

## **THE PROTOZOAN PLANKTON AND THEIR SAPROBITY RELATIONS IN THE MAROS (MUREŞ) RIVER**

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### **Introduction**

Protozoa are without doubt of great importance for both the natural living system and human activity. Their significance regarding the latter cannot be restricted only to the medical and/or veterinary aspects, as their role in the process of self purification or their use as indicator organisms is just as important.

The aims of our investigations were to determine the species composition, abundance relations of planktonic protozoan communities, and to follow the changes of the saprobity relations of the Maros River from its source to the mouth. This investigation was the very first for protozoological research.

### **Materials and Methods**

Water samples were collected from 15 sampling sites along the Maros River. Each time 30 l water was filtered through a net of 10 mesh size. The method used for protozoa is the bromphenol blue test, applied to estimate the protozoa density in planktonic and periphytic communities (Bercezky 1985). In this technique the fresh sample is fixed in HgCl<sub>2</sub> solution and "stained" with bromphenol blue. This method allows an accurate counting of individuals in natural samples. We used Protargol impregnation (modified by Wilbert 1974), as well. Evaluation of saprobity by Foissner (1992).

### **Discussion**

Though we looked through many protozoological works we did not find any previous protozoological investigations of the Maros. This was the reason why at first we wanted to get to know what kind of heterotrophic protists live in this river. We found 148 protozoa species from the source to the mouth:

Amoeba: 9

Testacea: 25

Heliozoa: 22

Ciliata: 92

Ciliata appeared to be the richest community. They are dominant according to both their species number and individual number. Regarding the species diversity and distribution three areas can be distinguished along the river.

The first section is between Izvorul Mure<sup>o</sup> (source) and Sârma<sup>o</sup> (62 km), where the species number was low-average and the individual number was in accordance with flow velocity (see Table 1-4).

From Rastolipa (105 km) through Tîrgu Mure<sup>o</sup> (188 riv km, retained water) to Gura Arie<sup>o</sup>ului (282 riv km) extends the region which we identified as the middle section. In this area at Ungheni-More<sup>o</sup>ti (207 km) we found the highest species number (39). This community - rich in species - is characteristic of eutrophic waters. In running waters, current rate is one of the most effective factors selecting distribution. In this section, because of the retained water, the river slows and thus the euplanktonic organisms multiply. At site 7 we found *Trachelophyllum clavatum* (Stokes Cl- ion 33.7 mg/l), which is of small density, but is a good indicator organism for salt water occurrence (Table 7).

At Gura Arie<sup>o</sup>ului (below Arie<sup>o</sup>) the individual number decreases, which may refer to changes in the nearly natural conditions. A drastic anthropogenic environmental effect occurs at Sintimbru (355 km), proved by conductivity of 1117 s/cm and the total lack of protozoan communities. We could not identify even a single representative of the investigated groups (Amoeba, Testacea, Ciliata), only a few empty testacean shells and some ciliata cysts indicate the rich community mentioned above.

The third section of the river begins at Alba Iulia (376 km). The low species number and the high individual number is characteristic of mesosaprobic waters. That is without question. Only 8 species form the community where *Phascolodon vorticella* is dominant and this indicates advanced eutrophication.

The great masses of algae and at the same place the Protozoa become competitors and at this stage (mainly at 375, 445 and 520 km) the autotrophs push the heterotrophs out of the plankton. Under such conditions the afore-mentioned *Phascolodon vorticella* became absolutely dominant with  $1359 \times 10^3$  ind/m<sup>3</sup>.

At Deva (455 riv km) the abundance of Protozoa increases and the community is invariably formed of euplanktonic organisms (Table 12).

At Zam (520 km) the individual number begins to decrease, later on at Peeica (676 km) and over Szeged (766 km) come into force such conditions which are characteristic of rivers of the same order (Table 13,14,15).

Most of the Protozoan species found in the Maros as indicators have unknown saprobial classification. The plankto-seston of the upper section is formed by many rare species and is similarly formed by the potamoplankton of the middle and lower sections.

Most species of known saprobity are oligo-beta, betomesosaprobic ones. Though we found alpha- and polysaprobic organisms several times downwards over Rastolipa, their abundance, though essential to determine indicator values, never reached more than 20% of any community. We found a greater polysaprobic population of *Vorticella microstoma* only below Arie<sup>o</sup> (282 km).

