

100 th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSOR VANDA KOCHANSKY-DEVIDÉ, THE FIRST WOMAN MEMBER OF YUGOSLAV ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS

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Introducing micropalaeontology in Croatia, she spent a lot of time at the microscope and binocular loupe.



Together with colleagues, in 1976 she published the book: Earth. Evolution – structure – dynamics – mineral raw materials.



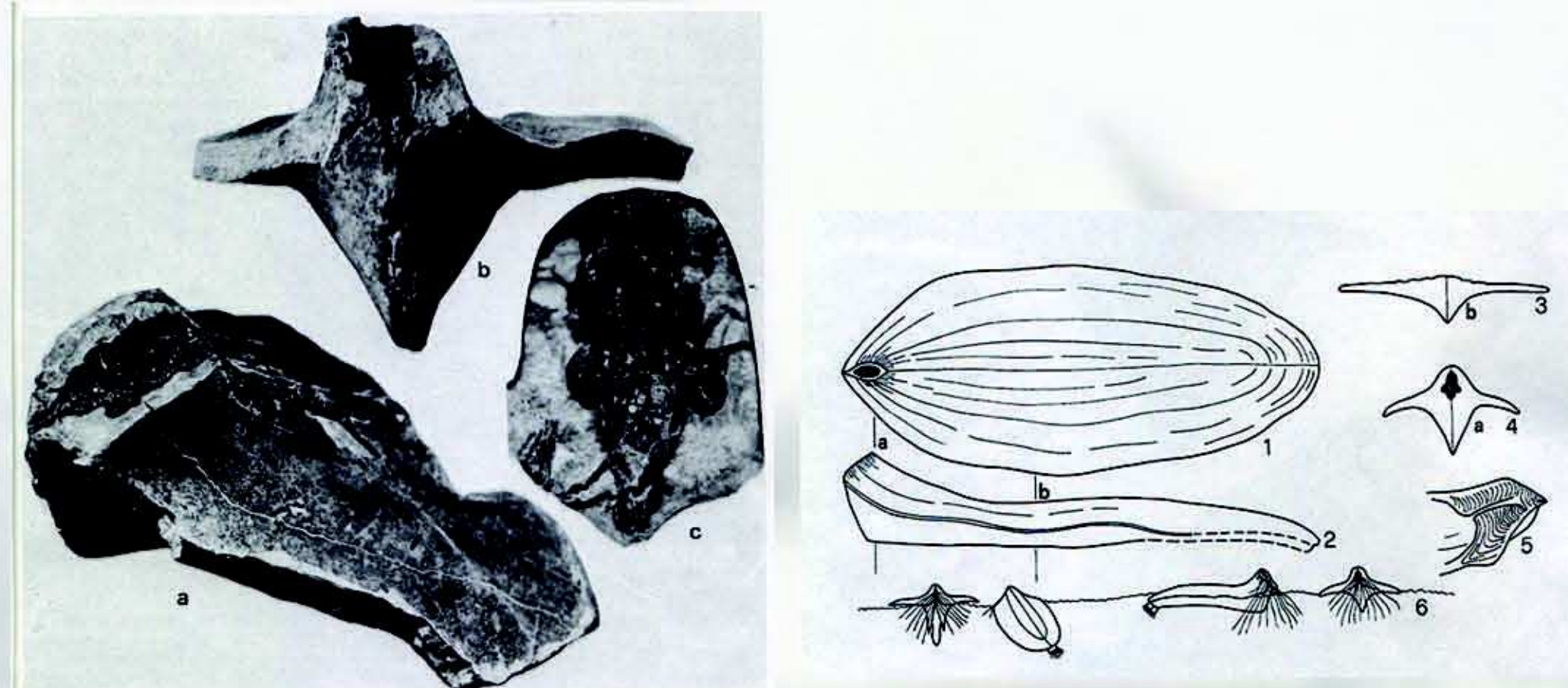
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Vanda Kochansky-Devidé was born on 10th April 1915 in Zagreb, from Slovenian mother and Croatian father. She graduated Biological study group in Zagreb and was employed as professor of palaeontology at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, till the retirement. She died in Zagreb on 26th February 1990.



