

(2,336 m) in the Nock Mountains, in particular the area north of mountain Stangnock, approx. 2 km northeast of Karlbad and 6 km northwest of Turracher Höhe.

**Type section:** North of mountain Stangnock with exposures covering more than 300 m of the complete section; N 46°56'12" / E 13°47'50".

**Reference section(s):** -

**Derivation of name:** After the mountain Stangnock (2,316 m).

**Synonyms:** Anthrazitformation der Stangalpe; Oberkarbon der Stangalpe; Stangalm-Karbon; Königstuhl-Turrach-Karbon; Königstuhlkarbon; Turracher Karbon (cf. KRAINER, 1989: p. 566).

**Lithology:** At the base coarse to fine-grained molasse-type sediments of a braided river network composed of quartz-rich polymict conglomerates, sandstones and arenaceous shales.

**Fossils:** Speciose flora (see FRITZ et al., 1990: p. 154–166).

**Origin, facies:** Intermontane molasse deposit containing abundant plant remains. The basal part grades upward into a gravel-sandstone facies of a meandering river system. In this sequence in the surroundings of Turracher Höhe meter-thick coal seams occur suggesting an overall humid climate.

**Chronostratigraphic age:** Kasimovian–Gzhelian (Stephanian), Pennsylvanian, upper Carboniferous.

**Biostratigraphy:** *Odontopteris cantabrica*–*Sphenophyllum angustifolium* Zone (Kasimovian–Gzhelian).

**Thickness:** > 400 m.

**Lithostratigraphically higher rank unit:** -

**Lithostratigraphic subdivision:** -

**Underlying unit(s):** Lower Paleozoic Series of the Stolzalpen Nappe (not shown in the ASC 2004).

**Overlying unit(s):** Werchzirm Formation.

**Lateral unit(s):** -

**Geographic distribution:** In the Gurktal Alps between Turracher Höhe and Flattnitz in the east and the area around the village of Innerkrems in the west.

**Remarks:** -

**Complementary references:** -

### „Oberkarbon von St. Paul“ / Upper Carboniferous of St. Paul

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**Validity:** Invalid (THIEDIG & KLUSSMANN, 1974: p. 81; THIEDIG et al., 1975: p. 271).

**Type area:** ÖK50-UTM, map sheet 4109 Sankt Paul im Lavanttal (ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 205 Sankt Paul im Lavanttal), Carinthia (KLEINSCHMIDT et al., 1989).

**Type section:** -

**Reference section(s):** -

**Remarks:** The Carboniferous sequence is exposed in two small outcrops southeast of St. Paul some 500 m east of the church of St. Josef and 200 m northwest of the farmhouse Pum.

**Derivation of name:** Named after the village of St. Paul east of Völkermarkt in the Lavant Valley.

**Synonyms:** -

**Lithology:** Soft greyish shales, greywackes and arkosic shales.

**Fossils:** Plants (*Sphenophyllum angustifolium*, *Aphlebia elongata*, *Pseudomariopteris busqueti* and others; FRITZ et al., 1990).

**Origin, facies:** Molasse-type sedimentation.

**Chronostratigraphic age:** Gzhelian (Stephanian)–Asselian.

**Biostratigraphy:** Based on plant fossils.

**Thickness:** Unknown.

**Lithostratigraphically higher rank unit:** -

**Lithostratigraphic subdivision:** -

**Underlying unit(s):** Magdalensberg Group, Gurktal Quartzphyllite Complex (tectonic contact).

**Overlying unit(s):** Werchzirm Formation.

**Lateral unit(s):** -

**Geographic distribution:** Small isolated outcrops between St. Paul and the town of St. Veit in eastern Carinthia.

**Remarks:** -

**Complementary references:** -

### Werchzirm-Formation / Werchzirm Formation

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**Validity:** Invalid; the term was introduced by SCHWINNER (1931, 1932) at the northwestern margin of the Gurktal Nappe System of Styria.

**Type area:** ÖK50-UTM, map sheet 3106 Radenthein (ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 183 Radenthein): Werchzirbenalm ("Roter Rain") some 3 km west of the village of Turrach, Styria.

**Type section:** Northeast directed crest along "Roter Rain" to "Werchzirkessel". The best outcrops are located between altitudes 2,000 m and 1,950 m (N 46°57'00" / E 13°49'23").

**Reference section(s):** Another section runs along the crest between the mountains Königstuhl and Karlnock west of Turracher Höhe overlying the Stangnock-Formation (SCHWINNER, 1938; KRAINER, 1987b).

**Derivation of name:** After Werchzirbenalm (today named "Werchzirbenalm") west of the village of Turrach (Styria).

**Synonyms:** Werchzirmschichten, Freudenberger Schichten, Christofbergschichten, Postvariszische Transgressionsserien, Kontinentaldetritisches Perm (cf. KRAINER, 1984: p. 169, 1987b: p. 52).

**Lithology:** Red siltstones, mudstones and sandstones with interbedded polymict conglomerates and fanglomerates (Red Beds).

**Fossils:** Plant remains.

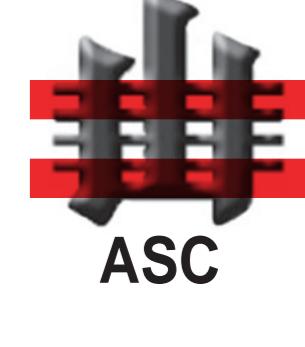
**Origin, facies:** Debris flows alternating with playa-like sediments (caliche crusts, algal layers) and rhyolitic pyroclastics in the upper part (tuffs and tuffites) suggesting a semiarid and arid climate.

**Chronostratigraphic age:** Asselian.

**Biostratigraphy:** Based on plant occurrences at several localities at Christofberg, Ulrichsberg and the surround-

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