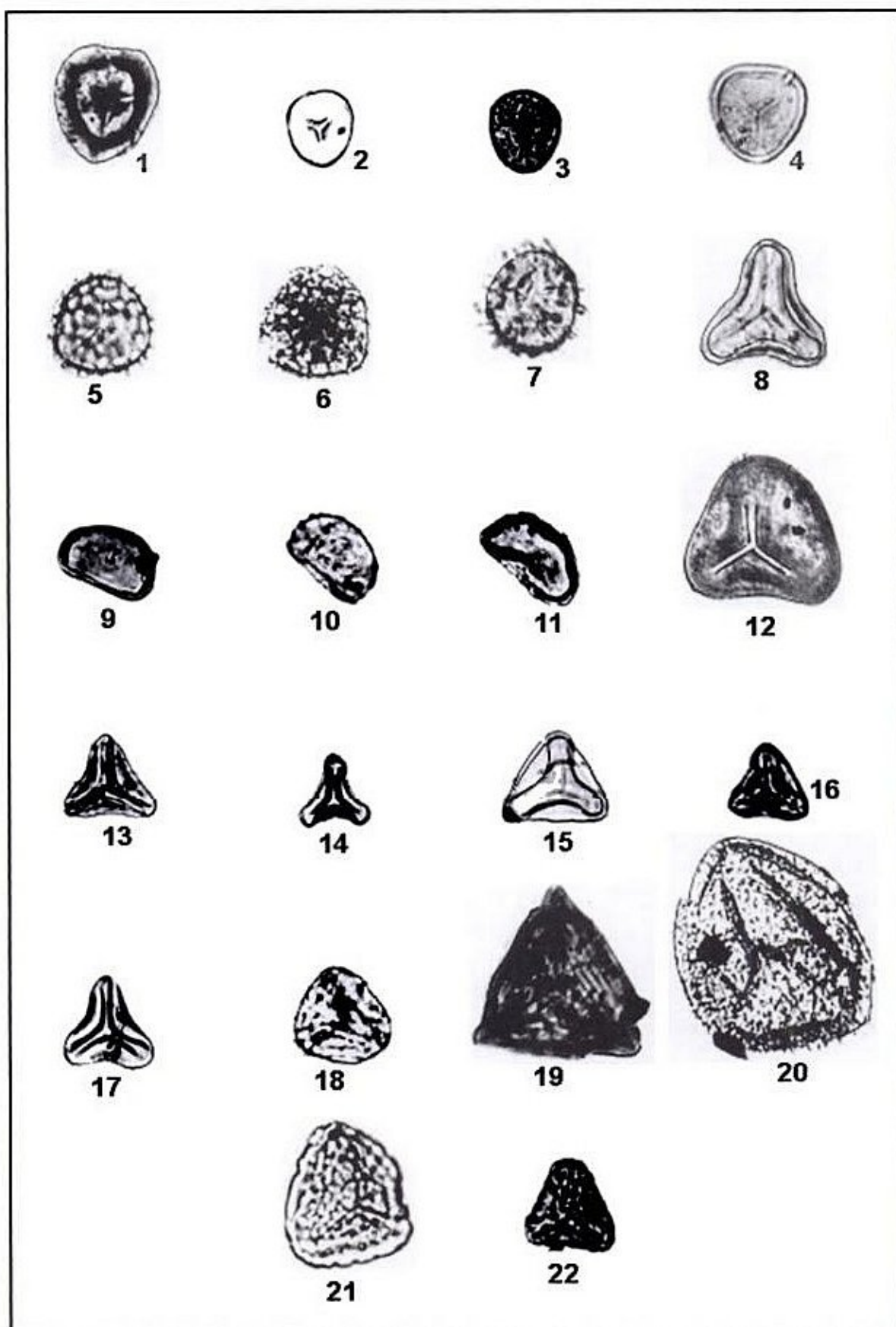


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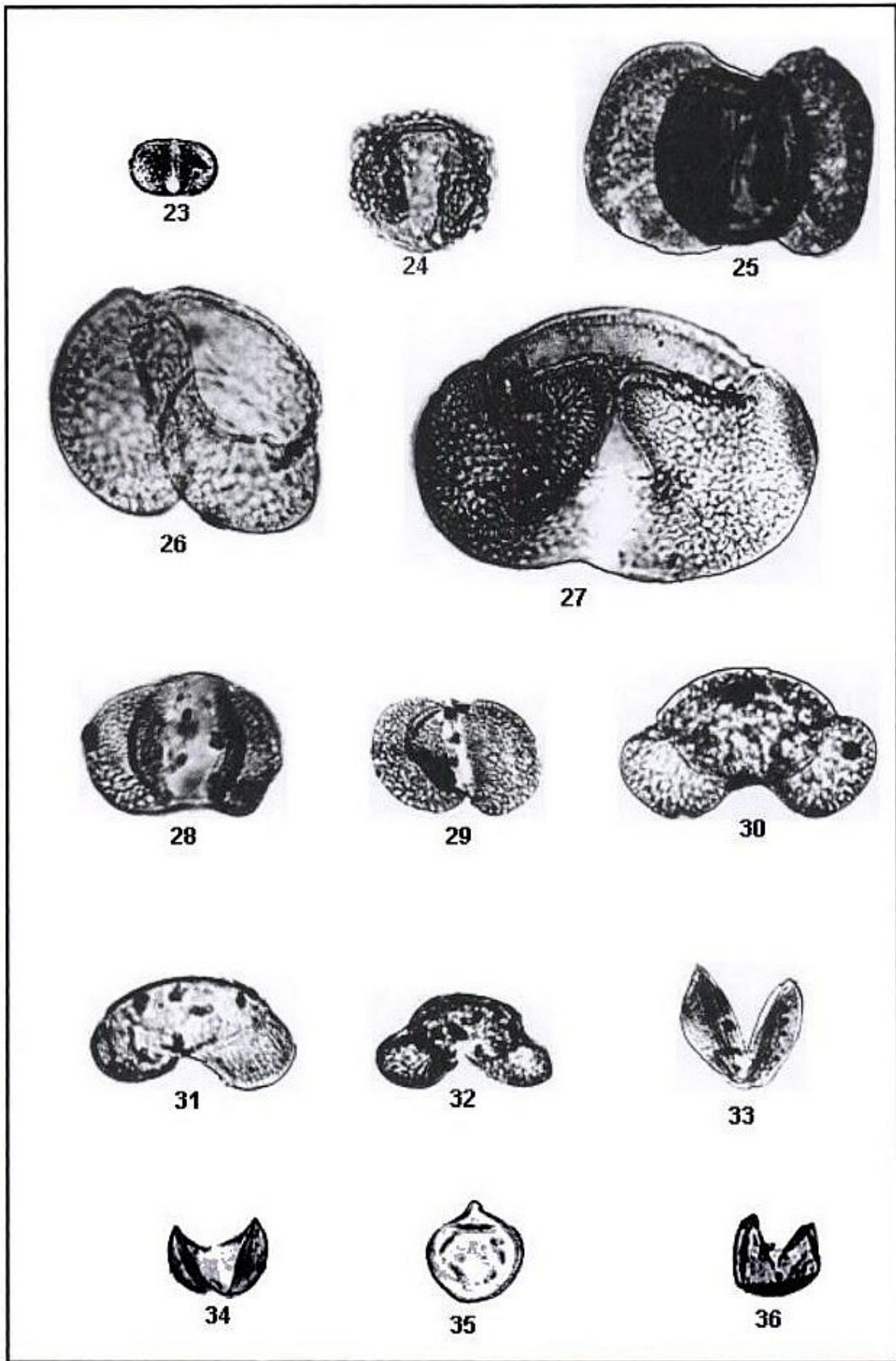


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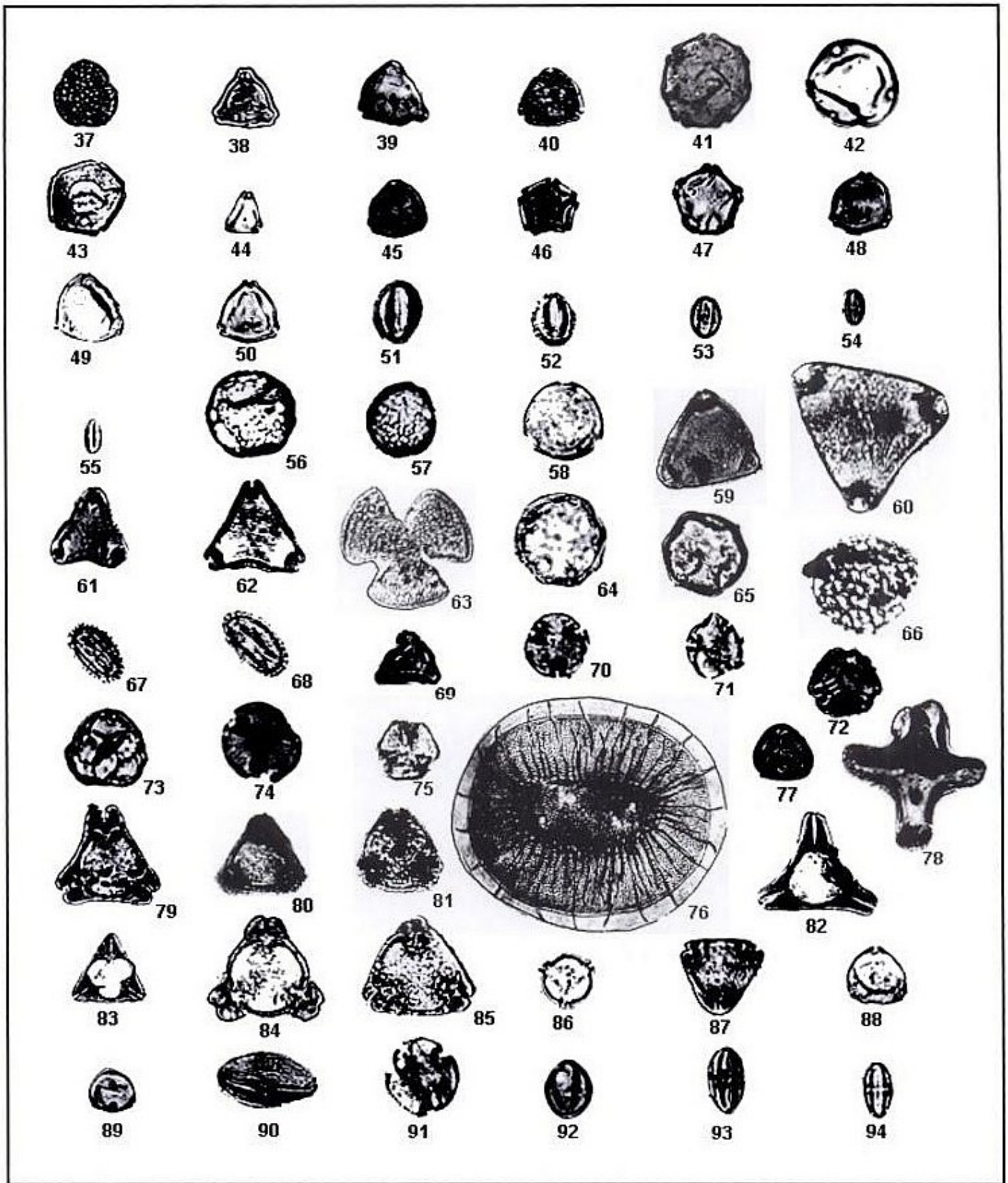


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## Geographic patterns in the floral response to Paleocene-Eocene warming

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**ABSTRACT** Studies on vegetation change from North America show that floral composition in the early Eocene was very similar to that in the late Paleocene. This interpretation is counterintuitive with expectations that rapid global warming, which marks the Paleocene-Eocene boundary, would have led to intense vegetation turnover. In this review, data on Paleocene-Eocene pollen and spores are taken from published sources from four main regions in North America: (1) The U.S. Gulf Coast (paleolatitude 32 °N) (2) the eastern seaboard of Virginia (paleolatitude 39 °N) (3) the Bighorn and Powder River basins (paleolatitude 47 °N) and (4) the Canadian Arctic (paleolatitude 78 N i. This data set shows that there is no apparent latitudinal pattern to vegetation turnover in the early Eocene, but rather a strong distinction between the continental interior and the coastal areas. No one immigrant taxon characterizes the whole of North America and the coasts have a greater number of Eocene first occurrences than the continental interior. Immigrants can be classified as those that migrated from other continents, of which 40% have European Paleocene records, and those that immigrated from other regions in North America. Intracontinental immigration was exclusively from south to north and was restricted to coastal areas. The consequence of global warming was a complex vegetational response caused by the probable inability of many plants to disperse into North America.