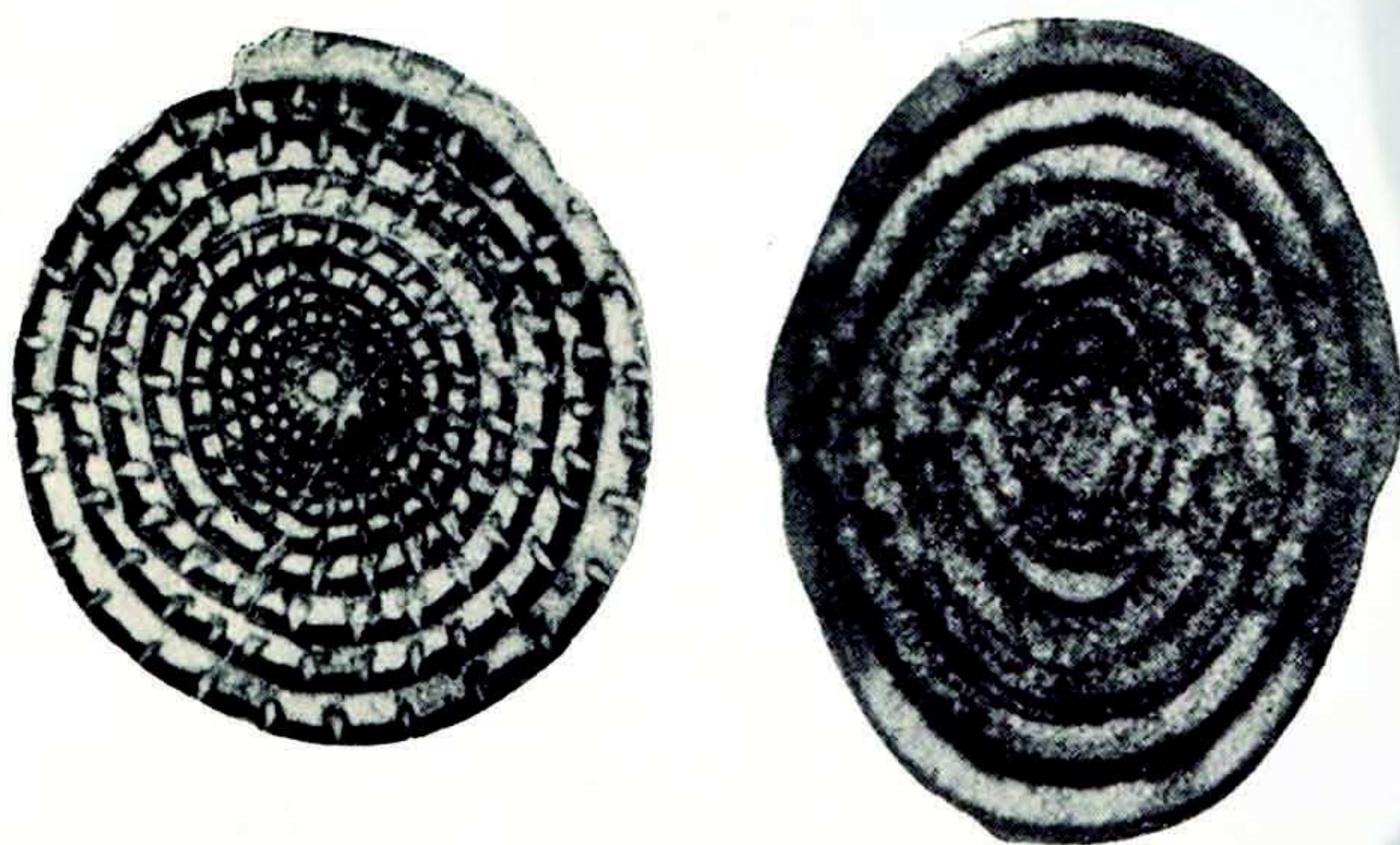
She was excellent teacher, eager to transfer her great knowledge to students at her favourite Palaeozoic localities in Central Velebit Mt. (Baške Oštarije, 1980)

Modest, but highly educated, hard-working and excellent teacher, professor Kochansky was respected in wider community.



