High-resolution reconstruction of palaeoenvironment across the Cenomanian-Turonian boundary

Yuji Matsushita[1], Ryuji Tada[2]

[1] Geological Institute, Univ. of Tokyo, [2] Geol. Inst., Univ. of Tokyo

Oceanic Anoxic Events (OAEs) characteristically occurred during the warm climate of the Mid-Cretaceous. An ultimate mechanism and its relation to the warm climate are, however, still controversial. This study aims to clarify the mechanism of OAEs through high-resolution reconstruction of palaeoenvironment across the Cenomanian-Turonian (C-T) Oceanic Anoxic Event, which is generally considered as the most widespread event of the Cretaceous OAEs. Milankovitch-scale variation of turbidite frequency occures in the latest Cenomanian, which suddenly disappears at the C-T boundary. Redox condition and surface-productivity also show a similar fluctuation in harmony with the turbidite frequency variation. Quantification of redox condition by ICPMS is now in progress.