

some aspects covering structural formulae calculation of minerals, would have given an idea of the importance of chemistry of minerals in their identification. This aspect is not included in the syllabus of undergraduate courses. Similarly aspects covering measurement of structural elements of rocks, like foliation, lineation and strain analysis would have given an idea about the deformation processes in different tectonic settings.

These second thoughts do not in any way reduce the importance of this book and the author needs to be complimented for his efforts. Another important feature of

the book is the inclusion of solutions to the problems which becomes a ready reckoner for the students who attempt to solve the exercises.

This book should find a place in the shelves of all undergraduate as well as post-graduate Geology Department libraries.

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Announcements

Prof. C. NAGANNA GOLD MEDAL

The above gold medal of the Mineralogical Society of India is to be awarded to a young Earth Scientist of Indian origin below the age of forty-five (45) years. The award shall be for the single author or the first of a joint paper published in any of the National and International Journals related to Earth Sciences. Papers published during the calendar years commencing from January 2003 to December 2005 will be considered for the award. The last date for receiving nominations will be 28 February 2006. Nominations should include: (1) The title of paper; (2) The issue of the Journal in which it was published; (3) Author(s) name(s) and address; (4) Two copies of the paper; (5) Full justification for nomination.

Nominations should be sent to: The Secretary, The Mineralogical Society of India, Department of Studies in Geology, University of Mysore, Mysore - 570 006, India. Email: msimys@eth.net.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL MINERAL AWARDS – 2005

The National Mineral Awards Scheme has been instituted by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, with the purpose of honouring individual scientists and teams of scientists for their extraordinary achievements and contributions in fundamental or applied geosciences and thus, to provide an incentive for striving towards excellence. The awards are given annually in the field of Earth Sciences.

The nominations for the National Mineral Award for Excellence – 2005 and National Mineral Awards – 2005 are invited from scientific organizations dealing with Earth Sciences as detailed in the Regulations Governing National Mineral Awards – 2005. Detailed information on the regulations along with the Proforma can be downloaded from the website: www.mines.nic.in For further details, please contact: Shri K.P. Lall, Advisor, Technical Planning and Policy Committee, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Block No.11, 5th Floor, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003. Phone: 011-24363199, Fax: 011-24367641, Email: kpladvisor.mom@sb.nic.in