

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Second International Granites and Stone Fair**, is to be held at the **Palace Ground, Bangalore, from November 22–26, 1992**. There will be Seminars, Workshop and Exhibition. For further information contact: The Secretary-General, Stona '92, All India Granites and Stone Association, 1146, HAL Second Stage, Bangalore 560 008.

**National Symposium on “Analytical Techniques for Fossil Fuels and Lubricants”**, during **December 22–24, 1992**, at **Scope Complex Convention Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**, is organised by the Indian Society of Analytical Scientists, Indian Oil Corporation and University of Delhi. The Symposium will highlight recent advances in the analysis of fossil fuels and lubricants; the role of sophisticated instrumental techniques applied for exploration, characterisation, refining, quality control and development of environmentally friendly products and processes. For further particulars contact: Dr. R. Parthasarathy, Convener (HQ), Ninth ISAS National Symposium 1992, C/o Analytical Chemistry Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay 400 085.

**An International Seminar on ‘Iron Ore 2000 and Beyond’**. Organised by the Society of Geoscientists and Allied Technologists, is to be held during **30–31, January, 1993, at Bhubaneswar**. Enquiries relating to the seminar may be addressed to: General Secretary, Society of Geoscientists and Allied Technologists, C/o Directorate of Mining and Geology, Heads of Department Building, Bhubaneswar 751 001, Orissa.

**The Third World Archaeological Congress (WAC-3)**, will be hosted by the Archaeological Survey of India at **New Delhi from 4th to 11th December, 1994**. Some of the major themes will be State, City and Society, Language, Anthropology and Archaeology and Ethnography. One of the themes which will be of particular interest to earth scientists is **NEOGENE**. The organisers for this theme are Sri V. N. Misra and Sri S. N. Rajaguru.

Neogene covers the time period from Miocene to the Quaternary and in absolute terms a period of nearly 30 million years. It is during this period that the transition from hominoids to hominids took place and the evolution of hominids from *Australopithecus* to *Homo Sapiens sapiens*. Human culture evolved and human groups colonized the globe. This period saw significant changes in climate and environment which had their repercussions on human biological and cultural evolution. The theme will explore recent developments in environmental, biological and cultural changes during this period.

Those interested are advised to contact: Shri M. C. Joshi, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, Janpath, New Delhi-110 011, for further particulars.

**The Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India** has identified the Indian National Committee on Hydrology (INCOH), as the nodal agency, to receive applications for Research Schemes (grant-in-aid) in the area of hydrology and process them for funding. Those interested may write to: INCOH, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee 247 667, for further particulars.