

ANNOUNCEMENT

International Congress for Geo-sciences and Technology on the occasion of the Geotechnical Trade Fair—Congress, September 18–21, 1991, Cologne. A Forum for an Intact Planet Earth. The preservation of the earth as a challenge to science and technology will be the general theme of the Congress for Geo-sciences and Technology which will take place in Cologne from September 18–21, 1991.

This challenge is being emphatically made by the environment itself. The ozone gap, pollution of the seas and drinking water reserves, the exploitation of natural resources and energy reserves, the problems of contaminant residues and waste disposal, the destruction of primeval forests, dying forests and the perilous consequences for everyliving organism in the world—these themes have not only concerned specialists for some time. But the specialists, experts, and scientists are being called upon to seek possible solutions to these problems. They are vigorously working toward new methods to ward off the dangers. Many effective solutions for the improvement of the environment situation have already been found and many practicable ways have already been demonstrated.

The congress, conceived for the first time as a interdisciplinary forum of information in the service of an intact planet, will be oriented around the central theme '**Preserving the Earth – a Challenge to Science and Technology**' on four days and will cover four fundamental allied topics which logically derive from the given tasks. These are : i) The Geobiosphere in the Process of Change ; ii) Data Registration and Exploration of the Earth's System ; iii) Exploitation of the Geobiosphere ; and iv) Adaption of the results for environmental protection.

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International Symposium on Applied Geochemistry. Hyderabad, A. P., India, organized jointly by Osmania University and the University of Utrecht in November, 1991 at Hyderabad. Main Topics for discussion are : 1. Gold and tungsten mineralization, with emphasis on greenstone belts. 2. New trends in exploration geochemistry and data processing. 3. Fluorosis and hydrogeochemistry of high F-waters. 4. Environmental Geochemistry/Geochemical Engineering.

Abstracts of papers should be sent to Prof. Dr. K. Surya Prakash Rao, Convenor, Applied Geochemistry, University College of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad-500 007 (A. P.), India, before August 1st, 1991.

Fifth UNESCO Regional Training Course in Structural Geology, 11 November to 29 November 1991. Organised by Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun—248001. The contents of the course include Primary and secondary structures ; Analysis of stress and strain ; Analysis of deformation ; Folds and Folding ; Faults and Faulting ; Shear zones ; Unconformities ; Planar and linear structures ; Deformation and metamorphism ; Structural associations ; Orogenesis ; Elements of structural mapping ; Balanced cross-sections ; Structural geology in Engineering, Geohydrology, Economic geology and Remote sensing.

Application should be made in the prescribed form and should reach Dr. V. C. Thakur, Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun—248 001, before 15 July 1991.