

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Workshop on Geological Hazards in Himalaya and Their Mitigation.** March 10-12, 1994, at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun. Organised by Roorkee Chapter of INSA & WIHG. Extended Abstracts are to reach the Organizing Secretary, WIHG, 33, Gen. Mahadeo Singh Road, Dehra Dun-248001, before 30th November 1993.

**Terminal Proterozoic and Lower Cambrian in India.** Field Workshop and Group Discussion. Venue: Dehra Dun, Mussoorie; January 4-8, 1994. Persons interested in participating may write to: Prof. D. M. Banerjee, Corresponding Secretary, Department of Geology, University of Delhi, Delhi 110 007.

**Proterozoic Crustal and Metallogenic Evolution—International Conference.** Organised by the Geological Society of Namibia. 29th August to 1st September 1994, at the Geological Survey, Windhoek, Namibia. For further details write to: Dr. G. I. C. Schneider, Geological Society of Namibia, P.O. Box 699, Windhoek, Namibia.

**The Island ARC**—a newly established Quarterly English language geological journal published in association with the Geological Society of Japan, will be of interest to geoscientists in the fields of geology, geophysics and geochemistry of modern and ancient plate convergent zones. Those interested may write to Blackwell Scientific Publications Pty. Ltd, P.O. Box 378, Carlton South, Victoria 3053, Australia. Annual subscription: Individuals: US \$ 105/-. Institutional: US \$ 220/-

**The Indian Association of Geochemists, Varanasi** has been publishing biannually a journal (Indian journal of geochemistry) since 1986. The association invites active geoscientists and institutions for membership/life membership/institutional membership and submission of papers. For further details, please contact the Secretary, Indian Association of Geochemists, Department of Geology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 221 005.

**The Third Orientation Course in Gemmology.** India is one of the few countries in the world rich in Gem mineral deposits. More recently a number of new deposits of gemstones in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala have come into light. The geologist plays the main role in discovering hidden wealth and improving the economy of the country. It is high time our educational institutions start offering courses in gemmology.

The Geological Society of India is planning to conduct the Third Orientation Course in Gemmology during the last week of February, 1994 at the Department of Geology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. The course will be conducted by experts in the field of Gemmology. Three days class room/laboratory training and one day's field trip to gem bearing areas in Orissa are planned. Special emphasis in this Course will be an enhancement of quality of gems. Those who wish to attend the course should contact Dr. R. V. Karanth, Department of Geology, M. S. University of Baroda, Vadodara 390 002.