# **PLATES**

Plate 1: Lithofacies types of the Jebel Rheris area.

- 1. Five SH type stromatolites with columnar growth forms (between arrows) developed from a basal LLH type stromatolite (FT 11, upper Famennian, section 16).
- 2. Two cross-sections of echinoid spines (arrows) within a bioclastic wacke-/packstone. The matrix partly recrystallised, whereby micro- and pseudospar grew (FT 10, lower Frasnian, section 1).
- 3. Coarse grainstone, mostly consisting of crinoid ossicles and brachiopod shells (FT 9, middle Frasnian, section 1).
- 4. Iron oolite with iron-stained, opaque matrix and partly ferruginized calcitic ooids. Some crinoidal debris in lower part of the photograph (FT 12, lower Famennian, section 10).
- 5. Conglomerate, consisting of phosphatic black pebbles (bp), dark and subangular limestone clasts (li) and bright dolostone components (do) (FT 13, Famennian, section 6).
- 6. Brachiopod coquina, which serves as a marker horizon in Givetian strata (FT 6, middle Givetian, section 4). Top of the layer to the right.
- 7. Bioclastic packstone, components with sutured contacts and 5 % quartz grains (white) (FT 7, Famennian, section 3).
- 8. Bioclastic grainstone, mostly composed of crinoid ossicles and a bryozoan fragment (FT 7, Frasnian, section 1).



Plate 1

Plate 2: Lithofacies types of the Jebel Rheris area.

- 1. Ripple casts at the bottom of a FT 7 layer (Famennian, section 11).
- 2. Poorly washed peloidal grainstone with a large crinoid ossicle (lower right) and dacryoconarids, the latter often are arranged cone-in-cone (arrow) (Lower part of thin section 52, FT 3, Givetian, southwestern Jebel Rheris).
- 3. Poorly washed peloidal grainstone, containing some shell fragments and dacryoconarids (Upper part of thin section 52, FT 3, Givetian, southwestern Jebel Rheris).
- 4. Styliolinid wacke-/packstone, containing a large gastropod (FT 2a, Emsian, section 1).
- 5. Bioclastic wackestone, containing ostracods (lower left, with geopetal filling), gastropods (lower centre), mollusc fragments, which often are bored (FT 2b, Emsian, section 1).
- 6. Debrite (within dashed lines), intercalated in Famennian shales (partly covered with recent talus), which consists of limestone and some dolostone clasts and a 40 cm long fragment of a laminated limestone layer (FT 8, eastern Jebel Rheris).
- 7. Debrite of reworked limestones in Famennian shales (FT 8, eastern Jebel Rheris).
- 8. Upper Emsian shales, into which dacryoconarid wackestone layers (dashed lines) are intercalated towards the top (left) with increasing abundance (FT 1, section 1).



Plate 2

Plate 3: Outcrop pictures.

- 1. Eastern part of the eastern Jebel Rheris syncline, showing Givetian to upper Famennian deposits. Note the location of middle Famennian shales, which occur about 40 m east of section 1. (View towards the NW.)
- 2. Angular unconformity between Lower Emsian nodular limestones and upper Famennian conglomerate (section 7, 1.3 km NW of the Jebel Rheris).
- 3. Angular unconformity between two Famennian conglomerate layers (section 11, western Jebel Rheris).
- 4. Angular unconformity between Eifelian limestones and an Upper Devonian conglomerate at the top (3.5 km WSW of the Jebel Rheris, 600 m east of section 10).
- 5. Neptunian dike, filled with upper Famennian crinoidal limestone, cutting the bedding plane of a Givetian coquina (top of section 14, northern Jebel Rheris).
- 6. Neptunian dike, cutting the bedding plane of a Givetian limestone layer at the top of section 14. The void first was filled with light-grey Famennian crinoidal limestone, a second filling generation consists of dark (?Tournaisian) sandstone (top of section 14, northern Jebel Rheris).
- 7. Northern flank of the eastern Jebel Rheris syncline. Core of syncline (right) is uppermost Famennian (Upper *expansa* Middle *praesulcata* Zone). (View towards the E; the mountain ridge is approximately 2 km long.)





Plate 4: Givetian microfacies and outcrop features.

- 1. Grainstone with syntaxially cemented crinoid ossicles, abundant peloids, and intraclasts. Crinoidal-grainstone facies, upper part of section1.
- 2. Parabiostrome B 1 in the upper half of the picture contains transported stromatoporoids and corals, unconformably overlying crinoidal grainstones. Section 1.
- 3. Composite biostrome B 3, consisting of an autoparabiostromal facies in the lower and an allobiostromal facies in the upper part. Section 1.
- 4. Zoophycos on the bedding plane of a crinoidal limestone layer, lower part of section 1.
- 5. Stromatoporoids with a domical growth form in vertical section of parabiostrome B 5. The matrix between the larger components is selectively dolomitised. Section 1.
- 6. Bedding plane in upper part of section 1 with mostly *in situ* corals and stromatoporoids (within dashed lines). Phase b (lateral dispersion) of the colonisation stage is preserved.
- 7. Favosites overgrowing a stromatoporoid in biostrome B 7, section 1.
- 8. Stromatoporoids with domical to bulbous growth forms in a selectively dolomitized matrix near section 9 (vertical section).



