BOREAL–TETHYAN BIOGEOGRAPHICAL ECOTONE SETTING IN EUROPE DURING JURASSIC–CRETACEOUS TRANSITIONAL TIME ON THE BASE OF MOLLUSCA.

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Abstract: Mollusca of northern hemisphere in Late Jurassic and most Early Cretaceous were rather distinctly geographically differentiated on boreal, which occurs in the seas, placed, as a rule, to the north of 50 parallels and tethyan inhabited the seas placed usually to the south of 45 parallels. Between these latitudes long time on the certain aquatic areas, being from time to time displaced in space, biogeographical ecotone is settled.

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The new data received per last decade on mollusca mainly from Upper Jurassic and Lower Neocomian sequences of Europe, have allowed more precisely to establish the setting of Boreal-Tethyan ecotone in Late Jurassic and Early Neocomian and to determine a geographical position of southern border of the Boreal-Atlantic Realm (Saks et al., 1971; fig. 1a, b). The new time intervals of moving of associations and separate taxons of tethyan mollusca in Boreal basins and back are established (fig. 2). The migrations (M) with the different intensity was occur during Kimmeridgian up to Valanginian and were restricted by the Boreal-Atlantic Realm in West-European [W-E] and East Europe [E-E] provinces. A mollusca: an ammonites, belemnites and bivalves were divided into 4 groups: tethyan and boreal (most numerous groups), subboreal: mostly with the tethyan affinities (they were most typical for ecotones) and Arctic (assumed as extremely boreal). It is interesting, that during a rather long time (from Latest Volgian to the beginning of Valanginian), when ecotone zone established on ammonites in Europe was absent or quite restricted (for Late Boreal Berriasian), the subboreal ammonites are unknown or (like *Garniericeras*) occupied a small area. Only in the beginning Valanginian appears *Platylenticeras*, which, though come from a boreal ancestors, but their geographical distribution are typically subboreal. In W-E province of the Boreal-Atlantic Realm a bivalves of a genus *Buchia* have penetrated on the south up to

48-th parallel, and in E-E of a province reached 42 - 40-th only in Berriasian and Valanginian (Zakharov, 1981; Kelly, 1990). Tethyan bivalves from family Trigoniidae in the Volgian penetrated up to 55°N.L. in E-E province (Gerassimov, 1955). The most northern penetration of Tethyan ammonites is established for *Aspidoceras* (Late Kimmeridgian, E-E province, 65°N.L.; Bogomolov, Dzyuba, 1998). By the degree of intensity M are subdivided into M-expansions (mass migrations) and M-influences (isolated "straying" after Rawson, 1973). M-Expansions are characterized by the moving in space of mollusca associations (for example, tethyan M of ammonite in E-E province in the Latest Kimmeridgian and Early Volgian). M-Influences are recognize by the moving of separate taxa, usually submitted by insignificant number of a specimens (for example, immigration of T genus Aspidoceras northward to West Siberia). Expansions quite often lead to the origin of endemic phylolines (*Riasanites* in Central Russia, Late Valanginian Neocomitidae of Western Europe), but sometimes they are restricted by the short time-interval, and there is not arise of new taxa. The most indicative example of similar M is the penetration of numerous *Anaspidoceras neoburgensis* during the Early Volgian (Pseudoscythica Chron) into the E-E province (Rogov, 2002). Bivalves of a genus *Buchia* also rather evidently illustrate the intensity of M. The M-influences in the Boreal-Atlantic Realm took place during Late Jurassic and Early Neocomian in W-E province (fig. 1a), and during Berriasian and Valanginian in E-E province (fig. 1b). Two kinds of M on the direction of the penetrations are determined: mutually (for example, in the Volgian- Early Berriasian) and one-directional unilateral (for example, in the Latest Valanginian in W-E province). Mutually boreal-tethyan M explained by reduction of a temperature gradient between paleozoochorems (influence of this factor is works, naturally, at absence of geographical barriers on ways of M). At this time, as a rule, there is an extension in width of ecotone. The one-directional M quite often are accompanied by displacement of the high rank paleozoochorems boundaries. They are characterized by sharp change of ammonite associations. In W-E and E-E provinces of the Boreal-Atlantic Realm, despite of their territorial affinity, M of mollusca not always were mutually correlated, that it is possible to explain by influence of currents and presence of geographical barriers. So, in the Latest Valanginian, in W-E province there was a significant northward displacement of Tethyan-Panthalassa-Panboreal Superrealms boundary. Nevertheless, in E-E of a province in this time occurs only boreal ammonites. The boreal-tethyan ecotone in Europe was not always

