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TAXONOMIC NOTE ON REEFAL MILIOLACEA (PROTISTA: FORAMINIFERIDA) FROM THE UPPER TRIASSIC TETHYS

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The occurrence of highly specialized porcelaneous Foraminifera in the reefal environments (reef facies) of the Upper Triassic Tethys has been reported in the past years in numerous publications (see bibliography).

However, the taxonomy of these Foraminifera is by far not clear. There are differences of interpretation between the authors as far as generic and suprageneric attributions are concerned. Some authors even consider certain unquestionable Foraminifera as *Incertae sedis*.

In a previous taxonomic note, ZANINETTI *et al.* (1982a) have proposed to place some of these Miliolacea in the following subfamilies of the Milioliporidae:

- Milioliprinae BRÖNNIMANN and ZANINETTI *in* BRÖNNIMANN, ZANINETTI, BOZORGIA, DASHTI and MOSHTAGHIAN, 1971
- Galeanellinae ZANINETTI, ALTINER, DAGER and DUCRET, 1982
- Pseudocucurbitinae ZANINETTI, ALTINER, DAGER and DUCRET, 1982a (Herein elevated to family rank).

In 1984, a fourth subfamily has been added to the Milioliporidae, the Altinerininae ZANINETTI, CIARAPICA, DECROUEZ and MICONNET, 1984, herein also elevated to family rank.

However, the recent discovery in the Triassic reefs of Sicily of new taxa (SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983; ZANINETTI *et al.*, 1984), which do not belong to any of these subfamilies, makes it necessary to propose for them a new classification with the following new taxonomic units:

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Spiriamphorellinae, n. subfam.

Costiferinae, n. subfam.

Siphonoferidae, n. fam.

and the new genus *Siculocosta*, n. gen. (Costiferinae, n. subfam., Nubeculariidae).

SYSTEMATICS

Miliolina DELAGE and HEROUARD, 1896, emend. BRÖNNIMANN and ZANINETTI *in* BRÖNNIMANN, ZANINETTI, BOZORGNIA, DASHTI and MOSHTAGHIAN, 1971.

Miliolacea EHRENCBERG, 1839, emend. BRÖNNIMANN and ZANINETTI, 1971.

I Family *Nubeculariidae* JONES, 1875

Wall porcelaneous without perforations or any other structure; Middle?, Upper Triassic-Recent.

1) Subfamily *Nubeculariinae* JONES, 1875

Genus: *Nubecularia* DEFRENCE, 1825; Middle?, Upper Triassic-Recent.

Type-species: *Nubecularia lucifuga* DEFRENCE, 1825 (not Triassic)

2) Subfamily *Ophthalmidiinae* WIESNER, 1920

Genera:

Ophthalmidium KÜBLER and ZWINGLI, 1870

Middle Triassic-Recent.

Type-species: *Oculina liasica* KÜBLER and ZWINGLI, 1866 (not Triassic)

Karaburunia LANGER, 1968

Middle Triassic (Anisian).

Type-species:

Karaburunia rendeli LANGER, 1968

Middle Triassic (Anisian).

Paraophthalmidium SAMUEL and BORZA, 1981

Upper Triassic.

Type-species:

Paraophthalmidium carpathicum SAMUEL and BORZA, 1981
Upper Triassic.

Hydrania SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983
Upper Triassic (Carnian).

Type-species:

Hydrania dulloii SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983
Upper Triassic (Carnian).

3. Subfamily *Nodobaculariinae* CUSHMAN, 1927

Genus: *Nodophthalmidium* MACFADYEN, 1939
Middle?, Upper Triassic-Recent.

Type-species: *Nodobacularia compressa* RHUMBLER, 1906 (not Triassic).

4. Subfamily *Spiriamphorellinae* SENOWBARI-DARYAN and ZANINETTI, n. subfam. Upper Triassic.

Test free, early stage as in *Ophthalmidium*, involute; adult slightly unrolled, with very thick unperforated wall; aperture simple, terminal.

Type-genus:

Spiriamphorella BORZA and SAMUEL, 1977.
Upper Triassic.

Type-species:

Spiriamphorella carpathica BORZA and SAMUEL, 1977.
Upper Triassic (Carnian).

5. Subfamily *Costiferinae* SENOWBARI-DARYAN and ZANINETTI, n. subfam.

Test free, unrolled and slightly irregular; chambers as in *Nubecularia*, very thick unperforated (?) wall with cross longitudinal ribs; aperture simple terminal; Upper Triassic (Norian).

Type-genus: *Costifera* SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983.

Costiferinae with longitudinal ribs separated from the test by distinct wall.
Upper-Triassic (Norian).