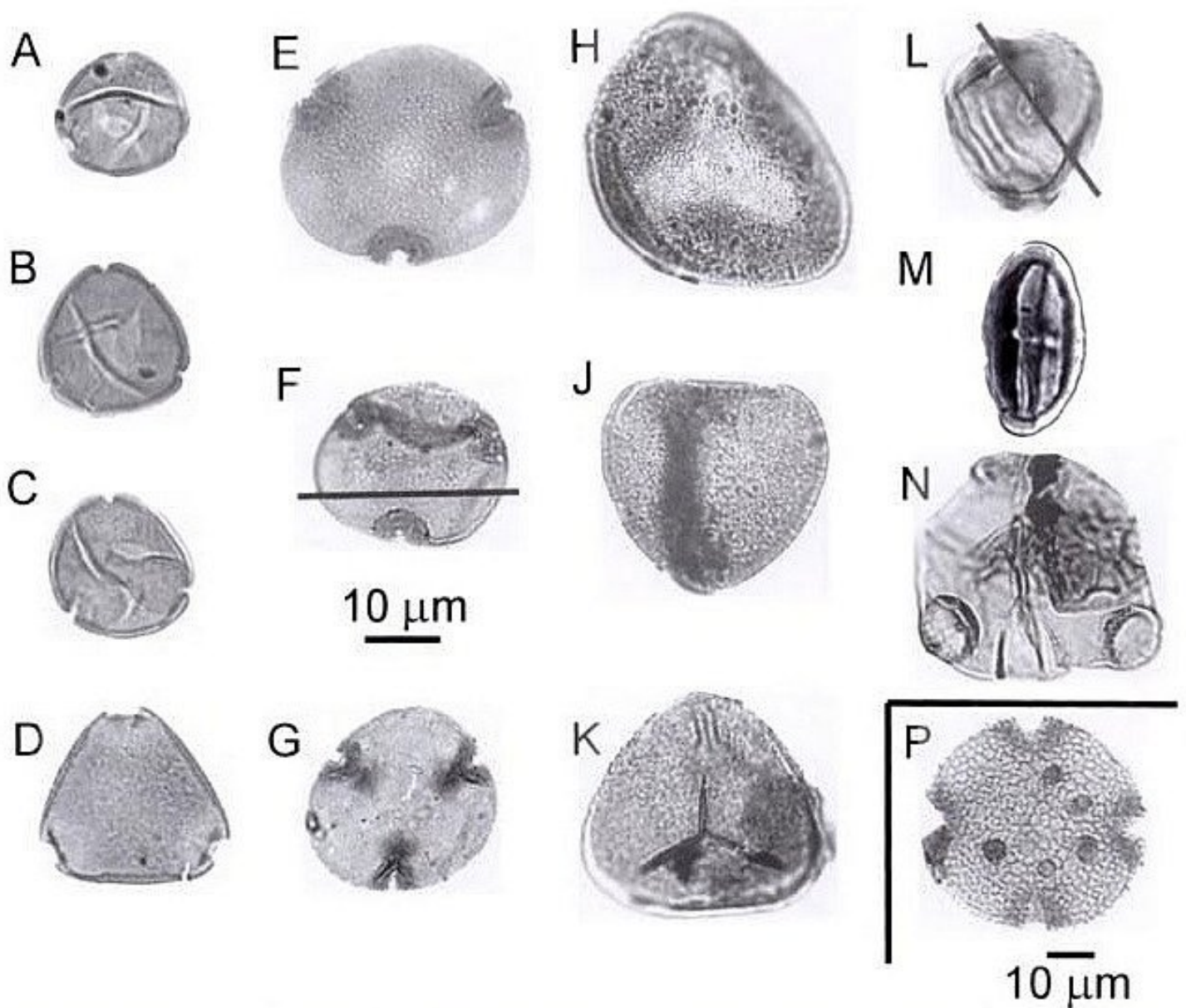
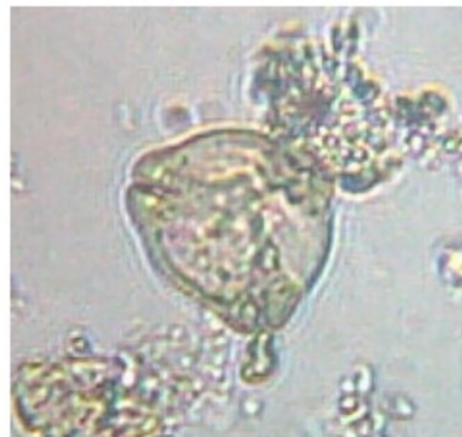
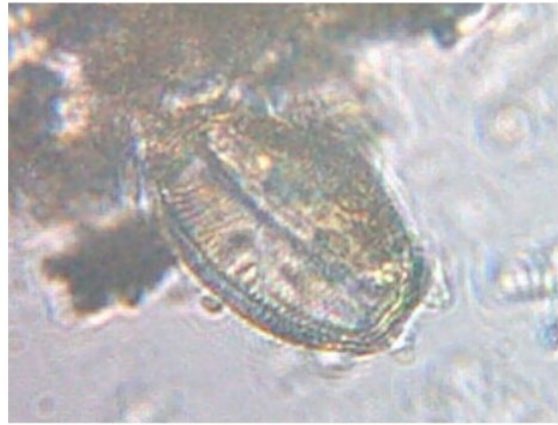
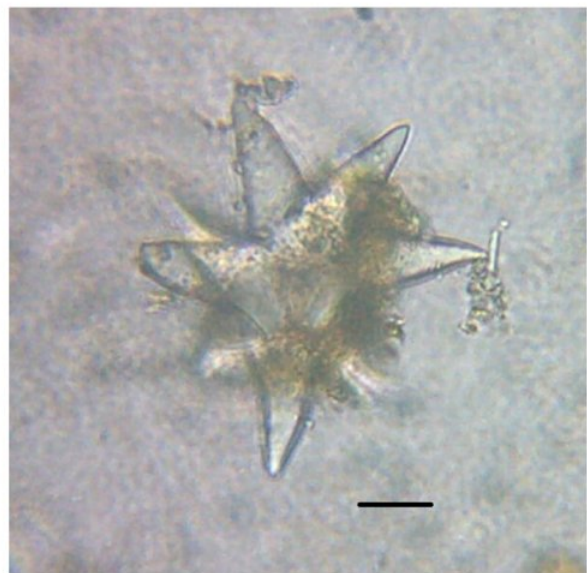
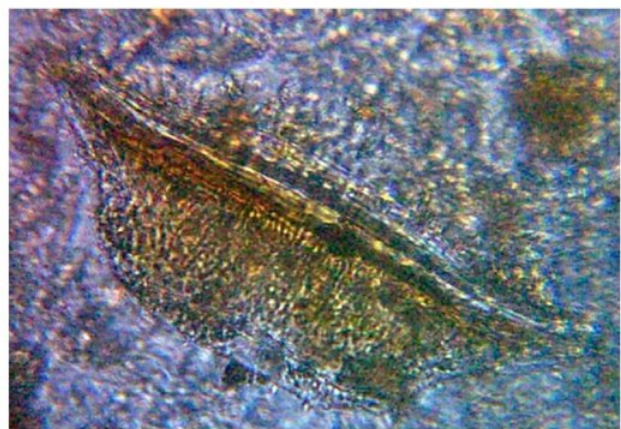
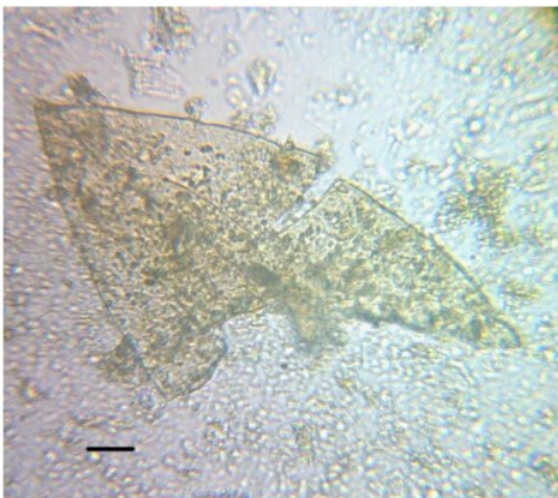


Figure 3. Plate of selected taxa from North America including biostratigraphically significant sporomorphs and those that are currently undescribed. The scale bars represent 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . Notes include the sample number after the species or genus name and the England finder reference taken on Leica microscope LIS 253 housed in the Department of Geology, University College Cork. (A) *Platycarya platycaryoides*, HB15a, O28/center. (B) *Platycarya* sp. similar to *P. anticyclus*, Rh05c b, F34/center. (C) *Platycarya* sp. similar to *P. swasticoides*, Rh05c a, J35/2. (D) *Symplocos?* *contracta*, Wa252.05a, P34/2. (E) *Intratriporopollenites instructus*, PS0004, O34/4, (F) *Intratriporopollenites instructus*, high and low focus, AL620 a, P37/3. (G) *Intratriporopollenites* cf. *instructus*, this specimen is similar to *I. microreticulatus* because the exine is not coarsely reticulated, GH97/1.28a, O21/2. (H) *Punctatisporites* sp. in dorsal view, GH97/1.28c, P27/3. (J) *Punctatisporites* sp. in equatorial view, GH97/1.28a, K40/center. (K) *Granulatisporites* sp., ventral view, Ha35 454.02c, J14/1. (L) *Brosipollis* sp. in high and low focus, Ht/39 265.0a, C22/1. (M) *Nuxpollenites psilatus*, Ht/01a 295.09, B18/1. (N) *Corsinipollenites psilatus*, Ha/05 389.06, C25/4. (P) *Retistephanocolporites* sp., note the different scale bar, RH99–44b, E28/center.



Pollen fra Hanklit



Forskellige objekter fra vest for Hanklit