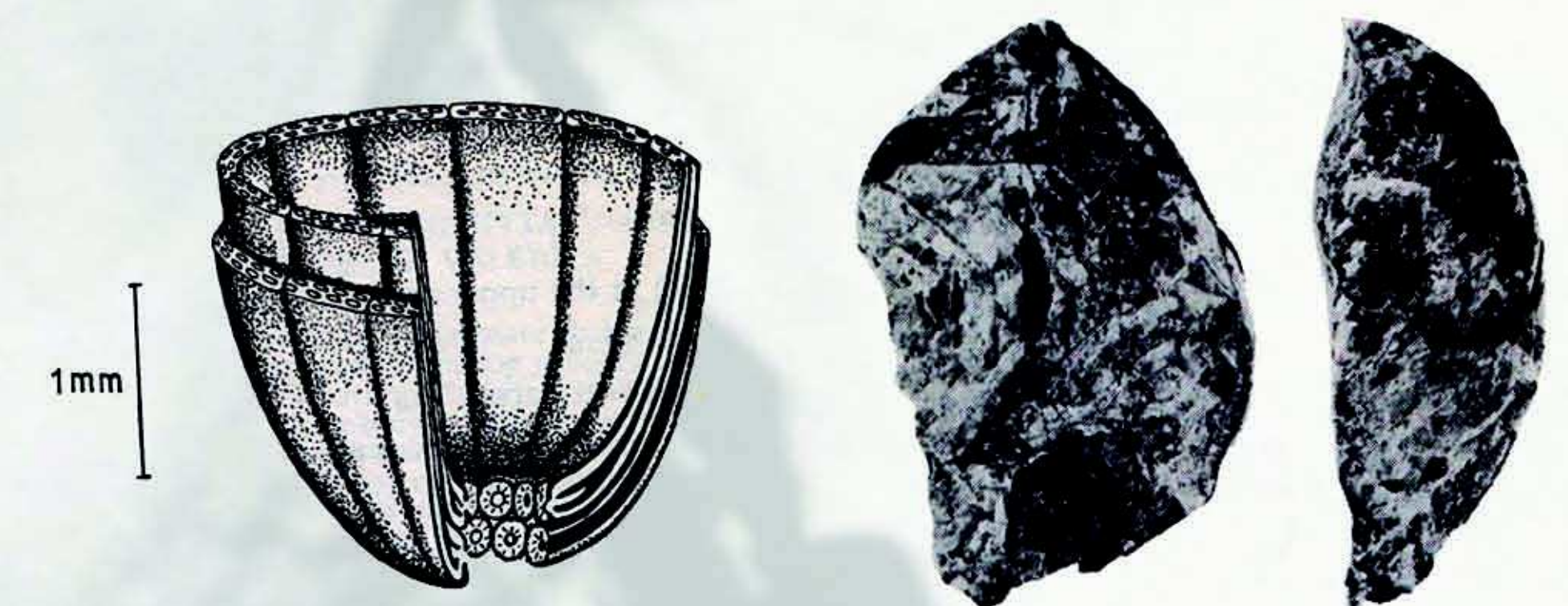
Besides microfossils, she published several papers on fossil invertebrates. She applied her great talent for artistic expression, as in case of the new species of Permian alatoconchid bivalves "Tanchintongia" (later: *Shikamaia*) *oguniwei* (1978).

One of Croatian magazines included her (2010) on the list of 20 women who most affected Croatian society.



