

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRENDS IN OCEAN SCIENCES - 21st CENTURY: 25-26 September, 2000. Themes of the workshop are (1) Ocean management, (2) Ocean Engineering and Technology, (3) Ocean processes and modelling, (4) Offshore resources, (5) Role of information technology in ocean sciences and (6) HRD in ocean sciences. The main emphasis of the workshop will be on 'Vision for Future Research in Ocean Sciences'. For further particulars, please contact: Organising Secretary, TOS - 2K +, National Institute of Oceanography, 176, Lawsons Bay Colony, Visakhapatnam - 530 017. **Phone:** 0891-539180; **Fax:** 0891-543595; **Grams:** OSTECHLAB; **Email:** tos2k@kadali.nio.org.

ISRO-SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAMME ON REMOTE SENSING AND GIS FOR GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES: 13th November to 12th December, 2000. This one month training programme is being organised by the Centre for Geoscience and Engineering, Anna University, Chennai. The course shall focus on case studies, and the contents include: Rudiments of remote sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS), sensors and platforms, photogeology, visual and digital interpretation, digital image processing, spatial modelling using GIS, multi-criterion evaluation techniques, GPS survey, applications to geological mapping, mineral exploration, groundwater studies, coastal geology, geomorphology, landslide and earthquake studies, and internet resources. Emphasis will also be on hands-on-experience. Interested candidates may send their detailed bio-data to: Dr. C. Mohan Doss, Professor of Geology and Course Director, ISRO Training Programme, Centre for Geoscience and Engineering, Anna University, Chennai - 600 025. **Phone:** 2351723, Extn. 3311, 3312, 3313; **Email:** dir_cgse@usa.net

37th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND MEETING ON THE EARTH AND ITS CLIMATE, 19-21 December, 2000: Themes of the seminar are (1) Cyclones and storm surges, (2) Imaging techniques in exploration, (3) New strategies in oil and mineral exploration, (4) Studies on deep continental structure, (5) Environmental geosciences, (6) Theoretical and experimental geophysics, (7) Geohydrology, (8) Marine geology and geophysics, (9) Atmospheric, space and planetary sciences and (10) Space weather. For further details please contact: Prof. K.T. Damodaran, Head and Dr. M. Radha Krishna, Lecturer, Department of Marine Geology and Geophysics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Fine Arts Avenue, Ernakulam, Cochin - 682 016. **Phone:** 0484-366478 (O); Res. 0484-777463 (KTD), 0484-542224 (MRK); **Fax:** 0484-374164; **Email:** igu_cusat@eudoramail.com (KTD), mr_radhakrishna@hotmail.com (MRK); **Grams:** CUSAT, KOCHI.

THIRD CONVENTION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA AND NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CHALLENGES IN PRECAMBRIAN GEOLOGY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM, 17th and 18th January, 2001: The main objectives of the convention and seminar are to discuss the origin and evolution of Precambrian rocks, to evaluate current geodynamic models, to identify potential mineralised zones and assess groundwater potential. For further particulars, please contact Prof. C. Srikantappa, Convenor or Dr. H.T. Basavarajappa, Organising Secretary, Department of Studies in Geology, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysore - 570 006. **Phone:** 514144; **Email:** msimys@eth.net.

SYMPOSIUM ON CARBONATITES AND ASSOCIATED ALKALINE ROCKS AND FIELD WORKSHOP ON CARBONATITES OF TAMIL NADU, 12th to 18th February 2001: The symposium will discuss new data and concepts on the evolution of these unique magmatic rocks. Oral and poster presentations will be on 12th and 13th February 2001 followed by 5-day field workshop for limited number of participants to visit Sevathur, Samalpatti and Pakkanadu carbonatite complexes. The themes covered in the symposium include: (1) Geology, regional framework and tectonics, (2) Mineralogy and petrology, (3) Geochemistry and isotope geology, (4) Mineralisation and economic potential and (5) Geophysical studies. For further particulars please contact: Dr. V. Ram Mohan, Department of Geology, University of Madras, A.C. College Campus, Chennai - 600 025. **Email:** carsymp2001@yahoo.com or Dr. V. Subramanian, **Phone:** 044-4849080 (Res.); **Email:** subprabha@hotmail.com