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MIDDLE MIocene DEPOSITS IN THE AREA OF SVETA NEDELJA

SREDNJOMIOCENSKE NASLAGE SVETE NEDELJE

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Studied sequence of 1.4 m thick laminated marls is located at Svetonedeljski breg 20 km southwest of Zagreb. Three lithologically different samples were processed by sieving method. The lowermost part of the section is 22 cm thick, with 2 – 3 cm thick light-coloured beds (Facies A). These lime-rich marls contain rich and diverse fossil assemblage of small benthic foraminifera, ostracods and macrofossil remains (fish teeth, molluscs). Foraminiferal association is dominated by rotaliids, with small number of miliolid. Central part of the section (Facies B) is ca. 41 cm thick and represented by argillaceous brown thin bedded marls (bed thickness 0.5 – 2 cm). Fossil assemblage is less abundant and diverse, but better preserved. Ostracods are absent, and *Elphidium* species dominate. Uppermost part of the section, 99 cm thick, is again composed of lime-rich marls (Facies C) (3 – 5 cm thick beds). Fossil association is poorly preserved, but it contains diverse fauna of foraminifera, ostracods, fish (teeth and scales), molluscs and serpulids. Spiny *Elphidium* species, and the presence of *Anomalinoides dividens* suggest the deposition during the Badenian/Sarmatian transition (FILIPESCU, 2004; VRSALJKO et al., 2005; FILIPESCU et al., 2014). Marls were deposited in inner shelf marine environment, with phreatic conditions in Facies A and C (dissolution and/or cementation traces). Deposition of argillaceous marls (Facies B) took place during the increased input of terrigenous material. Mode of deposition possibly reflects seasonal changes.

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STRATIGRAPHIC AND PALEOGEOGRAPHIC SIGNIFICANCE OF LACUSTRINE MOLLUSCS FROM THE PLIOCENE *VIVIPARUS* DEPOSITS OF NW CROATIA

STRATIGRAFSKI I PALEOGEOGRAFSKI ZNAČAJ JEZERSKIH MEKUŠACA PLIOCENSKIH *VIVIPARUS* NASLAGA SJEVEROZAPADNE HRVATSKE

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Coincidence of climate and geodynamic settings during the Pliocene provided conditions facilitating settlement of extended lacustrine environments in southeastern Europe. Conspicuously, the resulting long-lived paleolakes such as Lake Slavonia, Lake Kosovo, Lake Transylvania and Lake Dacia, were all characterized by explosive adaptive radiations of viviparid snails (HARZHAUSER & MANDIC, 2008). This phenomenon allowed NEUMAYR & PAUL (1875) in their famous, pioneering study on Lake Slavonia molluscs the establishment of regional phylostratigraphy, enabling up to recent an excellent stratigraphic control of that deposits stretching over more than 500 km along the southern margin of the Pannonian Basin.

The present samples originate from the region of Kravarško in Vukomeričke gorice, a low hill-range north of the Kupa River in the area between the towns of Zagreb, Sisak and Karlovac in NW Croatia. Representing the W margin of the Lake Slavonia the freshwater deposits alternate there with alluvial series, providing altogether about 400-m-thick, Pliocene continental succession, known in literature by the informal name “*Paludina* beds” (acc. to a junior synonym of *Viviparus*). The samples comprise 2 bivalve and 11 gastropod species. Expectedly, the most species-rich are viviparids (4 taxa), followed by melanopsids and hydrobiids (each 2 taxa). Further families (valvatids, neritids, bithyniids, unionids, and sphaeriids) are represented by only one species