Plate 4

Plate 5: Diagenetic features of Givetian carbonate rocks.

- 1. Cathodoluminescence (CL) view of an intraskeletal pore of a thamnoporoid coral, filled by an isopachous rim of fibrous calcite (FC), showing a bright yellow luminescence at the bottom of the crystals, then a patchy moderate yellow to non-luminescent zone and again a thin bright luminescent zone at the top. Blocky spar I (BS 1) precipitated in the centre of the pore with a zoned bright luminescence in the outer parts, which becomes non-luminescent in the inner part of the pore. Section 4, sample 33-I.
- 2. Pore filling of a bryozoan fragment under CL: The first cement generation is made up of mostly non-luminescent scalenohedral calcite (SC), the second generation of bright yellow blocky spar I (BS 1). Section 9, sample 49-I.
- 3. CL view of an echinoderm fragment, surrounded by stylolites, which cut into a non-luminescent brachiopod shell at the bottom. In the dull orange luminescent echinoderm fragment grew microdolomites (dots). Section 9, sample 48-I.
- 4. The same echinoderm fragment as in No. 3 in the centre of this picture under plane polarized light. Microdolomites appear as black dots. Insoluble residue was concentrated along stylolites, creating black seams. Section 9, sample 48-I.
- 5. CL view of an idiotopic dolomite mosaic. Rhombs show straight crystal faces and a distinct alternation of dull orange/red and thin bright zones. A fracture cut the matrix and the dolomite crystals, the latter often were cracked along growth lines (arrow). Western part of the Jebel Rheris, sample 8-II.
- 6. Same area as in No. 5, plane polarized light. Zones of the dolomite rhombs with an extremely high iron content appear opaque. Western part of the Jebel Rheris, sample 8-II.
- 7. Isolated euhedral dolomite rhombs under CL. About 13 more or less dull orange/red growth zones can be distinguished, the outermost zone mostly is bright luminescent. Western part of the Jebel Rheris, sample 8-II.
- 8. CL view of fractures that developed during different generations. They were filled with ferroan blocky spar II (BS 2), which shows a dull unzoned luminescence. Southwestern edge of the Jebel Rheris, sample 52-II.



Plate 5

Plate 6: Diagenetic features of Givetian carbonate rocks.

- 1. Part of Pl. 5, No. 1 seen under crossed polars. Fibrous calcite cement (FC) shows unit extinction and straight twin plains; crystals grew between 0,1 and 0,17 mm in length, and 0,02 to 0,05 mm in width. Blocky spar I (BS1) precipitated as the second cement generation. Section 4, sample 33-I.
- 2. The same picture as Pl. 5, No. 2, crossed polars. Only blocky spar I (BS1) can be recognised as a cement in the pores of a bryozoan fragment, scalenohedral cement is not visible. Section 9, sample 49-I.
- 3. Plane polarized light view of Pl. 5, No. 8. Fractures of different generations in a poorly washed grainstone, dominated by peloids, were filled by blocky spar II (BS 2). Southwestern edge of the Jebel Rheris, sample 52-II.
- 4. Non-luminescent scalenohedral calcite (SC) around a styliolinid and was succeeded by brightluminescent blocky spar I (BS1). Section 9, sample 49-I, CL view.
- 5. Biostrome in the lower part of section 1, consisting of transported fragments of stromatoporoids and tabulate corals (dark clasts). The matrix including smaller components was selectively dolomitised (bright area).
- 6. Ridge of Givetian biostromes and crinoidal grainstones, where dolomitised areas (D) cut through the original layers, thus obscuring the otherwise distinct bedding. Ca. 1 km south of section 14.
- 7. Cavities in dolomitised Givetian rock. These were probably calcitic relics, which were dissolved after the matrix was dolomitised. Ca. 1 km east of section 9.
- 8. Oval area of calcitic spar in dolomitised Givetian rock. This is presumably a former stromatoporoid, which was replaced by blocky spar. Section 1, between biostromes B1 and B2.



Plate 6

Plate 7: Macro- and microfacies of phosphatic type 1 black pebbles.

- 1. Black pebbles on a bedding plane (section 1, Middle *expansa* Middle *praesulcata* Zone, eastern Jebel Rheris).
- 2. Relics of a 10 cm thick conglomerate, made up of black pebbles (bedding plane, upper part of section 4, eastern Jebel Rheris).
- 3. Black phosphatic pebbles, which consist of silt sized quartz grains and a vertebrate remain (upper left), floating in crinoid ossicles and some sand sized quartz grains (section 4, thin section 37I).
- 4. Black pebble at the top contains quartz grains (qz) and parallel-oriented muscovite (mu) (section 4, thin section 13a).
- 5. SEM photograph of the freshly fractured surface of a black pebble. The hexagonal crystal structure of microcrystalline apatite (arrows) developed only rarely in the matrix between quartz grains.
- 6. Black pebble, made up of quartz grains and ooids (section 2, thin section 10II).
- 7. Elongated black pebble occurs together with crinoid ossicles and vertebrate remains (arrows). (section 4, thin section 13g).
- 8. Black pebble with several microfractures, which do not pass over into the adjacent upper Famennian facies. (section 4, thin section 12II).



# APPENDIX

### Composition and occurrence of conodont faunas:

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