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'Tertiary', an informal term

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I wish to draw the attention to the fact that the International Commission on Stratigraphy has decided that the 'Tertiary' is no longer a formal chronostratigraphical unit; it is replaced by the Paleogene and Neogene Systems (see Michelsen et al. 1996). The term 'tertiary' with a small initial letter may be used informally.

The Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary (K-T boundary) has been referred to recently as the Cretaceous-Paleogene boundary (K-Pg boundary), for instance by Widmark (1997).

The K-T boundary should not be confused with the C-T boundary, which is the Cenomanian-Turonian boundary.

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