



**Fossil specimens of *Pinna margaritacea* (Lam.) from
Herquegies-Bois de Pétrieux (province of Hainaut, Belgium)**

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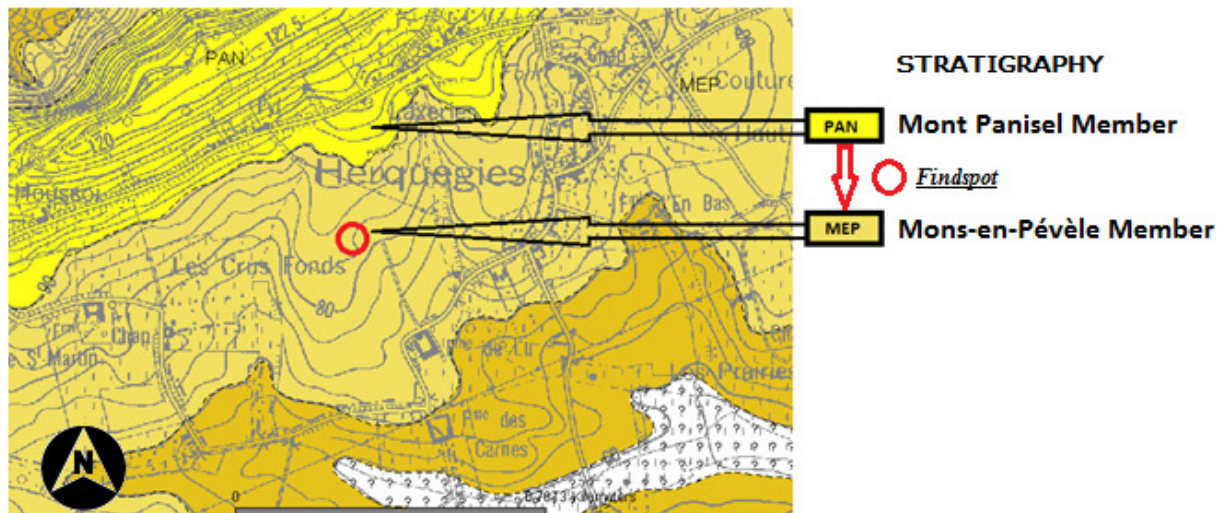
The western European fossil bivalve *Pinna margaritacea*, named by J.-B. Lamarck (1805), is stratigraphically associated with marine deposits of Middle Eocene age.

Belgian specimens are known from the Aalter Sands Member and the Oedelem Sands Member (both Bruxellian Formation), respectively of Lutetian (48.6 – 40.4 Ma) and Ypresian (55.8 – 48.6 Ma) age (Glibert 1985).

New finds of *P. margaritacea* (fig. 1) at 'Bois de Pétrieux' in Herquegies (50° 38' N, 3° 34' E) can be assigned to (eroded/displaced) sediments from the Mont Panisel Member (Ypresian: 55.8 – 48.6 Ma), which occurs as a primary outcrop on the elongated hilltop northwest of the hamlet.



Fig. 1: two specimens of *Pinna margaritacea* from Herquegies-Bois de Pétrieux.



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