



## **The European Micropaleontological Reference Centre in Kraków**

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We are pleased to announce the establishment of the European Micropaleontological Reference Centre, housed in the offices of Micropress Europe at the AGH University of Science & Technology in Krakow, Poland.

The new European Micropaleontological Reference Centre is an initiative of the Grzybowski Foundation and Micropress Europe. The centre is designed to serve the micropaleontological community by providing a permanent repository or “museum” for published microfossil collections. The centre houses a growing collection of microfossils picked into faunal slides, as well as a well-stocked library of micropaleontological books, journals, and reprints. We have the only up-to-date paper copy of the Ellis & Messina Catalogue of Foraminifera in Central Europe. Currently, the slide collections include:

- Type slides of benthic foraminifera from Poland (the collection of I. Heller from the Polish oil company GEONAFITA),
- Carboniferous foraminifera from Germany and Poland (collections of G. Eickhoff and Z. Alexandrowicz),
- IODP sites in the Arctic, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans (collections of M. Kaminski, E. Setoyama, A. Holborn),
- Exploration wells in the Boreal seas: North Sea, Norwegian Sea, Western Barents Sea, Labrador Sea, Bering Sea, Spitsbergen, Western Siberia (collections of M. Kaminski, J. Nagy, T. Van Den Akker, V. Podobina, and others),
- Paratethyan Foraminifera (collections of E. Luczkowska, C. Beldean, F. Szekely),
- Mesozoic-Paleogene Foraminifera from Gubbio, Italy (collections of M. Kaminski, C. Cetean, and students) and the Polish Carpathians (collection of A. Waskowska),
- Caribbean (collection of M. Kaminski, R. Preece), West Africa (collection of R. Preece, S. Kender, C. Cetean),
- We have a separate collection of type specimens of species (paratypes).

Slides are housed in cabinet drawers together with the relevant publication. Researchers are welcome to visit the offices of Micropress Europe to view the archived microfossil collections. The center has purchased new binocular microscopes, and has access to the Scanning Electron Microscope Lab at AGH. Viewing is by appointment, and can be arranged by sending an email to [info@micropresseurope.eu].