precisely expressed. The increasing of the boreal influence can be caught out in Northern Hemisphere to the beginning of Cretaceous: the Superrealms boundary, in particular, in the Early Valanginian is displaced to the south (fig.2). It obviously testifies the development of the boreal transgression. The Tethyan influence in Kimmeridgian and Earliest Volgian is well appreciable only within the limits of Boreal-Atlantic Realm, where are observed «migration waves» (fig. 2). What factors influenced on a Boreal-Tethyan M of mollusca and the dispose of the biogeographical ecotone? A primary factor, as it is seems to the majority of the researchers, was temperature of waters, more cool in north. However only separate boreal and tethyan mollusca were involved in M. Some typical Tethyan mollusca reached 60-th and even 65-th of degrees of N.L., i.e. move away from border Tethyan-Panthalassa (45°N.L.) to north on 2-2,5 thousand kms. Among «boreal wanderers» cephalopods, which penetrate southward further than 38°NL, are not known so far, i.e. these mollusca move away from the border of Panboreal Superrealm more than on 700 kms. Probably, separate Tethyan mollusca had wider temperature tolerance, than boreal. Possibly, it is necessary to involve this fact for the confirmation of a mainly southern origin of the majority Boreal taxa. Frequency of the Boreal-Tethyan M are explained by eustasy: during rise of a sea level the M ways opened, and during sea level fall the M ways were closed (Kemper et al., 1981, and others). Besides it is supposed, that rises of a sea level are eliminated temperature barriers between water mass. For check of these hypotheses most suitable are given on the central part of the E-E province of the Boreal-Atlantic Realm (Middle-Russian sea). As it is visible in figure (fig. 4), the coincidence of peaks of transgressions with episodes of M of ammonites is observed only for the Kimmeridgian –Middle Volgian interval. In Berriasian the correlation is absent. The M-expansion of berriasellids in Boreal Berriasian obviously is not connected with eustatic rise. This fact it is possible to explain by destruction of a geographical barrier existing between the Northern Caucasus and Middle-Russian water masses. Apparently, the influence of Tethyan water mass prevailed above Boreal ones, as connections of the Middle –Russian sea with the Arctic basin were restricted at the north.

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Fig.1. Boreal-Tethyan mollusca migrations and biogeographical ecotone setting in the Boreal-Atlantic Realms from Kimmeridgian to Valanginian.
Captions:
Penetrations (a: of Boreal, and b: of Tethyan mollusca)
1. Expansions a: b: 2.Solitary penetrations a: b:
Tethyan: belemnites (Hibolites): Rudistes Corals:
Ecotone zones: with ammonites with bivalves
Ammonites: Tethyan: *Glochiceras*; endemic with the Tethyan affinity: ***Sachsia***;
Boreal: ***Surites*** Subboreal: ***Zaraiskites***; Bivalves: Tethyan: *Trigoniidae*; Boreal: **Buchia**
Oceanic (Pelagic) ammonoids of temperate latitudes: B (B-*Bochianites*, Ph-Phylloceratida, L-Lytoceratida)

Fig.2. Transgressive-regressive curve (from Sahagian et al., 1996) and ammonite migrations via Middle Russian sea during Kimmeridgian-Valanginian.

Fig. 3. Mollusca migration restricted by the ecotone in the Boreal-Atlantic Realm from Kimmeridgian to Valanginian. a) West-European prov.; b) East-European prov.