V. Kochansky-Devidé described many microfossils for the first time. Among them is a fusulinid foraminifera from the Permian of Paklenica in Velebit Mt., *Everbeckina paklenicensis* (1952).

She was the first geologist to develop micropalaeontology in Croatia. She was particularly interested in Palaeozoic microfossils and Neogene macrofossils.



Several scientists dedicated the newly discovered fossil taxa to V. Kochansky-Devidé. Figure exhibits the reconstruction of Permian dasyclad alga *Kochanskyella* and photographs of Permian brachiopod *Megatschernyschewia kochanskayae*.

In the year 1973 professor Vanda Kochansky-Devidé became the first woman full-member of the Yugoslav Academy of Sciences and Arts.



Discussing with Donata Nedéla-Devidé (1987).

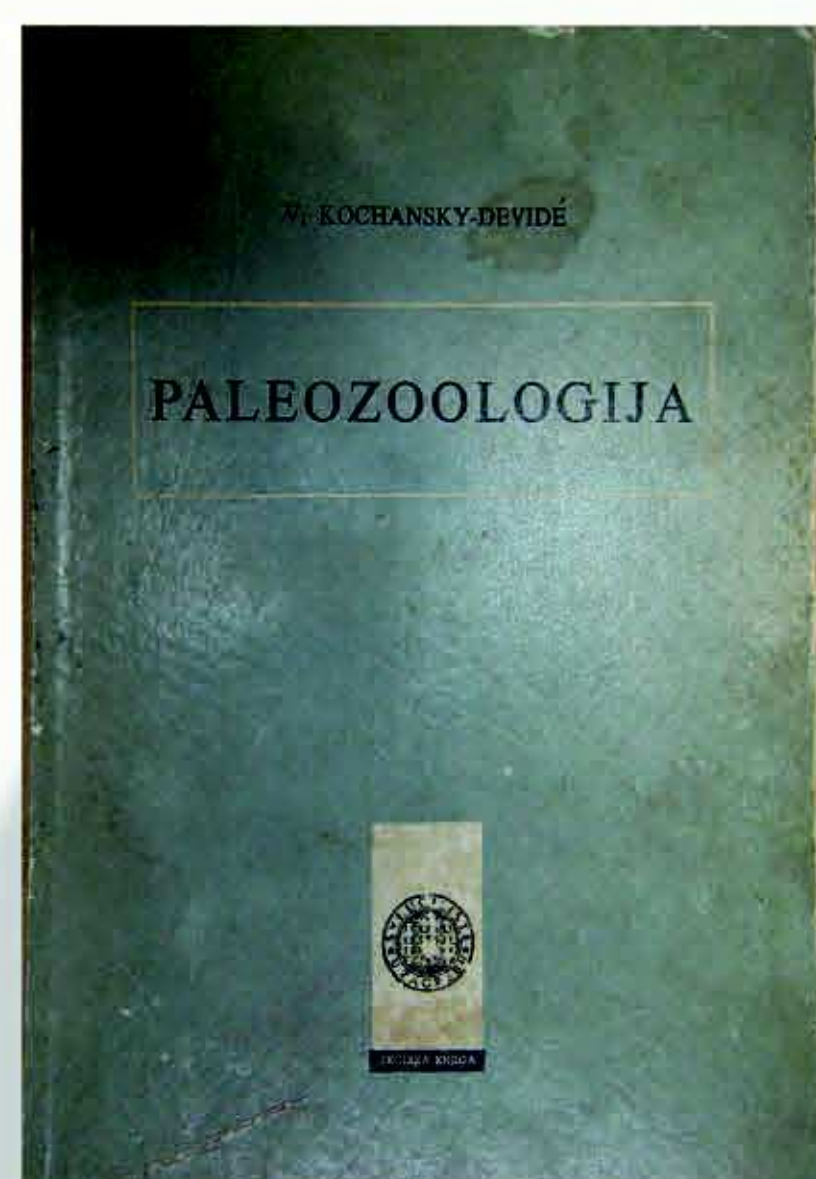


Mentor and candidate in the field (1980).

