

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“SYMPOSIUM ON MINERAL RESOURCES, GROUNDWATER POTENTIAL AND GEOENVIRONMENTAL APPRAISAL OF VIDARBHA”, DECEMBER 1996:** Organised by the Department of Geology, Nagpur University as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Department. For further details write to : Dr. L.G. Gwalani, Organising Secretary, Golden Jubilee Symposium, Department of Geology, Nagpur University, Nagpur - 440 001.

**FOURTH WINTER SCHOOL ON “DATABASE, NUMERICAL METHODS AND COMPUTER MODELLING IN MODERN APPROACH TO PETROLOGY”** is being organised by Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, sponsored by SERC (DST) from 19 November to 9 December 1996. For further details write to: Prof. K.K.Sharma, Course Director, NMCMP-IV, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, General Mahadeo Singh Road, Dehra Dun - 248 001.

**THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPILING THE “NEOTECTONIC MAP OF THE ASIAN REGION” ON 1:8,000,000 SCALE.** This is an extension of the “Neotectonic Map of China and its Adjacent Areas” on the scale of 1:5,000,000 to be brought out at the 30th International Geological Congress at Beijing.

Geological organisations/Institutions who would like to interact and collaborate in the compilation of the Neotectonic Map of the Asian Region (on 1: 8 million scale) may write to : Prof. Ye-dingheng, Director of the Compiling office, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, Yanjiao, East Beijing, 101 601, China.

**TRAINING COURSE IN PALAEOSEISMOLOGY :** The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehra Dun is organising a training course during **March 28 - April 6, 1997**, in Palaeoseismology for young scientists/research workers involved in studies on seismology, seismotectonics, active tectonics, seismic hazard zonation and allied fields. This DST sponsored course is jointly convened by Dr. V.C. Thakur, Director, WIHG and Prof. R.S. Yeats of Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA. The faculty includes experts from USA, Japan and India. The training course, will involve extensive theory and field work including study of trenches for Palaeoseismology. For further details write to: Dr. N.S. Viridi, Course Coordinator, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, No.33, Gen. Mahadeo Singh Road, Dehra Dun-248 001. Uttar Pradesh; Phone No. Off: 625952 or 627387, Res:627494, Fax:135-625212, E-Mail: wihg@sinetd.ernet.in.

**A NEW REFERENCE STANDARD OF A GRANITE FROM THE DALHOUSIE AREA OF HIMACHAL PRADESH LABELLED AS "DG-H" HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR COLLABORATIVE STUDY BY THE WADIA INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN GEOLOGY, FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL NORMS.** This proposed standard is being distributed for collaborative studies of analytical

data (major, minor and trace elements including REE). For further details and for the sample, interested institutions and individuals may write to : Dr. P.P. Khanna, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun - 248 001, Uttar Pradesh, India.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POLLUTION CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT IN COAL MINING AND THERMAL POWER PLANTS, DECEMBER 22-24, 1996:** Organised by the Dept. of Environmental Sciences and Dept. of Earth Sciences, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Orissa. Full papers to be submitted by October 31, 1996. For further details write to: Dr. A. Naik, Department of Earth Sciences, Sambalpur University, Jyotivihar-768 019, Orissa.

**18th INTERNATIONAL GEOCHEMICAL EXPLORATION SYMPOSIUM, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, May 25-29, 1997:** Organised by the Geological Survey of Israel and other Earth Science Institutions/Departments of Israel. The symposium themes include: Arid Zone Geochemistry, Advances in Geochemical Mapping, Data Processing, Exploration Geochemistry in the Mediterranean Area and Africa, Advances in Analytical Techniques, Environmental Geochemistry, Organic Matter and Biogeochemistry in Geochemical Exploration, Hydrogeochemistry and Environmental Impact from Mining and Waste Disposal, Geochemistry of Radon, Geochemistry and Archaeology, Radioactive Tracers and Remote Sensing in Exploration. Deadline for the submission of Abstracts is December 15, 1996. For further details write to: The Secretariat, 18th International Geochemical Exploration Symposium, P.O. Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel; Tel: 972-3-5140000 or 972-3-5140014, Fax: 972-3-5175674 or 972-3- 5140077.

**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ROLE OF EARTH SCIENCES IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: FOCUS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, NOVEMBER 18-20, 1996, CALCUTTA:** Organised by the Indian Society of Earth Sciences, Presidency College, Calcutta. For further details write to: Prof. G.S. Ghatak, Convener, National Seminar on Role of Earth Sciences, Geology Department, Presidency College, 86/1, College Street, Calcutta - 700 073.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we place on record the demise of Prof. Ramesh Kumar Srivastava of the Department of Geology, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur on 6.7.1996 at New Delhi following cardiac surgery. Dr. Srivastava was well known as a teacher and researcher in igneous petrology with significant contributions. He was universally liked for his qualities of humaneness, strength of convictions and integrity. He rendered service to the Geological Society as a reviewer of research papers. We join his family, friends, colleagues and students in mourning his untimely death. — Ed.