



HISTORY OF CONULARIID RESEARCH

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ABSTRACT

Conulariids have been studied for more than two centuries and during that time they have been classified variously as molluscs, cnidarians or members of an extinct phylum. They have been studied by several different research schools, including the Czech, Swedish, German, Brazilian, North American and Chinese schools. Some important palaeontologists who studied conulariids were Joachim Barrande (1799-1883), Guido Sandberger (1821-1869), Gustaf Lindström (1829-1901), Karl Alfred Ritter von Zittel (1839-1904), Gerhard Holm (1853-1926), Jan Vratilav Želízko (1874-1938) and Bedřich Bouček (1904-1975). A history of conulariid research, from 1793 to the present day, is presented here. Four main stages are recognized.

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