

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA 15-18 OCTOBER, 1996

The Department of Marine Geology, Mangalore University is hosting the Annual General Meeting of the Geological Society of India during 15-18 October, 1996.

A Symposium / Group Discussion on **Quaternary Palaeoceanography / Palaeoclimate of the Arabian Sea** and a **General Session on Earth Sciences** is being organised to coincide with the Annual General Meeting. These will be followed by field trips to places of geological and environmental interest.

The topics to be covered in the National Symposium / Group Discussion on Quaternary Palaeoceanography / Palaeoclimate of the Arabian Sea on 15.10.96 are:

- Use of the radionuclides in Quaternary palaeoceanographic and palaeoclimatic studies;**
- Application of radionuclides in understanding water column and sedimentation processes in coastal and deep-sea regions;**
- Elemental fluxes to the ocean floor and elemental behaviour in the sedimentary column;**
- Impact of Quaternary changes in sea level on marine sediment composition, palaeo-productivity, sedimentation rate etc;**
- Data on palaeomonsoonal fluctuations from marine sediment cores and**
- Deciphering anthropogenic influences from the sedimentary record.**

General Session on Earth Sciences on 16.10.1996: It is customary for scientists to announce important scientific results of current research at Annual General Meetings. Indian geoscientists are invited to present new concepts, interesting phenomena or significant results from their investigations at the general session. This session also provides a platform for geoscientists from this part of the country (West Coast) to present important aspects of their work.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will also take place on the same day.

Field trips on 17.10.1996 and 18.10.1996 includes:

- A one-hour cruise aboard a research vessel/motor launch;**
- Visit to sites of coastal erosion ;**
- Visit to the St. Mary's Island, famous for its columnar basalts and**
- Visit to the Kudremukh Iron Ore Mines, the largest mechanised open-cast mining enterprise in the country, and to the beneficiation plant and the Lakya tailings dam.**

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DST SPONSORED TRAINING-CUM-FIELD WORKSHOP IN FLUVIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY (FLOOD HYDRAULICS AND DYNAMICS), DECEMBER 11-20, 1996, at the Department of Geography, University of Pune, including a field trip to the Central Narmada Basin. The workshop is open to university/college teachers, research scholars, and scientists up to the age of 30 years and the last date for receipt of applications is 18 August, 1996. For further details write to : Dr. Vishwas S. Kale, Coordinator, Department of Geography, University of Pune, Pune - 411 007. Fax: 212-350087 or 212-353899, Phone:212-356060/61; E-mail:vskale@unipune.ernet.in

THE 33RD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE INDIAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION (IGU) will be held at NGRI, Hyderabad during 18-20 December 1996. A multi-disciplinary meeting on Geophysical Instrumentation in Earth, Space, Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences will also be held to coincide with the convention. Extended abstracts may be sent by 31 August, 1996 and full papers by 31 October, 1996. For further details write to : P.R. Reddy, Hon.Secretary, IGU, NGRI Campus, Hyderabad - 500 007.

THE 8TH INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS will be held at Delhi University from 3-8 January, 1997. The Earth System Science section includes Geological Sciences, Geophysics and Geography. Topics for the symposia to be held include - (a) Geoscience education in the changing scenario and (b) Geography and sustainable development. Those desirous of presenting papers are required to be members of the Indian Science Congress Association and submit their papers before 16 August, 1996 to the : General Secretary, Indian Science Congress Association, 14, Dr. Bireswari Guha Street, Calcutta - 700 017.

THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FOLLOWING MAPS/ PUBLICATIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE COUNCIL FOR GEOSCIENCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

1. 1:1,000,000 structural map of South Africa (4-sheets); Price R 136.40
2. Geological map of the Limpopo and Environs on 1:500,000 (2- sheets); Price R 102.60
3. Metallogenic maps (on 1:250,000 scale) with explanatory notes (Price R 74.10)
 - 2328 Pietersburg
 - 2330 Tzaneen
4. Bulletin No.109. The sediment dynamics of the St. Lucia and Mfoiozi estuary mouths, Zululand, South Africa, by Wright, C.I. Price R 45.60

Orders can be placed with : The Publications Shop, Council for Geoscience, Private Bag X112, Pretoria 0001, South Africa; Fax +27 12 841 1221.

THE IV INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE ON THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS) will be held during 29 October to 2 November, 1996 at St. Petersburg, Russia. The raw material base of the CIS countries (Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan Belarus etc. will be presented by the Geological Survey of Russia and CIS Countries. For further details write to : The Organizing Committee, P.O.Box 215, "Minerals", 199004, St.Petersburg, Russia; Phone:7 812 355 7952; Fax: 7 812 213 5926; Internet: vsg@sovamsu.sovusa.com