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The Badenian marine transgression has a great importance for paleogeographic, paleoclimate and paleobiogeographic reconstructions of the marginal parts of the Central Paratethys (e.g. Bosnia and Serbia) during the early Middle Miocene. Different marine fauna entered the area via corridors (herein, primarily connected to the Mediterranean), indicating a strong marine influence on which the existing continental environment was exposed. Therefore, in most cases, there is a transgressive and unconformable relationship between older rocks and overlying Badenian sediments (Ugljevik, Jadar basin, Kolubara basin, Belgrade area, central Serbia, etc.). The main indicators of such an event are mainly foraminifers, molluscs, algae, bryozoans, and calcareous nanoplankton. Based on them the dynamics of seawater incursion was determined (Ćorić et al., 2007; Pezelj et al., 2013; Sant et al., 2018; Mandić et al., 2019, 2019a; Rundić & Renovica, 2019; Jovanović et al., 2019). Ostracods as an accompanying fauna are always more or less present in samples. However, there are only few publications have pointed it as a topic. The authors who have researched the area sporadically mentioned Badenian ostracods (Rundić, 1992; Mitrović and Rundić, 1993; Rundić et al., 2000; Mandić et al., 2019). Ostracods assemblages contain various taxa associated with typical Mediterranean seawaters during the Langhian (Badenian) time.

In general, the following species dominate: *Acanthocythereis hystrix* (Reuss), *Costa edwardsii* (Roemer), *Aurila haueri* (Reuss), *Pokornyiella deformis* (Reuss), *Flexus triebeli* (Ruggieri), *Cnestocythere truncata* (Reuss), *Cletocythereis haidingeri* (Reuss), *Pterygocythereis calcarata* (Bosquet), *Loxoconcha hastata* (Reuss), *Callistocythere canaliculata* (Reuss), *Heliocythere vejhonensis* (Procházka), *Henryhowella asperrima* (Reuss), *Paracypris polita* Sars, *Krithe* sp., *Parakrithe* sp., etc. Taxons such *Krithe* and *Parakrithe* live in an infraneritic (circalittoral) to bathyal zone (Ayress et al., 1999). These genera and other deeper water ostracods (e.g. *Paracypris*) support an open sea influence. *Callistocythere*, *Henryhowella*, *Xestoleberis*, *Costa*, *Acanthocythereis* and *Pterygocythereis* inhabit infraneritic zone. Some genera are truly cosmopolitan (e.g. *Aurila*, *Costa*, *Loxoconcha*, *Cnestocythere*) and occupy other provinces of the time (Mediterranean, Indo-Pacific). The size of the shell, its ornamentation and pronounced ultrastructure (e.g. *Pokornyiella*, *Cletocythereis*, *Semicytherura*, *Tenedocythere*, etc.) indicates life in a warm, shallow sub-tropical sea (Zorn, 2004).

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