The saprobic indexes can be found as percentages in Table 16, they are characteristic of water in summers with high temperatures. In this period the elimination of dissolvable organic matters needs shorter time than in winter. Probably, in colder seasons we could find species which indicate much worse water quality.

Introducing the protozoan community according to their nutrition types helps the evaluation of trophy. It can be read from Table 17, that we found mainly algivorous,

algibacteriavorous and bacteriavorous organisms. Detritus- and bacteriavorous species, predators, omnivores and ectocommensalists are relatively few.

At 207 km, and below Arad we found species in a relatively high percentage of unknown nutrition types. At Alba Iulia the algivorous dominance of 94.5% indicates a change of conditions from eutrophy to hypertrophy. Algivorous species are dominant at Szeged, too.

### **Summary**

In the Maros River there exists a rich protozoan community which would be worth investigating systematically. I found many organisms, which I could identify only to species. This means that it would be possible to find new species for science with the help of quick examinations. I have to mention that the perishing of protozoa at Sântimbru may indicate the beginning of more significant, irreversible environmental damage.

At numerous places I found amoeba belonging to the *Naegleria* genus, which can be identified to species only in laboratory cultures. Some stock of these amoeba has been stated pathogenic. It would be worth extending the investigations to this direction, too.

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**Table 1.**

Izvorul Mures (Marosfő) 1. 850 m a.s.l. 0 rkm	
Mayorella sp.	
Arella gibbosa Penard	
Arella vulgaris Ehrenberg b	
Bulinula sp.	
Centropyxis platystoma Penard	
Difflugia lobostoma Leidy	
Euglypha alveolata Dujardin	b
Quadrilella symmetrica Wallich	
Aspidisca marsupialis Penard	
Lagynophrya sp. ?	
Rakovicia sp. Tucolesco ?	
Thigmogaster potamophilus Foissner	
Vorticella citrina O.F. Muller	b
Vorticella incisa Stiller	
Species number	
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>	
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	
b 23.5 A 11.8	
sn 76.5 A·B 58.8	
B 17.6	
? 11.8	

**Table 2.**

Senetea (Szenete) 2. 780 m a.s.l. 10 rkm	
Amoeba proteus (Pallas)	b
Vahlkampfia dubia Kahl	B
Centropyxis platystoma Penard	AB
Cyphoderia trochus Penard	AB
Euglypha alveolata Dujardin	b
Quadrilella symmetrica Wallich	
Trinema enchelys Ehrenberg	b
Histiobalantium sp.	
Holophrya hexatricha Savi	
Pseudoprorodon sp.	
Telotrichidium sp.	
Vorticella microscopica Fromental	
Vorticella sp.	
Species number	
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>	
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	
b 20.0 A 10.0	
sn 80.0 A·B 20.0	
B 65.0	
? 5.0	

**Table 3.**

Suseni (Gyergyóújfalu) 3. 744 m a.s.l. 16 rkm	
Mayorella vespertilio Penard	
Trichamoeba villosa Wallich	B
Arella gibbosa Penard	A

Arella hemisphaerica Party		A
Centropyxis aculeata Stein	ob	DB
Centropyxis constricta Ehrenberg		DB
AB Centropyxis hirsuta Deffandre		DB
A Cyclopyxis arcelloides (Penard)		DB
AB Euglypha alveolata Dujardin	b	AB
A Trinema enchelys Ehrenberg	b	B
AB Trinema linea Penard	b	B
AB Aspidisca marsupialis Penard		B
AB Cyclidium sp.		B
AB Enchelys sp.		?
B Holophrya hexatricha Savi		A
Oxytricha sp.		?
Prorodon sp.		?
AB Strobilidium sp.		?
B Stylychia mytilus complex	a	AB
AB Suctoria sp.		P
14 Trihedrina sp.		EC
153 Trithigmostoma eucullulus (O.F. Muller) Jankowski		
	a	AB
Vorticella nebulifera O.F. Muller	ob	BA
Vorticella sp.		?
Species number		24
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>		207
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)		
ob 6.8 A 14.0		
b 18.8 A·B 17.0		
a 6.8 B 24.0		
AB sn 67.6 B+A 3.4		
	D-B 17.4	
	EC 3.4	
	P 3.4	
	? 17.0	

