

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Indian Geologists' Association is organising a Short Course on 'Techniques in Micropalaeontology : Application of Electron Microscopy' jointly with CAS in Geology, Panjab University, Chandigarh from September 11 to 17, 1990. Total number of participants will be about 20.

The Course fee is Rs. 500/- per participant and includes Registration, Accommodation, Breakfast, Lunch and Field Trip. It is possible to pay TA/DA to deserving non-official participants subject to availability of funds.

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International Conference on Environmental Impact of Coal Utilisation (Raw Material to Waste Resources). (Supported by International Development Research Centre, Canada and organised by IIT Bombay and University of Western Ontario, Canada) 14th, 15th and 16th January 1991.

Coal deposits are repository of a host of heavy metals. These get released on mining and burning of coal and add to the various ecocompartments.

High ash coal produces large amounts of residue including fly ash. Disposal of ash poses several problems for large thermal power plants. The ash may be enriched in toxic heavy metals. Leaching out of the metals is a distinct possibility.

Utilisation of the ash for various purposes is a challenging possibility and characterization of the material is a basic prerequisite.

Topics to be discussed are: 1. Occurrences of trace elements in coal. 2. Fate of trace elements during combustion of coal. 3. Characterization of fly ash, its properties and utilisation. 4. Environmental impact of ash disposal and utilisation.

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International Conference on Mineral Development and Environment, New Delhi, January 23 to 25, 1991. The Indian School of Mines is organising International Conference in cooperation with the Association of Geoscientists for International Development, Bangkok, (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) and the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The last date for sending the abstracts of the papers has been extended to 31st August, 1990.

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