Types-species: *Costifera cylindrica* SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983.

Upper Triassic (Norian).

Other genus:

Siculocosta SENOWBARI-DARYAN and ZANINETTI, n. gen.

Upper Triassic (Norian).

Costiferinae with longitudinal ribs not separated from the test by distinct wall.

Type-species:

Costifera battagliensis SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983

Upper Triassic (Norian).

II Family *Pseudocucurbitidae* ZANINETTI, ALTINER, DAGER and DUCRET, 1982a

Wall porcelaneous, wall structures present(?), occurrence of very fine spines for anchorage (SENOWBARI-DARYAN, in press);

Upper Triassic.

Type-genus:

Pseudocucurbita BORZA and SAMUEL, 1978

Upper Triassic (Carnian).

Type-species: *Pseudocucurbita globosa* BORZA and SAMUEL, 1978

(synonym?: *Cucurbita infundibuliformis* JABLONSKY, 1983)

Upper Triassic (Carnian).

III Family *Milioliporidae* BRÖNNIMANN and ZANINETTI in BRÖNNIMANN, ZANINETTI, BOZORGIA, DASHTI and MOSHTAGHIAN, 1971

Wall porcelaneous, perforated and showing dichotomic structures (perforations?) in thick recrystallized wall;

Upper Triassic.

1. Subfamily *Milioliporinae* BRÖNNIMANN and ZANINETTI, 1971

Upper Triassic (Carnian-Rhetian).

Type-genus: *Miliolipora* BRÖNNIMANN and ZANINETTI *in* BRÖNNIMANN, ZANINETTI, BOZORGNIA, DASHTI and MOSHTAGHIAN, 1971

Upper Triassic (Norian-Rhetian).

Type-species:

Miliolipora cuvillieri BRÖNNIMANN and ZANINETTI, 1971
Upper Triassic (Norian-Rhetian).

Other genera:

Ophthalmipora ZANINETTI and BRÖNNIMANN, 1972
Upper Triassic (Carnian).

Type-species:

Ophthalmipora dolomitica ZANINETTI and BRÖNNIMANN, 1972
Upper Triassic (Carnian).
Bispiranella SAMUEL, SALAJ and BORZA, 1981
Upper Triassic (Carnian).

Type-species:

Bispiranella subcarinata SAMUEL, SALAJ and BORZA, 1981
Upper Triassic (Carnian).

2. Subfamily *Galeanellinae* ZANINETTI, ALTINER, DAGER and DUCRET, 1982a
Upper Triassic (Carnian-Rhetian).

Type-genus:

Galeanella KRISTAN, 1958, emend. ZANINETTI and BRÖNNIMANN, *in* BRÖNNIMANN, CADET, RICOU and ZANINETTI, 1973
Upper Triassic (Carnian-Rhetian).

Type-species:

Galeanella tollmanni (KRISTAN 1957)
Upper Triassic (Rhetian).

Other genus:

Orthotrinacria ZANINETTI, SENOWBARI-DARYAN, CIARAPICA and CIRILLI, 1985
Upper Triassic (Norian).

Type-species:

Galeanella expansa ZANINETTI, ALTINER, DAGER and DUCRET, 1982b
Upper Triassic (Norian).

IV *Family Siphonoferidae* SENOWBARI-DARYAN and ZANINETTI, n. fam.

Wall porcelaneous, unperforated in early whorls, late stage with uninterpreted lines (growing lines? chambers? or structures as in *Galeanella*?);
Upper Triassic (Norian).

Type-genus: *Siphonofera* SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983.

Upper Triassic (Norian).

Type-species:

Siphonofera pilleri SENOWBARI-DARYAN, 1983
Upper Triassic (Norian).

V. *Family Altinerinidae* ZANINETTI, CIARAPICA, DECROUEZ and MICONNET, 1984.

Wall porcelaneous, perforated in late stages; early stage trochospiral (?), adult with slightly irregular enrollment; presence of spines for anchorage (SENOWBARI-DARYAN, CIARAPICA, CIRILLI and ZANINETTI, in press).

Upper Triassic (Norian).

Type-genus:

Altinerina ZANINETTI, CIARAPICA, DECROUEZ and MICONNET, 1984
Upper Triassic (Norian).

Type-species:

Altinerina meridionalis ZANINETTI, CIARAPICA, DECROUEZ and MICONNET, 1984
Upper Triassic (Norian).

N. B. The Foraminifera described by SADATI (1981) from the reefal Upper Triassic of the Hohe Wand, Austria, have not been considered for this revised classification. They may belong to particularly well preserved Spiriamphorellinae, n. subfam., or to Costiferinae, n. subfam.

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