**Table 4.**

A Sarmas (Salomas) 4. 671 m a.s.l. 62 rkm	
A Centropyxis constricta Ehrenberg	
B Centropyxis discoides Penard	ob
B Aspidisca marsupialis Penard	
B Cyclidium sp.	
13 Epistylis elegans Stiller	
180 Glaucoma myriophylli Penard	
Lembadion lucens (Maskell)	b
Nassula sp.	
Trichodina sp.	
Species number	
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>	
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	
ob 9.1 A 27.3	
b 27.3 A·B 27.3	
sn 63.6 B+A 9.1	
	D·B 18.1
	EC 9.1
	? 9.1

**Table 5.**

Rastolita (Rastonya) 5. 522 m a.s.l. 105 rkm	
<i>Contropyxis aculeata</i> Stein	ob
<i>Contropyxis constrieta</i> Ehrenberg	
<i>Cyclopyxis areolloides</i> Penard	
<i>Difflugia oblonga</i> Ehrenberg	
<i>Difflugia</i> sp. tress hej	b
<i>Euglypha alveolata</i> Dujardin	
<i>Aspidisca marsupialis</i> Penard	
<i>Carhesium</i> sp.	
<i>Colpidium colpoda</i> (Losana)	p
<i>Enchelys simplex</i> Kahl	
<i>Epistylis elegans</i> Stiller	
<i>Epistylis</i> sp.	
<i>Lambadion lucens</i> (Maskell)	b
<i>Lambadion magnum</i> (Stokes)	b
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i> Ehrenberg	a
<i>Pseudocohnilembus pusillus</i> (Quennerstedt)	ap
<i>Vorticella similis</i> Stokes	ob
<i>Vorticella striata</i> v. <i>octava</i> Stokes	p
Species number	
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>	
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	
ob 8.7 A 30.4	
b 30.4 A+B 4.3	
a 8.7 B 26.1	
ap 4.3 B+A 4.3	
p 8.7 D-B 17.4	
sn 39.1 P 4.3	
	? 13.0

**Table 6.**

Tirgu Mures (Marosvásárhely) 6. 307 m a.s.l. 188 rkm	
<i>Amoeba priteus</i> (Pallas)	b AB
<i>Mayorella</i> sp.	?
<i>Mayorella vespertilio</i> Penard	AB
<i>Arcella</i> c.f. <i>hemisphaerica</i> Perty	AB
? <i>Arcella discoides</i> Ehrenberg	ob AB
<i>Centropyxis aculeata</i> Stein	ob DB
B <i>Cyphoderia ampulla</i> Ehrenberg	ob AB
? <i>Euglypha alveolata</i> Dujardin	b AB
B <i>Hyalosphaenia cuneata</i> Stein	?
P <i>Trinema enchelys</i> Ehrenberg	b B
B <i>Heliozoa</i> sp.	P
? <i>Balanonema sapropelica</i> Foissner	B
A <i>Bizonula parva</i> (Linneaus) Corliss	B
A <i>Chilodontopsis vorax</i> (Stokes)	ba BA
B <i>Cyclidium</i> sp.	?
BA <i>Glaucoma myriophylli</i> Penard	BA
A <i>Halteria grandinella</i> (O.F. Müller)	ba ?
B <i>Holoprya hexatricha</i> Savi	A
18 <i>Lambadion lucens</i> (Maskell)	b A
207 <i>Lambadion magnum</i> (Stokes)	b A
<i>Litonotus fasciola</i> (O.F. Müller)	a P
<i>Paramecium aurelia</i> complex	b B
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i> (Ehrenberg)	b B
<i>Rhabdostyla congregata</i> Zacharias	?
<i>Tachysoma pollutionella</i> (O.F. Müller)	ap BA
<i>Tintinnidium semiciliatum</i> Sterki	B
<i>Tracheilus ovum</i> Ehrenberg	ba P
<i>Trichodina</i> sp.	EC
<i>Vorticella incisa</i> Stiller	AB
Species number	29
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>	372
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	
ob 6.7 A 8.3	
b 28.8 A+B 22.0	
ba 6.7 B 25.5	
a 1.6 B+A 15.6	
ap 1.6 D-B 5.1	
sn 54.6 EC 8.6	
	P 4.8
	? 9..9

