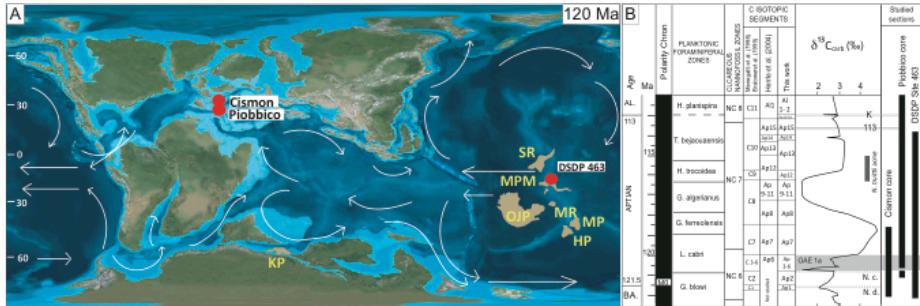


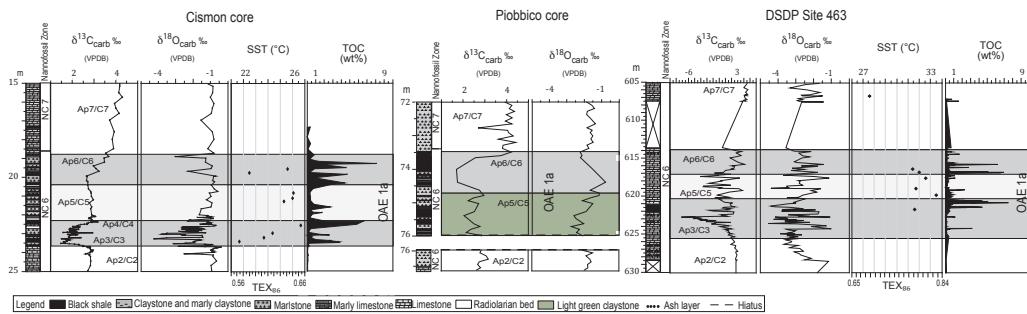
## REVISED FIGURES

Figure 1: we added columns with C-isotopes segments proposed in previous papers and revised the caption accordingly.

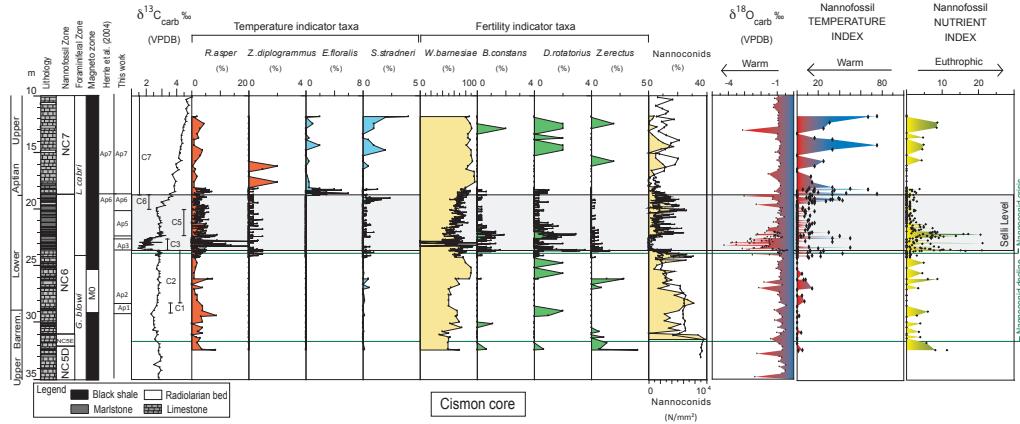


**Fig. 1.** (A) Location map of studied sites at 120 Ma (modified after Erba et al., 2014). OJP=Ontong Java Plateau; KP=Kerguelen Plateau; SR=Shatsky Rise; MPM=Mid-Pacific Mountains; MR=Magellan Rise; MP=Manihiki Plateau; HP=Hikurangi Plateau. (B) Stratigraphic ranges of the studied sections. Latest Barremian to earliest Albian chronologic framework is from Erba et al. (2014). Numerical ages are based on the timescale of Malinverno et al. (2012). **Codes for C-isotope segments after Menegatti et al. (1998), Bralower et al. (1999), Herrle et al. (2004) and this work are reported.** K=Niveau Kilian; 113=113 Level; N.c.=Nannoconid crisis; N.d.=Nannoconid decline.

