

We do earnestly hope that the next edition will not only be more up-to-date, but also contain a more critical appraisal of available age data. The importance of such an appraisal cannot be over-emphasized in the context of the age data being used indiscriminately for various kinds of interpretations without a critical evaluation.

A word of praise is due to Dr. M. N. Balasubrahmanyam for his initiative and sustained interest in bringing out this publication.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PETROLOGY OF INDIAN COALS. D. Chandra and M. P. Singh, Coal Petrological Society of India, Dhanbad, 1980, 37 Pp.

Any attempt at information gathering and making it available to research workers is to be welcomed. We wish to commend the special efforts put in by D. Chandra and M. P. Singh in putting together references to literature on petrology of Indian coals. The period covered is from 1932 to 1988. Entries are arranged ~~alphabetically~~ making the search easier. A subject index is provided.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRAZIL GOLD '91 and associated field trips will be held in Brazil, May 7-22, 1991. Previous meetings of Gold '82, 84, 86 and 88 were held in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Canada and Australia, respectively. Brazil Gold '91 will be a forum to present and discuss matters and new developments related to the multiple aspects of geology, exploration and genesis of gold ores.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and participate in the conference. The Second Circular, containing norms for Extended Abstracts and Registration Forms for the conference, hotel and field trips has been issued. It provides new information and approximate costs.

Detailed information will be provided in the Third Circular, which will only be sent to those who contact the Organizing Committee by February 15, 1991. The deadline for receipt of 500-word abstracts is July 31, 1990, and of Extended Abstracts is December 15, 1990.

Please contact: V. K. Nayak, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, Telex: 0629, 214 and obtain further details.

INSA MEDAL for Young Scientists 1991, Invitation for Nominations. INSA Medal for Young Scientists instituted in 1974 by the Indian National Science Academy, awarded annually, are intended to honour talented young Indian scientists in recognition of their outstanding contribution in any branch of science or technology coming within the purview of the Academy. The work done in India by the nominees will be taken into consideration for the award.

The age of the nominee should be below 32 years on 31 December preceding the year of the award. Only those born on or after 1 January 1959 are eligible for consideration in 1991.

Fellows may send their nominations so as to reach us by 30th September 1990. The Council will meet and make its recommendations to INSA after a review of all the nominations received.

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