

CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSIL EVENTS IN THE LOWER AND MIDDLE CRETACEOUS

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A meeting of nannofossil workers interested in the Lower and Middle Cretaceous was held at B.R.G.M., Orléans, France on 2-5 May, 1979. A summary of the nannofossil events for the Lower and Middle Cretaceous considered to be important by those present is given below. It represents the current opinion on the relative position of calcareous nannofossil events. Both boreal and tethyan species, including the nannoconids, were discussed and are included in the table.

It is proposed to publish this table together with comments as a calcareous nannofossil contribution to the International Geological Congress, Paris, 1980. It is important, therefore, that any errors, ambiguities, or revised opinions on the relative positions of these species events, should be corrected before this paper is completed.

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| NANNOCONUS EVENTS | Nannoconus Zones (Deres & Acher., 1972) | CHRONO-STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS | Nannofossil Zones (Sissingh, 1977) | NANNOFOSSIL EVENTS |
|---|---|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| N. multicaudus N. minutus, N. truittii | 7 | CONIACIAN | 13 | Lithastrinus septenarius |
| | | TURONIAN | 12 | Marthasterites furcatus |
| N.sp. 92 & 93 ** N.sp. 92 & 93 ** N. dauvillieri | 6 | CENOMANIAN | 11 | Eiffellithus eximius |
| | | | 10 | Quadrum gartneri Cruciellipsis chiesta Lithraphidites acutum, Microrhabdulus decoratus |
| | | ALBIAN | 9 | Corollithion completum, Prediscosphaera ponticola |
| | | | 8 | Hayesites albiensis, Crucicribrum anglicum Eiffellithus turriseiffeli s.l. |
| N.sp. 92 & 93 ** N. boletus, N. calpidomorphus, N. quadriangulus | 5 | ALBIAN | 7 | Tranolithus phacelosus |
| | | | 6 | Prediscosphaera columnata |
| N. wassallii | 4 | APTIAN | B | Braarudosphaera africana |
| | | | 3 | Conusphaera mexicana, Micrantholithus obtusus Eprolithus antiquus * Eprolithus floralis, Rhagodiscus angustus |
| N. boletus, N. calpidomorphus, N. borealis*, N. bucheri, N. kampt, N. bermudezii, N. colomii, N. globulus, N. steinmannii | 3 | APTIAN | A | |
| | | | 2 | Chiastozygus platyrhethus, Rucinolithus irregularis |
| N. truittii N. abundans | 2 | BARREMIAN | 6 | Calcicalathina oblongata |
| | | | 5 | Lithraphidites bollii |
| N. abundans, N. borealis*, N. bucheri, N. elongatus, N. wassallii | 1 | BARREMIAN | 4 | Cruciellipsis cuvillieri, Speetonia colligata Lithraphidites bollii Eprolithus antiquus* Chiastozygus striatus |
| | | | 3 | |
| N. minutus N. brönnimannii | 0 | VALANGINIAN | 4 | |
| | | | 3 | Micrantholithus speetonensis* Diadorhaombus rectus Micrantholithus speetonensis*, Tubodiscus verenae Diadorhombus rectus Calcicalathina oblongata |
| N. bermudezii, N. colomii, N. kamptneri | 0 | VALANGINIAN | 2 | Speetonia colligata Cretarhabdus crenulatus |
| | | | 1 | Polycostella beckmannii Cruciellipsis cuvillieri, M. obtusus, Polycostella senaria |
| N. globulus N. brönnimannii, N. steinmannii Nannoconus spp. | 0 | BERRIASIAN | 1 | Lithraphidites carnioleensis, Stephanolithion laffittei |
| | | | TITHONIAN | |

L FIRST OCCURRENCE, ▢ LAST OCCURRENCE; * nomen nudum (see Perch-Nielsen, in print), ** Deres & Acheriteguy 1972