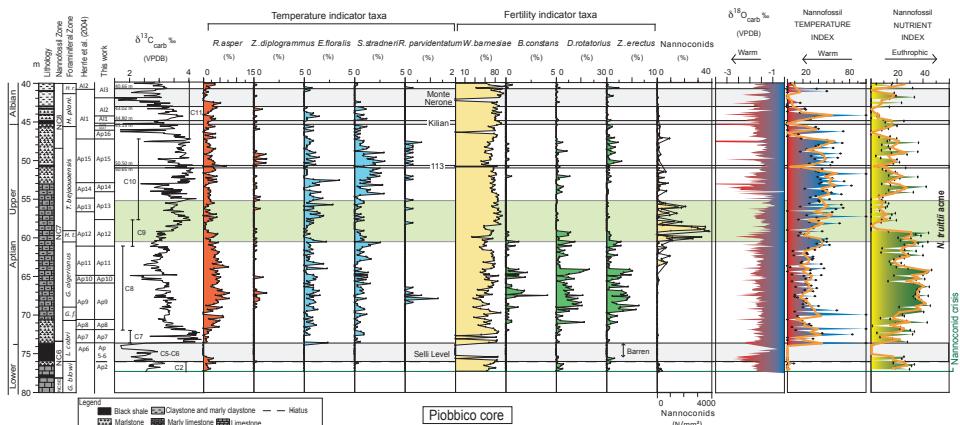
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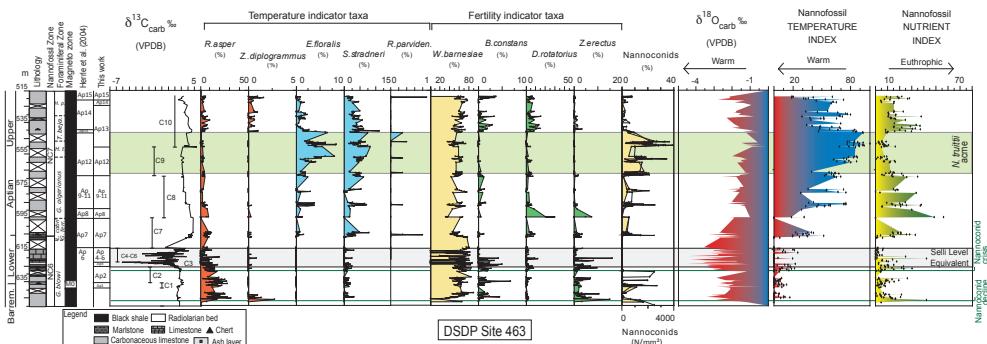
**Fig. 2.** Correlation between the Cismon core, the Piobbico core and DSDP Site 463.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  data after: Erba et al. (1999) and Méhay et al. (2009) for the Cismon core; Erba et al. (2014) for the Piobbico core; Price (2003), Ando et al. (2008) and Bottini et al. (2012) for DSDP Site 463. Bulk  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data after: Erba et al. (2010) for the Cismon core; Price (2003), Ando et al. (2008) and this work for DSDP Site 463. TOC after: Erba et al. (1999) and Bottini et al. (2012) for the Cismon core; Ando et al. (2008) for DSDP Site 463. TEX<sub>86</sub> after: Schouten et al. (2003) for DSDP Site 463; this work for the Cismon core. For both cores SST was calculated using the equation of Kim et al. (2010). Grey bands indicate intervals of higher (darker) and lower (lighter) TOC values.



**Fig. 3.** Cismon core: fluctuations of calcareous nannofossil temperature and fertility indicator taxa. Temperature (TI) and Nutrient (NI) indices based on calcareous nannofossils (low values of the TI indicate high temperatures and vice versa; high values of the NI indicate high surface water productivity and vice versa).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  is from Erba et al. (1999) and Méhay et al. (2009). Nannofossil and foraminiferal biostratigraphy is from Erba et al. (1999). Magnetostratigraphy is from Channell et al. (2000). Bulk  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data are from Erba et al. (2010).

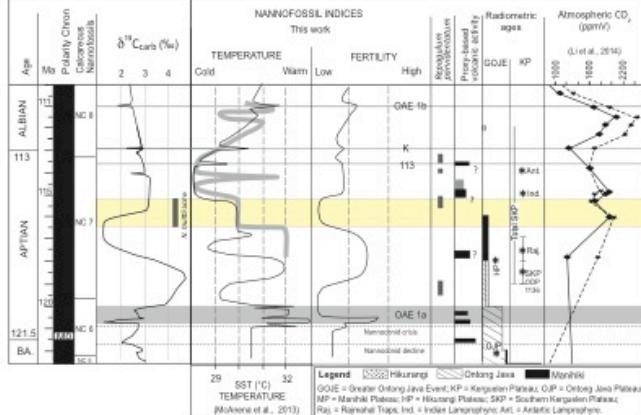


**Fig. 4.** Piobbico core: fluctuations of calcareous nannofossil temperature and fertility indicator taxa. Temperature (TI) and Nutrient (NI) indices based on calcareous nannofossils (low values of the TI indicate high temperatures and vice versa; high values of the NI indicate high surface water productivity and vice versa). Orange curve indicates smoothed TI and NI records based on three-point moving average.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  is from Erba et al. (2014). Nannofossil and foraminiferal biostratigraphy is from Erba et al. (1988) and Tornaghi et al. (1989). Bulk  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data are from this work.