**Table 7.**

Unheni-Moresti (Nyárádtó) 7. 287 m a.s.l. 207 rkm	
Amoeba proteus (Pallas)	b AB
Amoeba sp.	? ?
Mayorella sp.	? ?
Mayorella vespertilio Penard	AB AB
Arcella hemisphaerica Perty	A
Centropyxis constrieta Ehrenberg	DB DB
Centropyxis platystoma Penard	DBB
Cyclopixis arecelloides Penard	DBB
Cyphoderia ampulla Ehrenberg	ob DB
Difflugia oblonga Ehrenberg	DB
Euglypha alveolata Dujardin	b AB
Sphenoderia lenta Schlumberger	? ?
Trimema enchelys Ehrenberg	b B
Chilodontopsis vorax (Stokes)	ba BA
Colpidium campylum (Stokes)	p B
Condylostoma vorticella (Ehrenberg)	b O
Glaucina myriophylli Penard	BAA
Loxophyllum meleagris (O.F. Müller)	b P
Nassula sp.	? ?
Oxytricha saprobia Kahl	ap BA
Paramecium aurelia complex	b B
Paramecium bursaria (Ehrenberg)	a B
Paramecium multimicronucleata (Powers)	B
Podophrya fixa (O.F. Müller)	p P
Stentor polymorphus (O.F. Müller)	b O
Stentor sp.	? ?
Tachysoma pellionella (O.F. Müller)	ap BA
Trachelius ovum Ehrenberg	ba P
Trachelophyllum clavatum (Stokes)	? ?
Trichigmostoma eucellulus (O.F. Müller)	Jankowski
Vorticella convallaria (Linneaus)	a AB
Vorticella incisa Stiller	b A
Vorticella margaritata Fromentel	AB A
Vorticella mayeri Faure-Freinet	b AB
Vorticella nebulifeta (O.F. Müller)	ob AB
Vorticella picta (Ehrenberg)	o AB
Vorticella striata v. octava Stokes	p B
Zoothamnium ramosissimum Sommer	BA B
Peritricha (Telotroch phase)	? ba
Species number	39 a
Individual number 1000 x ind:m3	938 2.0
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	ob 6.0 A 2.0
o 0.6	A 5.5
ob 4.8	A B 20.5
b 21.2	B 11.6
ba 1.3	B A 7.5
a 2.0	D B 4.7
ap 2.0	P 1.9
p 5.4	O 2.8
sn 62.6	? 45.5

**Table 8.**

Ludus-Gheja (Ludas) 8. 263 m a.s.l. 270 rkm	
Amoeba proteus (Pallas)	b AB
Amoeba sp.	? ?
Mayorella sp.	? ?
Mayorella vespertilio Penard	AB AB
Naeglaria sp.	A
Pelomyxa palustris Greff	p BA
Arcella gibbosa Penard	A
Cochliopodium bilimbosum Auerbach	B
Sphenoderia lenta Schlumberger	? ?
Chilodontopsis vorax (Stokes)	ba BA
Cinetochilum marginatum (Ehrenberg)	p B
Codonella cratera Leidy	ob BA
Coleps hirtus v. lacustris Faure-Freinet	P
Colpos nolandii Kahl	P
Condylostoma vorticella (Ehrenberg)	b O
Enchelyomorpha vernicularis (Smith)	p ?
Enchelys simplex Kahl	? ?
Epistylis plicatilis Ehrenberg	a B
Epistylis rotans Svec	ob B
Euploites eurystomus (Wrzesniowski)	a O
Euploites patella f. planktonicus Kahl	O
Glaucina myriophylli Penard	BA
Glaucina scintillans Ehrenberg	p B
Holophrya hexatricha Savi	AB
Litonotus faciola (O.F. Müller)	a P
Pleuronema erassum Dujardin	BA
Prorodon sp.	? ?
Stentor coeruleus Ehrenberg	O
Stentor igneus Ehrenberg	b O
Stentor polymorphus (O.F. Müller)	b O
Tachysoma pellionella (O.F. Müller)	ap BA
Vorticella ineisa Stiller	BA
Vorticella monilata Tatem	B
Vorticella nebulifeta (O.F. Müller)	ob BA
Species number	34
Individual number 1000 x ind:m3	352
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	
ob 6.0	A 2.0
b 12.2	A B 6.2
ba 2.0	B 13.9
a 8.2	B A 20.2
ap 2.0	P 8.2
p 7.9	O 25.0
sn 61.4	? 24.4

