

CORRESPONDENCE

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We have received two strange requests, both connected with a paper "Local Gravity Anomaly and Geotectonics in the Dharamsala - Palampur Area, Northwest Himalaya" published in the Jour.Geol.Soc.India, v.50, pp. 75-84.

The first of the requests is by Surendra Kumar, second author of the paper seeking to withdraw his name from the article.

The second request is by M.N. Qureshy wanting his name to be removed from those acknowledged in the paper as he had nothing to do with the publication.

We contacted the first author of the paper A.K. Mahajan and sought his reaction to these requests. He has replied.

- 1) The name of Dr. Surendra Kumar has been included in the paper as a co-author on his wish.
- 2) Dr. Surendra Kumar has reviewed the paper.
- 3) Dr. Kumar has guided me during the investigation and I have full regard for him.
- 4) Dr. Kumar (has been) kept informed regarding the progress of the paper.

As regards Dr. Qureshy he states, Dr. Qureshy had advised him during this investigation and he felt it was his duty to acknowledge help received.

The cause of science would have been better served if the Scientists had come out with what they found objectionable in the paper - Ed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIMENSIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS IN INDIA: December 1-3, 1997, Organised by Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara - 390 002. This conference will provide an opportunity to practising earth scientists, biologists and NGO's: Themes: Geological implications in environmental planning, Environmental impact assessment and management, Waste disposal, Technologies, Policies and implementation, Environmental scenarios in coastal zones, National parks, Himalaya, Greenhouse effect. Last date for submission of Abstracts is 5th October, 1997. For details contact: Dr. K.C. Tiwari, Organising Secretary, Nat. Conf. on Dimensions of Environmental Stress in India, Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara - 390 002. Tel: 0265 - 793654 (R), 0265 - 795329 (O) Extn: 331.

AICTE/ISTE WINTER SCHOOL ON SITE INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND GEOTECHNOLOGY IN INDIA: 29-12-1997 to 10-1-1998. For details contact: Dr. D. Venkat Reddy and Dr. A.U. Ravishankar, Co-ordinators: Department of Civil Engineering, Karnataka Regional Engineering College, Surathkal, Srinivasnagar-574 157, Mangalore. Phone: (0824) 475984, 475163 (R), Fax: (0824) 476090, e mail: civil @ krec.ernet.in.

NATIONAL CONGRESS ON 50 YEARS OF INDIAN PALYNOLOGY is proposed to be held with the aim of reviewing the progress made, at the same time as celebrating the 50th year of India's Independence. For details contact: Dr. P.K.K. Nair, Director, Environmental Resources Research Centre, P.B. No. 1230, Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram-695 005. Phone: (Off) (0471) 432159, 435115, (Res) 433159.