

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GURU POOJA: As a part of Prof.C.Mahadevan Centenary Celebrations, and the preceding Mahadevan Symposium on "Challenges of Water Resource Management in the Developing Countries in the 21st Century", May 6-10, 20001, there will be a Guru Pooja ceremony on the forenoon of May 6, 2001 to pay homage to the great guru. This will be an open-house function without any registration fee. All the former students/associates/admirers etc of the Late Prof. C. Mahadevan are welcome to attend. Further information can be had from Prof. G. Krishnarao, Dept. of Geology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam - 530 003. **Email:** geokrsna@mdevanwateres.com.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON EXPLORATION AND SURVEY FOR NOBLE METALS AND PRECIOUS STONES: 22-23, May 2001. As a part of the 150th year celebrations of GSI's service to the nation, a National Seminar on Exploration and Survey of Noble Metals and Precious Stones will be organised in Hyderabad. The seminar will be held between 22 and 23 May, 2001 in the conference hall of Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Santosh Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 009. Registration will be between 9.00 AM to 10.00 AM on 22 May, 2001 at the venue of the seminar. Registration fee for GSI delegates is Rs.100 and for others Rs. 500. For further details, contact U.C. Pati, Organising Secretary, Geological Survey of India, Southern Region, Hyderabad - 500 068. **Phone:** (040) 4022500; **Fax:** (040) 4020958; **Email:** gsisrhyd@hd2.dot.net.in/gsisrhyd@hotmail.com

PROFESSOR C. NAGANNA GOLD MEDAL: Mineralogical Society of India hereby announces the institution of Prof. C. Naganna Gold Medal. The gold medal is to be awarded to a young earth scientist of Indian origin below the age of 40 years, as on the last date of receipt of nomination. The award shall be for the single author or the first author of a joint paper published in any of the National or International Journals related to Earth Sciences. Papers published during the calendar years commencing from November 1997 and ending with July 2001 will be considered for the award. The last date for receiving nominations is 31st August 2001. Nominations should be sent to the Secretary, Mineralogical Society of India, DOS in Geology, University of Mysore, Mysore 570 006 along with the following details: 1. Title of the paper 2. The issue of the Journal in which it was published 3. Author(s) name(s) and address(es) 4. Two copies of the paper 5. Full particulars in support of the nomination.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL MICROPALAEONTOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY AND MEIOBENTHOLOGY: As per the resolution passed in the Second International Conference on "Application of Micro-and Meioorganisms to Environmental Problems" - 2000, Winnipeg, Canada, a Society of Environmental Micropalaeontology, Microbiology and Meiobenthology (ISE3M) has been incorporated as professional non-profit organization in 2001 in Winnipeg, Canada. The Society intends to bring together specialists with basic education in geology, biology, agriculture, etc to facilitate cooperation in the form of joint scientific activities like scientific fora, journals, training programmes, projects etc., beyond the traditional disciplines of micropalaeontology, microbiology and meiobenthology, with emphasis on environmental aspects. The next international conference under the aegis of ISE3M "Environmental Micropalaeontology, Microbiology and Meiobenthology" (September 1-6, 2001) will be organized at Paleontological Institute, Vienna, Austria. For details of the conference and seeking membership of the Society (Honorary Life Member, Fellow, Member, Associate, Student, Corporate and Library members) visit <http://www.avalon-institute.org>. For further details, mail your queries to: Dr. P.K. Kathal, Regional Co-ordinator (Asia) ISE3M, Reader, Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar - 470 003; **Email:** kathal@vsnl.com

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