

the fossil leaf does have a modern representative. Otherwise, one falls in the trap of calling fossil leaves resembling *Persea lanceolata* Nees as *Persea lakhanpalii* in Dagshai and as *Persea sibdasii* in Kasauli (p.61).

Consistent misspelling of Ottokar Feistmantel's name as Fiestmantel in a publication from the Geological Survey of India was rather unexpected. The species named after a person whose name ends with an 'a' should have an ending 'ae' and not 'aii' e.g. *misrae* and not *misraii*. Similarly, use of "GSI Type No." give the impression as if it relates to a Nomenclatural Type recognised by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature. This practice so common in the publications from the Geological Survey of India needs to be discontinued. One can instead use "GSI Specimen No."

On the whole the authors have made a very comprehensive study and have added important data on the Early Tertiary plant fossils from the Himalayan Region. what one now needs is a complementary study on plant microfossils from the investigated sections.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

TRAINING COURSE IN 'GEOLOGICAL MAPPING IN VOLCANIC TERRAINS' : Geological Survey of India (GSI) Training Institute will be organising a Training Course in "Geological Mapping in volcanic Terrains (Deccan Traps)" at Nagpur, sponsored by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, under the SERC Winter School Programme. The course is for a duration of about three weeks from 10th September, 1997. The course will consist essentially of field training with due complement of theoretical lectures. The Resource persons chosen for the course are experienced and eminent scientists from the Universities and GSI. The course is open to Research Scholars/Lecturers from Universities/Colleges and Professional geologists from Central and State Government Organisations and Institutions, who have interest in geological mapping of such terranes. Candidates should be below 35 years of age. There is no course fee and, TA/DA will be paid by DST as per rules for the chosen participants. Application forms may be obtained from the Deputy Director General, GSI Training Institute, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad-500 068 (Phone No:4022681; Fax:4022680). **The application forms must reach the DDG on or before the 30th June, 1997.**

We deeply regret to record the death of Dr.Dipak Kumar Ray, former Director General of the Geological Survey of India in the early hours of 18th January 1997.

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