

## NEW SPECIES OF BARTONIAN (EOCENE) CORALS: JACA BASIN, PYRENEES, SPAIN

Alvaro ALTUNA\*, German ÁLVAREZ-PÉREZ\*\*, Pere BUSQUETS \*\* & Vicente ETAYO\*

\* Sociedad Navarra de Paleontología. C/ González Tablas 4-2 D, 31004 Pamplona; [alboral@euskalnet.net](mailto:alboral@euskalnet.net),  
[bylliblanca@arrakis.es](mailto:bylliblanca@arrakis.es)

\*\* Departament d'Estratigrafia, Paleontologia i Geociències Marines. C/ Martí Franques s/n, Zona Universitaria  
de Pedralbes, 08028 Barcelona; [german.alvarez@gencat.net](mailto:german.alvarez@gencat.net), [pere@geo.ub.es](mailto:pere@geo.ub.es)

An analysis has been made of the coralline species in the Jaca Foreland Basin (Huesca South Pyrenees- Spain). These facies correspond to the deltaic Belsué-Atares Fm, though also with Pamplona Marls and Sabiñánigo Sandstone (Puigdefàbregas, 1975). The corals are found in high frequency transgressive episodes (100.000 years) (Millán et al., 1994). The coralline facies are situated in cron 17, covering the Bartonian-Priabonian boundary (Hogan y Burbank, 1996). 64 species of corals have been identified (Álvarez-Pérez et al., 2001).

In this work five new species of fossil cnidaria, *Millepora subpirenaica* n. sp. (Hydroidomedusa, Capitata), *Stylocoenia sanctaorosiae* n. sp., *Stylophora binacuaensis* n. sp., *Leptoseris santaciliaensis* n. sp. and *Alveopora ataresensis* n. sp. (Anthozoa, Scleractinia), from the Bartonian-Priabonian (Middle/Upper Eocene) of the Belsué-Atares Formation (Jaca Basin, Huesca) are described. *Millepora subpirenaica*, *Stylocoenia sanctaorosiae* and *Leptoseris santaciliaensis* are widely distributed in the research area, while *Stylophora binacuaensis* and *Alveopora ataresensis* are more restricted.

The systematics is based on Boschma, H., 1956; Solé Sabarís Ll. 1942; Wells, J. W., 1956.

### References

- Álvarez-Pérez, G., Altuna, A., Busquets P. & Etayo Garralda, V., 2001. Identificación de las especies coralinas eocenas de la Formación Belsué-Atarés (Cuenca de Jaca, Pirineos). In: Meléndez, G., Herrera, Z., Delvene, G. y B. Azanza (eds.), *Los fósiles y la Paleogeografía*. XVII Jornadas de la Sociedad Española de Paleontología, Albaracín (18-20 Octubre 2.001): 31-37.
- Boschma, H., 1956. Milleporina and Stylasterina. En: MOORE, (ed.), *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*, part F, Coelenterata, F90-F106. Geological Society of America.
- Puigdefàbregas C. 1975. La sedimentación molásica en la cuenca de Jaca. *Monografías del Instituto de estudios pirenaicos* **104**. 1-188
- Solé-Sabarís Ll. 1942 . Fauna coralina del Eoceno catalán. *Memorias de la Real Academia de Ciencias y Artes de Barcelona* **26** (9).259-440; 1.1-10
- Wells, J. W., 1956. Scleractinia. En: MOORE, (ed.), *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*, part F, Coelenterata, F328-F444. Geological Society of America.

This work has been supported by research project BTE2002-02650 funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology