

## NOTES

### NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCES IN PRECAMBRIAN GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCE MODELLING OF CENTRAL INDIA

A gala geological event for the geologists involved in the study of Precambrians of Central India was jointly organized by the Gondwana Geological Society and the Post Graduate Department of Geology, Nagpur University at Nagpur on 17th and 18th October, 2003. Venue for this symposium was Hotel Tuli International, Nagpur. This was followed by one day post-symposium excursion to Sausar fold belt on 19th October, 2003.

#### Inaugural Function

The National Symposium was inaugurated by Dr. P. C. Mandal, Director General, Geological Survey of India. The chief guest at this function was Mr. Ashok Mehta, CMD, Western Coalfields Limited. Dr. Arun Satputley, Vice-Chancellor, Nagpur University, presided over the function. On this occasion a special volume (No.7) of the Gondwana Geological Society and a souvenir volume were released. President of the Gondwana Geological Society, Dr. U. L. Pitale; Deputy Director General, GSI, Central Region, Nagpur, Mr. Seva Dass; Head of the P.G. Department of Geology, Dr. P. P. Kundal; Convener of the

symposium, Dr. S. S. Deshmukh and Organizing secretary Dr. Abhinaba Roy were the other dignitaries present. Dr. K. K. K. Nair skillfully compered the inaugural function.

#### Technical Sessions

There were six technical sessions on different themes. Nearly 50 papers were presented and about 150 delegates from several earth-science organizations attended the symposium. First technical session on 'Crustal Evolution, Structure and Stratigraphy' was chaired by Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay and Dr. S. T. Rajurkar, with K. Sashidharan and Anindya Roy as rapporteurs. 12 presentations were made in this session including the keynote address by Prof. Mukhopadhyay; other presenters were D. B. Yedekar, L. K. Das, Anindya Bhattacharya, T. K. Biswal, S. Mohanty, A. S. Khan, S. Sensarma, N. K. Sahu, M. P. Chawade, H. Thomas and R. K. Chaturvedi. Second technical session on 'Petrology and Petrogenesis' was chaired by Dr. V. P. Saxena and Dr. K. K. Sinha with K. R. Randive and A. M. Pophare as rapporteurs. Six papers were presented in this highly



Shri P.C. Mandal, Director General, Geological Survey of India releasing the Seminar volume at the Symposium.

debated session. The presentations were by Abhinaba Roy, K. Shivkumar, A. P. Dhurandhar, J. N. Solanki, D. V. Subba Rao and H. Thomas. Third technical session was short and four presentations were made in this session under the theme 'Sedimentology'. Chairpersons were Dr. P. M. Tapaswi and Dr. Uppal Chakraborti and rapporteurs were J. N. Solanki and Gargi Bhattacharya. The presenters were Prof. H. J. Hansen from Denmark, S. Jeevankur, Saumen Paul and Yamuna Singh. Fourth technical session on 'Mineralisation and Exploration' was a marathon session in which 18 presentations were made. Chairpersons for this session were Dr. Anupendu Gupta and Mr. K. G. Bhoskar with M. Sashidharan and Anindya Bhattacharya as rapporteurs. The presentations were by S. K. Acharyya, K. G. Bhoskar, M. K. Devrajan, V. K. Khadse, Biswajit Ghosh, D. R. Kanungo, V. C. Srivastava, M. L. Yadav, G. N. Dwivedi, R. D. Mehrotra, M. A. Khan, V. J. Katti, Kamlesh Kumar, A. S. Sachan, M. Agarwal, Anindya Roy and V. Balaram. Fifth technical session on 'Life' was chaired by Prof. H. J. Hansen and Dr. P. P. Kundal with S. N. Meshram and P. Raja as rapporteurs. Papers were presented by Vibhuti Rai, A. K. Moitra, Sumant Gupta and Kantimati Kulkarni. The last technical session on 'Mineral Policy' was chaired by Dr. K. S. Raju and Dr. A. G. Bhusari with A. K. Saha and K. R. Nagaraj as rapporteurs. The papers were presented by Anupendu Gupta, R. L. Bhatia and C. Chakravarti.

#### Concluding Session

Two days hectic deliberations were followed by a concluding session. This session provided a platform to take stock of things and to chart out the course for future endeavours. Dr. S. K. Acharyya was the chairman and K. R. Randive was rapporteur for this session. Prof.

D. Mukhopadhyay, Prof. H. J. Hansen, Dr. R. N. Padhi, Dr. Anupendu Gupta, Dr. P. M. Tapaswi, Dr. K. S. Raju, Dr. V. D. Borkar and Dr. M. P. Chawade presented their views and suggestions.

#### Seminar Volume

At the time of symposium a special volume of the Gondwana Geological Society (No.7), entitled "Advances in Precambrians of Central India" containing papers accepted for presentation at the symposium was released. The volume was edited by Dr. Abhinaba Roy and Dr. D. M. Mohabey with other members of the editorial committee that included K. R. Randive, K. Shivkumar, A. K. Chatterjee, Utpal Chakraborti, K. Sashidharan and K. R. Nagaraj. There are 41 full papers (including a keynote address by Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay) and 18 abstracts. The volume is available for sale @Rs.650/- at the office of the Gondwana Geological Society, C/o Department of Geology, Nagpur University, Nagpur - 440 001 and has been reviewed in this issue of the journal.

#### Field Trip

Post-Symposium excursion was arranged to the Sausar fold belt on 19th October, 2003. This field trip received an overwhelming response from the participants and more than 50 people joined the excursion. Around 13 crucial spots were shown and the geology explained. The excursion guide was Dr. A. S. Khan under the overall charge of Dr. Abhinaba Roy. Facilities en route were arranged by Dr. D. B. Malpe and Mr. Radhakrishnan.

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## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, GEOSCIENCE INSTRUCTION AND JOBS

On the inaugural day of the Refresher Course for earth science teachers held at JNTU, Hyderabad on 3 November, 2003, a roundtable discussion on the above topic was conducted and the consensus that emerged from the discussion is summarised below.

The Roundtable Discussion was moderated by Prof. Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi. There were presentations from Professors U. Aswathanarayana (Mahadevan Centre; Course Coordinator),

K. V. Subbarao (IIT, Mumbai), and V. S. Kale (Poona Univ.), R. Shankar (Mangalore Univ.), B. L. Deekshatulu (Univ. of Hyderabad), Y. Anjaneyulu (JNTU), C. Srikantappa (Mysore Univ.), etc. The Discussion was based on the *Quo vadis* note, and the list of issues of concern, which were circulated to the discussants in advance. Prof. S. K. Tandon (Delhi Univ.) who was unable to attend, communicated his concurrence with the ethos of the *Quo vadis* note. While accepting the need for the reorientation of geoscience