Her contribution to Slovenian science was prized by Sklad »Boris Kidrič« reward (1966), and she became corresponding member of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts in 1975.

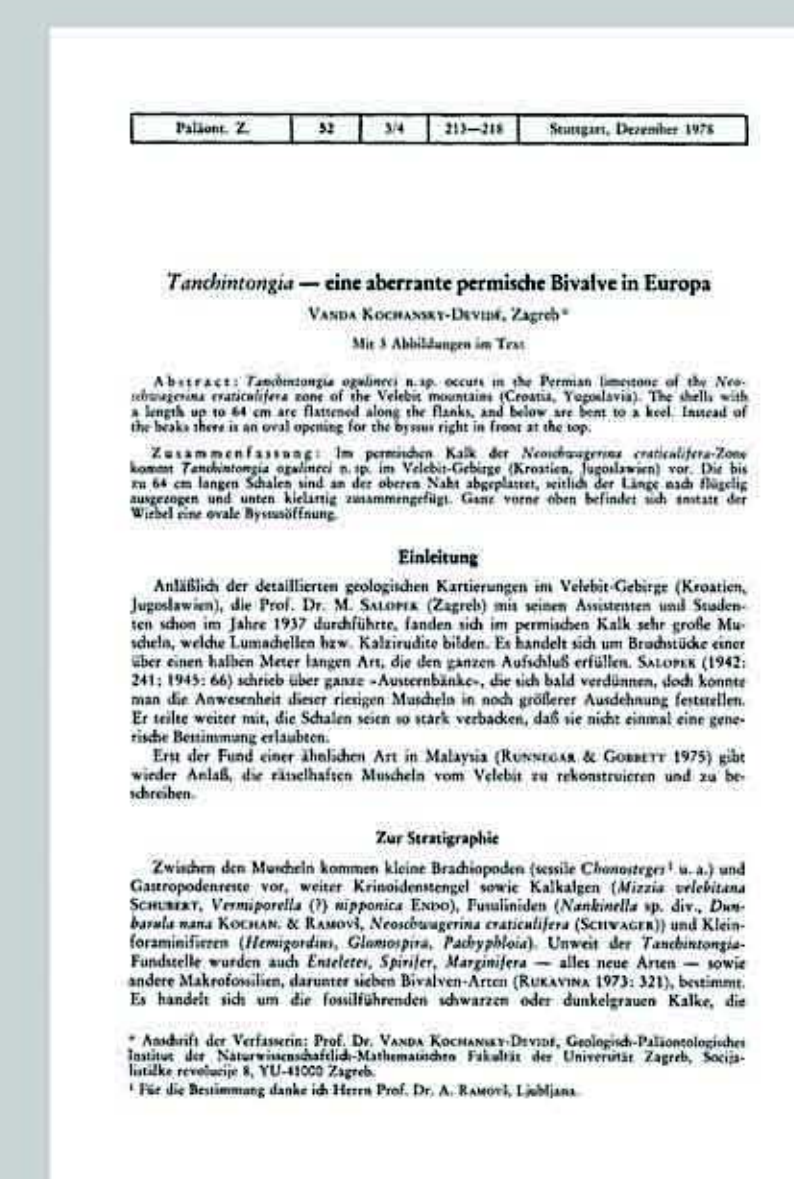


Field trip in the Velebit Mt. (1982).



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She published dozens of scientific and professional papers in national and international geological magazines.



We will always remember her gentle nature and friendly smile.

Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, together with Croatian geological institutions and Croatian Geological Society organize a symposium dedicated to her 100th birth anniversary, which will be held in Zagreb in April 2015. Symposium will be composed of lectures, exhibitions and excursions to Miocene outcrops in the vicinity of Zagreb. We cordially invite you to join us! Continuity of scientific research based upon her foundations will be the best contribution to the memory of Vanda Kochansky-Devidé.