**Table 9.**

Gura-Ariesului (Aranyos) 9.	262 m a.s.l.	282 rkm
Amoeba sp.		?
Mayorella sp.		?
Trichamoeba villosa Wallach		B
Arcella hemisphaerica Perty		A
Centropyxis constricta Ehrenberg		DB
Trinema enchelys Ehrenberg	b	B
Coleps hirtus v. lacustris Faure-Fremiet		P
Colpidium colpoda (Losana)	p	B
Euplotes eurystomus (Wrzesniowski)	a	O
Loxophyllum meleagris (O.F. Müller)	b	P
Spirostomum ambiguum (O.F. Müller)	a	B
Stentor igneus Ehrenberg	b	O
Tintinnidum sp.		ob
Vorticella convallaria (Linnaeus)	b	A
Vorticella microstoma Ehrenberg		?
Vorticella nebulifera (O.F. Müller)	ob	ba
Vorticella sp.		sn
Peritricha (Telotroch phase)		1.9
Species number		18
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>		318
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)		Deva (Döva) 12.
ob 6.9	A 2.2	182 m a.s.l.
b 6.6	B 24.8	455 rkm
a 9.1	B A 11.6	
p 18.9	D-B 2.2	
sn 59.1	P 4.4	
	O 4.4	
	? 50.3	

**Table 10.**

Sintimbru (Marosszentimre) 10. Küküllő, Trnavelli,  
229 m a.s.l. 355 rkm  
Neither Amoeba, Testacea nor Ciliata can be found in  
the collected samples.

**Table 11.**

Gura-Ariesului (Aranyos) 9.	262 m a.s.l.	282 rkm	Alba Julia (Gyulaféhérvár) 11.	213 m a.s.l.	376 rkm
Amoeba sp.	?	?	Arcella arenaria Greeff	ba	A
Mayorella sp.	?	?	Coleps hirtus (O.F. Müller)	p	P
Trichamoeba villosa Wallach	B	B	Euplotes moebiusi Kahl	p	B
Arcella hemisphaerica Perty	A	A	Holosticha sp.		?
Centropyxis constricta Ehrenberg	DB	Phascolodon vorticella Stein	b	A	
Trinema enchelys Ehrenberg	b	Ureeolaria sp.		EC	
Coleps hirtus v. lacustris Faure-Fremiet		Urosoma butschlii Schewiakoff	p	B	
Colpidium colpoda (Losana)	p	Vorticella similis Stokes	ob	A	
Euplotes eurystomus (Wrzesniowski)	a	Species number		8	
Loxophyllum meleagris (O.F. Müller)	b	Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>		1431	
Spirostomum ambiguum (O.F. Müller)	a	Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)			
Stentor igneus Ehrenberg	b	ob 0.6	A 96.2		
Tintinnidum sp.		?	B 1.9		
Vorticella convallaria (Linnaeus)	b	b 95.0	EC 0.6		
Vorticella microstoma Ehrenberg		?	P 0.6		
Vorticella nebulifera (O.F. Müller)	ob	ba 0.6	?	0.6	
Vorticella sp.		sn 1.9			
Peritricha (Telotroch phase)		?			
Species number		?			
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>		?			
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)		?			
ob 6.9	A 2.2	?			
b 6.6	B 24.8	?			
a 9.1	B A 11.6	?			
p 18.9	D-B 2.2	?			
sn 59.1	P 4.4	?			
	O 4.4	?			
	? 50.3	?			

