

107. *Futyania* Varol (1987)

Type species: *Toweius petalonus* Ellis and Lohmann, 1973.

Diagnosis: small, circular to elliptical placoliths with two equal-size shields and relatively large petaloid distal elements.

Derivation of name: in honour of Dr. A. R. I. Futyán, petroleum geologist.

Remarks: this small, circular to elliptical genus has two equal-size shields, which are non-birefringent under cross-polarised light, and petaloid distal elements which are strongly birefringent under cross-polarised light. These characteristics allow *Futyania* to be easily distinguished from any other Tertiary placolith.

Varol, O., 1987. Palaeocene calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy. In Crux, J.S. & van Heck, S.E. (eds.). Nannofossils and their Applications. Ellis Horwood, Chichester, UK, 267-310.