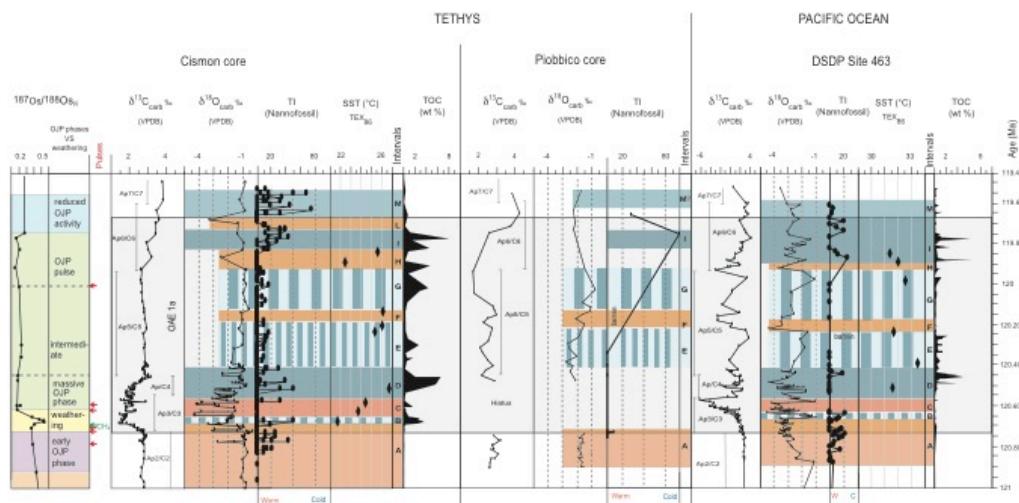
**Fig. 5.** DSDP Site 463 Mid-Pacific Mountains: fluctuations of calcareous nannofossil temperature and fertility indicator taxa. Temperature (TI) and Nutrient (NI) indices based on calcareous nannofossils

(low values of the TI indicate high temperatures and vice versa; high values of the NI indicate high surface-water productivity and vice versa).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  is from Price (2003), Ando et al. (2008), Bottini et al. (2012). Nannofossil and foraminiferal biostratigraphy is from Erba (1994) and Ando et al. (2008). Magnetostratigraphy is from Tarduno et al. (1989). Bulk  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data are from Price (2003), Ando et al. (2008), and this work.



**Fig. 7.** Composite nannofossil temperature and fertility curves reconstructed for the Aptian including the Aptian/Albian boundary interval (this work) and the earliest Albian (from Tiraboschi et al., 2009). The thick-grey curve represents SST from McAnena et al. (2013). Bio-chemo-magneto stratigraphy after Erba et al. (2014). Numerical ages are based on the timescale of Malinverno et al. (2012). Multiproxy-based volcanic phases and radiometric ages of the Greater Ontong Java Event (GOJE) and Kerguelen Plateau (KP) LIPs are from Erba et al. (2014). Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>: Li et al. (2014).

Figure 8: as requested, we enlarged font sizes for readability (relative to a “double column page” of CP). Also we corrected the Os plot and the position of the CO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> pulses, because there were some minor graphical mistakes.



**Fig. 8.** Nannofossil temperature index (TI), TEX86, and oxygen-isotope values for the Cismon core, Piobbico core and DSDP Site 463 plotted against chemostratigraphy. The age determination is based on the [cyclochronology](#) available for the Cismon core (Malinverno et al., 2010).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  data after: Erba et al. (1999) and Méhay et al. (2009) for the Cismon core; Erba et al. (2014) for the Piobbico core; Price (2003), Ando et al. (2008) and Bottini et al. (2012) for DSDP Site 463. Bulk  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data after:

Erba et al. (2010) for the Cismon core; Price (2003), Ando et al. (2008) and this work for DSDP Site 463. TOC after: Erba et al. (1999) and Bottini et al. (2012) for the Cismon core; Ando et al. (2008) for DSDP Site 463. TEX86 after: Schouten et al. (2003) for DSDP Site 463; this work for the Cismon core (SST calculated using the equation of Kim et al., 2010). On the left is reported the Os-isotope curve (Bottini et al., 2012) and the volcanogenic CO<sub>2</sub> pulses (red arrows) reconstructed by Erba et al. (2010). The intervals A to M represent the climatic interludes (warming and cooling) reconstructed in this work.

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