

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th ANNUAL INDIA OIL AND GAS REVIEW SYMPOSIUM '99 (IORS '99) AND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION: September 20-21, 1999, Hotel Taj Mahal, Mumbai: OIL ASIA is organising the symposium with the technical sponsorship from ONGC and technical back up of leading oil majors. Topics: Exploration, Enhanced Recovery, Drilling, Logging and formation evaluation, Petroleum economics, Role of information technology, Offshore well equipment and services, Well completion etc. Deadline for submission of paper is July 30, 1999. Technical coordinator **Phone:** 022-6327177, 6325787; **Fax:** 022-6367676; **Mobile:** 9820059756; 9821104455; **Email:** oilasia@bom5.vsnl.net.in; **Web:** <http://www.oilasia.com>.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PLACER DEPOSITS: 14-20 December, 1999. Organised by the Department of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur - 613 005, India. Themes of the seminar are: Exploration of placer deposits along streams, beaches, shelf including buried, etc.; Exploitation and economic feasibility of placers including modeling; Environmental impact of placer exploration and exploitation; Dating of placer deposits; Mining and processing technology of placers; Role of geoscientific phenomenon in the distribution and enrichment of placers, provenance, etc.; Government policies, legal aspects and industrial interactions. All those who desire to participate in the seminar are invited to submit an abstract on or before 30th June, 1999. Full paper should be submitted on or before the end of 31 July, 1999. It has also been decided to make awards for the best paper; one for young researcher (below 35 years in age) and the other for a senior established researcher. For further details contact: Prof. G. Victor Rajamanickam, Convenor, International Seminar, Department of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur - 613 005. **Phone:** 0091-4362 41419 (O), 0091-4362 41402 (R); **Fax:** 0091-4362 40040, 0091-4362 40193; **Email:** vrajamanickam@yahoo.com.

FIFTH TRAINING COURSE IN GLACIOLOGY: Geological Survey of India Training Institute, Hyderabad under the aegis of Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, will be organising the Fifth Training Course in Glaciology at Chaurabari Glacier, Chamoli District, Uttar Pradesh for a period of 29 days from the first week of September, 1999. The course consists of two components with theoretical lectures at Lucknow followed by field demonstration/training on the Chaurabari Glacier. The main objective of the course is to train the scientists interested in the study of Snow, Ice and Glaciers and in fundamental aspects of glaciers, including exposure to the field aspects. The course is open to young scientists/researchers having a post graduate degree in Geology, Meteorology, Physics, Geophysics, Hydrology with background in Mathematics or a Master/Bachelor's degree in Mechanical/Civil Engineering and equivalent degree holder, interested in the study of hydrology, dynamics, morphology etc. of snow, ice and glaciers and below 40 years of age will be eligible for the course provided they are medically fit (to be supported by medical certificate) for high altitude work. The young age will ensure continued utilisation of the trainees for furtherance of glaciological research.

There is no course fee TA/DA will be paid by the course authorities as per the Government of India rules for the trainee-scientists. Application forms may be obtained from the Dy. Director General, Geological Survey of India Training Institute, GSI Complex, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad - 500 068. **Phone:** (040) 4020859; 4022681; **Fax:** (040) 4022680. The completed application forms should reach on or before 15th July, 1999.

36th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND MEETING ON EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCES IN THE NEXT MILLENNIUM:21-23 December, 1999. Venue: Department of Earth Sciences, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry. Besides earth sciences in the next millennium (special reference to groundwater and eco systems management, oil and mineral sector, space applications and ocean resources), original research contributions are invited for presentation in the Annual Convention on the following fields: Imaging techniques in exploration; Integrated geophysical techniques; Solid earth geophysics; Studies on deep continental structure; Geophysical exploration; Isotope studies; Marine geosciences; Atmospheric sciences; Geodynamics and Space sciences and Planetology. Abstracts of not more than 300 words should be submitted in duplicate before 30th September, 1999 to: Dr. P.R. Reddy, Hon. Secretary, Indian Geophysical Union, NGRI Campus, Uppal Road, Hyderabad - 500 007, India. **Phone:** 040-7172911; **Fax:** 040-7171564; **Email:**postmast@csngri.ren.nic.in. Local Organising Convener: Prof. S. Balakrishnan, Head, Department of Earth Sciences, Pondicherry University, R. Venkataraman Nagar, Kalapet, Pondicherry - 605 014; **Phone:** 0413-65117 (Extn.396)(O) or 0413-251342 (R); **Fax:** 0413-65255.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR CUM FIELD MEETING ON LATE NEOPROTEROZOIC-EARLY CAMBRIAN OF KROL BELT – SPITI BASIN, HIMACHAL HIMALAYA: 30.9.2000 to 9.10.2000 at Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Co-sponsor Prof. John A. Talent, President, International Palaeontological Association (IPA). **Main Themes:** Mega events, biota, sedimentary cycles and facies. **Programmes:** One day meeting at Chandigarh followed by field meeting at Nigali Dhar-Korgai (Sirmur, HP) and Batal-Chandra Tal (Lahul-Spiti, HP). Concluding session at Manali on 8.10.2000. For details contact: Dr. A.D. Ahluwalia, Convenor, DST Project Terminal Proterozoic-Early Cambrian (Krol Belt-Spiti Basin), Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Panjab University, Chandigarh 160014 or T-II/25, Sector 25, Panjab University, Chandigarh 160014. **Phone:** 0091-172-541740 or 541322; **Fax:** 541409; **Email:**adahluvalia@usa.net.

New Journal Launched

The Society of Applied Geochemists, Hyderabad has recently launched the bi-annual "Journal of Applied Geochemistry". The scope of the journal includes all aspects of geochemistry, ranging from analytical geochemistry, environmental geochemistry, exploration geochemistry, hydrogeochemistry, coal and petroleum geochemistry. Integrated geological, geochemical and geophysical studies are also welcome. The introductory volume contains invited articles by eminent scientists on a variety of themes. Prof. K. Suryaprakash Rao of Osmania University and Dr. V. Divakara Rao of National Geophysical Research Institute are the editors.