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Dedication to Herbert Stradner

Between 1950 and 1960, before he joined the staff of the Geological Survey of Austria, Herbert Stradner worked as a teacher at a secondary school in Vienna. During this time, he finished his thesis on Neogene silicoflagellates and, in 1956, graduated in palaeobotany at the University of Vienna. His thesis was examined and approved by the eminent palaeontologist Georges Deflandre, in Paris. Two years later, Herbert Stradner published his first paper on calcareous nannoplankton. Soon after this, he became a pioneer in the research of this group and, up to now, has published over one hundred descriptions of new species (archaeomonads, diatoms, calcareous nannofossils and

silicoflagellates), many of them important stratigraphical markers. In this volume, a revision of his taxonomic work on nannofossils is presented together with papers by other authors on holotypes stored in the extensive collections of the Geological Survey of Austria. In view of his outstanding contributions to calcareous nannoplankton stratigraphy and taxonomy over a period of more than 50 years, it is with great pleasure that the Department of Paleontology and the authors of this volume dedicate their contributions to Herbert Stradner, who celebrates his 85th birthday on May 23rd, 2010.

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