ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PAN-AFRICAN IMPRINTS AND RELATED MINERALIZATION IN GONDWANALAND

The IGCP-470 entitled "600 Ma Pan-African Belt of Central Africa" was aimed as largely a study of Neoproterozoic Pan-African-Brasiliano belts system, but considering the presence of strong imprints of Pan-African events in India, the Project was taken up in India. Despite a delayed start, it has made a rapid and significant progress. This IGCP is in the extended year in 2007 and the culmination is being marked by an International Seminar on the theme Pan-African Imprints in Gondwanaland, the Seminar being organised by the Geological Survey of India. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Year 2008 as the United Nation International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE)— with activities spanning the three years 2007-2009. This Seminar forms part of the IYPE activities in India.

Themes of the seminar are: (1) Magmatism, (2) Metamorphism, (3) Structure and Tectonism, (4) Mineralisation, (5) Geochemistry and Geochronology and (6) Correlation of Gondwana segments. Research articles presenting unpublished work conforming to the themes are invited. The title of papers should be communicated along with the prescribed registration form duly filled in. The full papers need to be submitted by the due date. The papers must be typewritten in Microsoft Word format (12 size, Times New Roman Font).

Papers should follow the format of the journal of the Geological Society of India. Peer reviewed papers will be published as a Special Publication of the Geological Survey of India. This volume will be released at the time of the Seminar. The deadline of submission of full papers is by 31st July 2007.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON APPLIED GEOCHEMISTRY OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND PRECIOUS METALS

The Indian Society of Applied Geochemistry (ISAG) is organising a national seminar on "Applied Geochemistry of Energy Resources and Precious Metals" during 19-20 September, 2007 at Hyderabad. The themes include: (1) Geochemistry of oil, Natural Gas and Gas Hydrates, (2) Geochemistry of Coal and Coal Bed Methane (CBM), (3) Geochemistry of Nuclear Fuels (with special emphasis on mining, waste disposal, modelling of nuclear waste and groundwater interaction), (4) Geochemistry of Non-conventional Energy Resources, (5) Geochemistry of Precious Metals and (6) Environmental Impact of Natural Resources. Interested persons may please contact: Dr. Surya Prakash Rao, Convener, National Symposium on Applied Geochemistry, P.B. No. 706, Osmania University, 1-2-77, "ROJA", Kakatiyanagar, Habsiguda, Hyderabad - 500 007.

INVITATION OF APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG EARTH SCIENCE RESEARCHERS IN THE DST GROUP MONITORING MEETING

Department of Science and Technology (DST) has recently initiated an activity wherein selected Young Earth Scientists are supported to present their research highlights to a peer group at the Group Monitoring Meeting of the PAC and obtain guidance from them. Through this initiative it is intended to stimulate healthy competition, encourage excellence, reward outstanding contribution and encourage the overall development of the Earth Sciences in the country.

TA/DA would be paid as per norms, and Certificate of participation would be issued to all the selected participants. Two best presentations would be awarded with token cash prizes.

Interested Young Researchers (up to 35 years of age) who wish to participate in the forthcoming GMM likely to be held in October, 2007 may send their Bio-data and Abstract in MS Word format to Dr. U.K. Sharma, Scientist-C, Earth System Science Division, Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi - 110 016 either by post or email (uk.sharma@nic.in) by 31 July 2007.

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