

graphic nomenclature, the 'Warkalli Formation' when classifiable into distinct Formations is termed as Warkalli Group, which in fact avoids introduction of new terminology like the 'Travancore Group' of Rao and Dutta (1976 and 1980)*. The 'Vaikom Formation' of Raghava Rao (Rao, 1975)* was not properly defined and the classification of Desikachar (1976)* seems more meaningful and, therefore, well-defined names not contradicting the codes of stratigraphic nomenclature have been retained to avoid introduction of new stratigraphical terms.

Latest observations by the authors indicate that the age of the Quilon Formation *vis-a-vis* the Tertiary sediments ranges down to Late Eocene-Oligocene period (Raha and Rajendran—some Additional Planktonic Foraminifera from the Quilon Formation of Kerala, Xth Ind. Colloq. Micropal. Strat., Pune, Dec., 1982, Abst. p. 27-28). Thus, the present paper is based on study of deep boreholes in this region to bring out a clear picture of the stratigraphy of the basin with proper definition of the various litho-units.

Since the Quaternary deposits overlying the Tertiary sediments with an unconformity form part and parcel of the Cenozoic basin of coastal Kerala and are related to the same tectonic and sedimentation history of the basin, they have to be included in the sequence, if the sedimentary basin of coastal Kerala has to be considered as a whole. Further, this is also related to the development of the passive continental margin of coastal Kerala, whose history encompasses the entire Cenozoic period. Thus the term 'Malabar Supergroup' to connote the regional stratigraphic sequence of this basin is justified.

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