

below. The overlying intra-Permian volcanics, however, are missing in this sequence.

Fossils: No fossils have yet been found in this presumably continental sequence except some reworked conodonts in limestones pebbles of the conglomerates at the base.

Origin, facies: Sedimentologically, the Präbichl Formation represents three fining-upward megasequences with alluvial fan deposits at the base suggesting a braided alluvial channel system and a distal sheet flood facies (KRAINER & STINGL, 1986).

Chronostratigraphic age: Lower Permian (?).

Biostratigraphy: -

Thickness: At the type locality some 160 m, at other locations 50 to 100 m.

Lithostratigraphically higher rank unit: -

Lithostratigraphic subdivision: -

Underlying unit(s): The transgressive post-Variscan cover unconformably overlies different lithologies ranging from the Carboniferous Eisenerz Formation to Devonian limestones and the Upper Ordovician Blasseneck Porphyry (SCHÖNLAUB, 1982a).

Overlying unit(s): Werfen Formation (Triassic).

Lateral unit(s): -

Geographic distribution: According to KRAINER & STINGL (1986) the transgressive sequence at the base of the Northern Calcareous Alps in Salzburg (Leogang) and Tyrol (Wörgl) displays similar lithologies like the Präbichl Formation of the type area. A direct correlation, however, is not possible due to the lack of volcanics characterizing the intra-Permian volcanic episode and the break in the sequence in the type area obliterating the transition to the Werfen Formation. Similarly, to the east the Präbichl Formation can be recognized as far as the Semmering area although the abundance of basal breccias and conglomerates seems to be replaced by smaller-sized gravel bearing alluvial fan deposits (CORNELIUS, 1936, 1937; CLAR, 1972; SOMMER, 1972).

Remarks: -

Complementary references: -

Kristbergschichten / Kristberg Beds

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Validity: Invalid; the term was introduced by VAN AMEROM et al. (1982: p. 287) for a tripartite clastic sequence which unconformably overlies crystalline rocks of the Silvretta Phyllitgneissic Nappe in the Montafon region of Vorarlberg.

Type area: ÖK50-UTM, map sheet 1230 Bludenz (ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 142 Schruns), Außerkristberg north of Silbertal near Schruns, Vorarlberg (VAN AMEROM et al., 1982).

Type section: Creek between Bartholomäberg and Kristberg ("Profil Kristberg") of VAN AMEROM et al., 1982 (N 47°06'15" / E 09°57'49").

Reference section(s): -

Derivation of name: After locality Kristberg northeast of village Schruns in the Province of Vorarlberg.

Synonyms: -

Lithology: Clastic fluviomarine fining-upward megasequences consisting at the base of poorly sorted conglomerates

and breccias with clasts of the underlying basement rocks up to 30 cm diameter, succeeded by an alternation of greyish laminated and partly bioturbated sandstones and bedded and laminated siltstones with intercalations of up to 2 m thick blackish carbonate beds and capped by reddish alluvial fan deposits.

Fossils: Plants in the clastic beds and calcareous algae, ostracods, foraminifers and fish remains in the limestone beds.

Origin, facies: The lithology and fossil content of the whole sequence indicates short lasting marine incursions interrupted by a lacustrine environment favouring vegetation and the formation of caliches and paleosols.

Chronostratigraphic age: Upper Carboniferous (Stephanian) to Lower Permian (?).

Biostratigraphy: *Callipteris* sp. group *conferta*, *C. flabelliformis*, *Lebachia piniformis*, *L. parvifolia*, *Ernestiodendrum filiciformis*, *Odontopteris* sp. and others.

Thickness: At the type locality some 70 meters.

Lithostratigraphically higher rank unit: -

Lithostratigraphic subdivision: -

Underlying unit(s): Crystalline Complex of Silvretta (granite gneisses).

Overlying unit(s): Gröden Formation.

Lateral unit(s): -

Geographic distribution: The Kristberg Formation is restricted to the Province of Vorarlberg and distributed between the Rellstal in the west and the Klostertal in the east extending laterally over some 15 km.

