

The book on the whole makes a very comprehensive and interesting reading material for the environmentalists and has given important data to the researchers. Such an useful reference volume should have been bereft of numerous printing mistakes. Nearly four to five pages of errata are required to guide the readers.

However, the merits of the book far outweigh these omissions and the publishers have to be complimented for recognising the significance of biogeochemistry related to environmental appraisal.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLUVIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FLOODPLAINS: **March 20-25, 2000** at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur - 208 016, India. The workshop aims to highlight the latest developments related to floodplain processes, evolution and sedimentology through a series of lectures, presentation, panel discussion and field excursions in the Gangetic floodplains. Interested persons from universities, post-graduate level colleges and government organisations may submit their CV through proper channel particularly highlighting their current research activities and publications. For further details contact: Dr. Rajiv Sinha, Engineering Geology Group, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur - 208016, U.P.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR-CUM-FIELD MEETING ON LATE NEOPROTEROZOIC-EARLY CAMBRIAN OF KROL BELT-SPITI BASIN, HIMACHAL HIMALAYA: 30 September - 9 October, 2000. Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Punjab University, Chandigarh. **Main themes:** Mega events, biota, sedimentary cycles and facies. **Programmes:** One day meeting at Chandigarh followed by field meeting at Nigali Dhar - Korgai, Sirmur, H.P. and Batal-Chandra Tal, Lahaul-Spiti, H.P. Concluding session at Manali on 8 October 2000. For details contact: Dr. A.D. Ahluwalia, Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Punjab University, Chandigarh 160 014. **Phone:** 172-541740; **Fax:** 172-541409; or #T-II/25, Sector 25, Chandigarh 160 014; **ph:** 722973. **Email:** adahluwalia@usa.net; adahluwalia@mailcity.com. **Web sites:** <http://www.puchd.ac.in>; <http://www.freeyellow.com/members7/himalayanseminar/index.html>.

IGCP PROJECTS FOR INDIAN PARTICIPATION: The 25th Annual Meeting of the Indian National Committee for IGCP was held on 14th December, 1999 at the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Acharyya, Director General. The Committee recommended for Indian participation the following two projects viz. IGCP-30 – Mantle Dynamics and Natural Hazards by M.F.J. Flower, V.I. Mocanu, R.M. Russo and N.T. Yem (proposers), and IGCP - 440 Rodinia Assembly and Break Up by C. McA. Powell and R. Unrug (proposers). Individual Geoscientists/Institutes/Universities who are interested in participating in these IGCP projects are requested to contact the INC Secretariat: Dr. D. Haldar, Member Secretary, INC for IGCP and Director, International Division, Geological Survey of India, 27 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Calcutta - 700 016. **Fax:** 91-33-249-6956; **Email:** gsi@gems.vsnl.net.in.