**Table 12.**

Alba Julia (Gyulaféhérvár) 11.	213 m a.s.l.	376 rkm	Deva (Döva) 12.	182 m a.s.l.	455 rkm
Amoeba sp.	?	?	Naegleria sp.	ba	?
Mayorella sp.	?	?	Halteria grandinella (O.F. Müller)	ba	?
Trichamoeba villosa Wallach	?	?	Halteria oblonga Kellicott		?
Arcella hemisphaerica Perty	?	?	Phascolodon vorticella Stein	b	A
Centropyxis constricta Ehrenberg	?	?	Strobilidium sp.		?
Trinema enchelys Ehrenberg	?	?	Vorticella mayeri Faure-Fremiet	b	B
Coleps hirtus v. lacustris Faure-Fremiet	?	?	Vorticella sp.		?
Colpidium colpoda (Losana)	?	?	Species number		7
Euplotes eurystomus (Wrzesniowski)	?	?	Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>		2420
Loxophyllum meleagris (O.F. Müller)	?	?	Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)		
Spirostomum ambiguum (O.F. Müller)	?	?	ob 95.4	A 94.5	
Stentor igneus Ehrenberg	?	?	ba 1.4	B 0.9	
Tintinnidum sp.	?	?	sn 3.2	?	4.5
Peritricha (Telotroch phase)	?	?			
Species number	?	?			
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>	?	?			
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	?	?			
ob 6.9	A 2.2	?			
b 6.6	B 24.8	?			
a 9.1	B A 11.6	?			
p 18.9	D-B 2.2	?			
sn 59.1	P 4.4	?			
	O 4.4	?			
	? 50.3	?			

**Table 13.**

Zam (Zam) 13.	155 m a.s.l.	520 rkm	Zam (Zam) 13.	155 m a.s.l.	520 rkm
Astroamoeba radiosoides Dujardin	ba	B	Astramoeba radiosoides Dujardin	ba	B
Naegleria sp.	?	?	Naegleria sp.	?	?
Actinosphaerium eichonii (Ehrenberg)	ob	P	Actinosphaerium eichonii (Ehrenberg)	ob	P
Coleps hirtus v. lacustris Faure-Fremiet		P	Coleps hirtus v. lacustris Faure-Fremiet		P
Phascolodon vorticella Stein	b	A	Phascolodon vorticella Stein	b	A
Stylonychia pustulata (O.F. Müller)	b	A	Stylonychia pustulata (O.F. Müller)	b	A
Vorticella citrina O.F. Müller		B	Vorticella citrina O.F. Müller		B
Vorticella mayeri Faure-Fremiet	b	B	Vorticella mayeri Faure-Fremiet	b	B
Species number		8	Species number		8
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>		1969	Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>		1969
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)			Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)		
ob 11.7	A 81.6		ob 11.7	A 81.6	
b 82.1	B 2.8		b 82.1	B 2.8	
ba 1.7	P 12.8		ba 1.7	P 12.8	
sn 4.5	?	2.8	sn 4.5	?	2.8

**Table 14.**

Pecica (Pecske) 14. 97 m a.s.l. 675 rkm	
Naegleria sp.	
Centropyxis constricta Ehrenberg	
Euglypha alveolata Dujardin	b
Actinosphaerium eichonii (Ehrenberg)	ob
Codonella cratera Leidy	ob
Condylostoma vorticella (Ehrenberg)	b
Epistylis plicatilis Ehrenberg	a
Holophrya hexafurca Savi	AB
Litonotus lamella (Ehrenberg) Schewiakoff	b
Oxytricha saprobia Kahl	ap
Paramecium aurelia complex	b
Paramecium caudatum Ehrenberg	a
Paramecium putrinum Clapadere & Lachman	p
Phascolodon vorticella Stein	b
Prorodon sp.	
Trichodina sp.	
Vorticella convallaria (Linneaus)	a
Vorticella microstoma Ehrenberg	p
Vorticella natans (Faure-Fremiet)	b
Vorticella nebulifera (O.F. Müller)	ob
Vorticella sp.	
Vorticella striata v. octava Stokes	p
Peritricha (Telotroch phase)	
Species number	
Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>	638
Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)	
ob 15.5 A 34.5	
b 41.4 A-B 17.2	
a 10.3 B 17.2	
ap 3.4 D-B 1.7	
p 10.3 P 8.6	
sn 19.0 O 5.2	
	? 15.5