Remarks: -

Complementary references: -

Silbersberg-Formation / Silbersberg Formation

FRANZ NEUBAUER

Validity: Invalid; first nomination by CORNELIUS (1952b: p. 51; "Silbersbergserie") with later descriptions by LESKO (1960), NIEVOLL (1984) and NEUBAUER et al. (1994).

Type area: ÖK50-UTM, map sheet 4212 Müzzzuschlag (ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 105 Neunkirchen), Eastern Greywacke Zone near Gloggnitz, Lower Austria.

Type section: The type locality of the Silbersberg Formation is at the southern slope of the Silbersberg near Gloggnitz (Lower Austria).

Reference section(s): -

Derivation of name: After mount Silbersberg near Gloggnitz (Lower Austria).

Synonyms: Silbersbergschichten (CORNELIUS, 1952a); Silbersbergkonglomerat (CORNELIUS, 1952a); Silbersbergserie (CORNELIUS, 1952b); Silbersbergschiefer (NIEVOLL, 1984).

Lithology: The Silbersberg Formation mainly comprises quartz-rich greyish-greenish metaconglomerates and quartzphyllites of variable composition ranging from quartz-rich to mica-rich phyllites interlayered with quartz-rich metaconglomerates. The areal extent was mapped by NEUBAUER et al. (1994). All rocks are metamorphosed in lower greenschist facies metamorphic conditions.

Fossils: -

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(sedimentary successions)

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ERA	SYSTEM / PERIOD / SERIES / EPOCH	STAGE / AGE	DURATION Ma	Global Classification					
				ERATHM / ERA	SYSTEM / PERIOD / SERIES / EPOCH				
PALEOZOIC	PERMIAN	CHANGHSINGIAN / Dorashanian	251	PERMIAN	MID PERMIAN / GUADALUPIAN				
		WUCHIAPINGIAN / Dzhulfian	255						
		CAPITANIAN	260						
		WORDIAN	265						
		ROADIAN	270						
		PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN			KUNGURIAN	275		
						ARTINSKIAN	280		
						SAKMARIAN	285		
						ASSELIAN	290		
		PERMIAN	UPPER PERMIAN / PENNSYLVANIAN			GZHELIAN	295	PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN
KASIMOVIAN	300								
MOSKOVIAN	305								
BASHKIRIAN	310								
PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN			SERPUKHOVIAN	315				
				VISEAN	320				
					325				
PERMIAN	UPPER PERMIAN / PENNSYLVANIAN			TOURNAISIAN	330	PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN		
				335					
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		PERMIAN	UPPER PERMIAN / PENNSYLVANIAN	FAMENNIAN	360			PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN
				FRASNIAN	370				
				GIVETIAN	380				
EIFELIAN	390								
EMSIA	400								
PRAGIAN	410								
LOCHKOVIAN	420								
PERMIAN	UPPER PERMIAN / PENNSYLVANIAN			LUDFORDIAN / GORSTIAN	425	PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN		
				HOMERIAN / SHEINWOOD	430				
				TELYCHIAN	435				
		AERONIAN	440						
		RHUDDANIAN	445						
		PERMIAN	UPPER PERMIAN / PENNSYLVANIAN	HIRNANTIAN	450			PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN
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PERMIAN	UPPER PERMIAN / PENNSYLVANIAN			PAIBIAN	490	PERMIAN	LOWER PERMIAN / CISURALIAN		
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CAMBRIAN	LOWER CAMBRIAN	537	CAMBRIAN	UPPER CAMBRIAN					
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- Legend**
- pelagic, offshore, siliciclastic
 - pelagic, nearshore, calcareous
 - shallow marin, neritic
 - terrestrial-continental, coarse clastic
 - terrestrial-continental, fine clastic
 - evaporite (chloride, sulphate)
 - rhyolite, dacite
 - (basaltic) andesite, trachyandesite
 - basalt
 - phyllite
 - mixed-facies (in corresponding colors)
 - coal (may include several seams)
 - ? position/age doubtful/controversial
 - | equal units
 - \ older unit left \ younger unit right
 - hiatus
 - unconformity
 - GSSP
 - Fm. Formation
 - Ls. Limestone

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