

## **Makrofossil fauna (Carboniferous, Permian) – Gunnar Schraut**

Gunnar Schraut's first experiences with the Upper Carboniferous of the Carnic Alps, was in the summer of 1973 as a straight 9-year-old boy with his hiking enthusiastic parents, which showed him on the north side of the Garnitzenberg their place of discovery on the west side of the Gugga (altitude 1920m). Many brachiopods from the brownish sandstones were the yield and the basis for his continuing interest until the present day in fossils and their processing. In 1982 he visited for the first time the Carboniferous of Nötsch, in particular the road section at Hermsberg. In 1984 Dr.Schraut became aware of the fossil discovery points at locality Oberhöher, where he performed after intensive collecting (trilobites and ostracods) his diploma and PhD thesis (1990 and 1995). More publications on various, sometimes unknown animal groups such as echinoids, nautilids, phyllocarids, bryozoans, serpulids and ophiocistioids followed. He carried out all studies about the Carboniferous of Nötsch at the Research Institute Senckenberg, Frankfurt/ Main. His general interests are not only the faunas and floras from the Carboniferous of Nötsch, but also the macrofauna from the Upper Carboniferous and Permian of the Carnic Alps and the Karawanken Alps.