**Table 15.**

Szeged 15. 82.5 m a.s.l. 766 rkm	
?	Trinema eneholys Ehrenberg
DB	Actinosphaerium eichonii (Ehrenberg)
AB	Codonella cratera Leidy
P	Cyclidium citrullurus (Cohn)
AB	Euplates eurystomus (Wrzesniowski)
O	Euplates moebiusi Kahl
B	Oxytricha saprobia Kahl
P	Paramecium caudatum Ehrenberg
P	Phascolodon vorticella Stein
O	Prorodon sp.
B	Strobilidium humile Penard
B	Strobilidium velox Faure-Fremiet
B	Strombidium viride Stein
A	Vorticella nebulifera (O.F. Müller)
?	Vorticella pieta (Ehrenberg)
?	Vorticella similis Stokes
AB	Vorticella sp.
B	Species number
A	Individual number 1000 x ind/m <sup>3</sup>
AB	Saprobity relations (%) Nutrition types (%)
?	o 1.5 A 62.1
B	ob 15.1 A-B 12.1
?	b 56.1 B 7.6
23	a 4.5 P 3.0
638	ap 3.0 O 4.5
	p 1.5 ? 10.6
	sn 18.2

A – alga, A-B – alga + bacterium, B – bacterium, D – detrius.  
EC – ectocomens, P – predator, O – omnivorous.

**Table 16.**

Saprobity relations %			
Izvorul Mures	b 23.5 sn 76.5		ba 2.0 a 8.2
Senetea	b 20.0 sn 80.0		ap 2.0 p 7.9
Suseni	ob 6.8 b 18.8 a 6.8 sn 67.6	Gura-Ariesului	sn 61.4 ob 6.9 b 6.6 a 9.1 p 18.2
Sarmas	ob 9.1 b 27.3 sn 63.6	Sintimbru -Alba Julia	ob 0.6 sn 59.1 b 95.0
Rastolita	ob 8.7 b 30.4 a 8.7 ap 4.3 p 8.7 sn 39.1	Deva	ba 0.6 p 1.9 sn 1.9 b 95.4 ba 1.4 sn 3.2
Tirgu Mures	ob 6.7 b 28.8 ba 6.7 a 1.6 ap 1.6 sn 54.6	Zam	ob 11.7 b 82.1 ba 1.7 sn 4.5 ob 15.5 b 41.4
Uheni-Moresti	o 0.6 ob 4.8 b 21.2 ba 1.3 a 2.0 ap 2.0 p 5.4 sn 62.6	Pecica	a 10.3 ap 3.4 p 10.3 sn 19.0 o 1.5 ob 15.1 b 56.1 a 4.5 ap 3.0 p 1.5 sn 18.2
Iudus-Gheja	ob 6.0 b 12.2	Szeged	

**Table 17.**

Nutrition types %			
Izvorul Mures	A 11.8 A-B 58.8 B 17.6 ? 11.8	Ludus-Gheja	O 2.8 ? 45.5 A 2.0 A-B 6.2 B 13.9
Seneta	A 10.0 A-B 20.0 B 65.0 ? 5.0		B-A 20.2 P 8.2 O 25.0 ? 24.4
Suseni	A 14.0 A-B 17.0 B 24.0 B-A 3.4 EC 17.0	Gura-Ariesului	A 2.2 B 24.8 B-A 11.6 D-B 2.2 P 4.4
Sarmas	A 27.3 B 27.3 B-A 9.1 D-B 18.1 EC 9.1 ? 9.1	Sintimbru	O 4.4 ? 50.3 -
Rastolita	A 30.4 A-B 4.3 B 26.1 B-A 4.3 D-B 17.4 P 4.3 ? 13.0	Alba Julia	A 96.2 B 1.9 EC 0.6 P 0.6 ? 0.6
Tirgu Mures	A 8.3 A-B 22.0 B 25.5 B-A 15.6 D-B 5.1 EC 8.6 P 4.8 ? 9.9	Deva	A 94.5 B 0.9 ? 4.5
Ungheni-Moresti	A 5.5 A-B 20.5 B 11.6 B-A 7.5 D-B 4.7 P 1.9	Zam	A 81.6 B 2.8 P 12.8 ? 2.8
		Pecica	A 34.5 A-B 17.2 B 17.2 D-B 1.7 P 8.6 O 5.2
		Szeged	A 62.1 A-B 12.1 B 7.6 P 3.0 O 4.5 ? 10.6