

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIAMOND AND GEMSTONES, AND GEMMOLOGICAL TRADE FAIR.** The conference will be held on November 21-26, 2001 at Raipur, Chattisgarh State under the aegis of South Asian Association of Economic Geologists (SAAEG). Major themes of the conference are (1) Geological setting, genesis and controls for mineralisation, (2) Exploration strategies and techniques, GIS/computer modelling, practices and problems, (3) Sustainable mining and gem-winning techniques, (4) Beneficiation techniques, practices and problems, (5) Marketing, trade and art and (6) Mineral/mining/environmental legislation and related policies, (7) Socio-economic impacts of mineral mining involving man and environment. A Gemmological Trade Fair will be organized during November 21-26, 2001. Two field workshops, one on "Diamond and Kimberlites" and the other on "Gemstones" shall be organized in the known and potential geological fields during 24-26 November 2001. These workshops will comprise (a) Field visit to the promising diamond and/or gemstone fields/deposits and (b) Interactive session on various aspects of potential of the field. A Round Table Conference on Mineral Policy and Investment Opportunities in Mineral Sector will be held on 23 November, 2001. Field excursion to kimberlite fields (24-26 November, 2001) will be a part of the conference. For further details please contact: Datta Manikar, Conference Convenor and Deputy Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Chattisgarh, C-52, Gayatri Nagar, Post Office Shankar Nagar, Raipur - 492 007 (Chattisgarh) India. **Phone:** 91-771-429931/610878 **Email:** mainkar@mantraonline.com or Dr. Prabhat Diwan, Organising Secretary, Department of Applied Geology, Government Engineering College, Raipur - 492 010, M.P., India. **Phone:** 91-771-254500/253207. **Fax:** 91-771-610644/510510; **Email:** prabhatdiwan@hotmail.com

**DST SPONSORED CONTACT PROGRAMME CUM FIELD WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE, TECTONICS AND MESOZOIC STRATIGRAPHY OF KACHCHH.** The course will be conducted by Dr. S.K. Biswas (Course Director), former Director, KDMIPE, ONGC Ltd. and organised by L.S. Chamyal, Department of Geology, M.S. University of Baroda at Bhuj from 6 January 2002 to 12 January 2002. The course is basically field-oriented and is intended to acquaint the young scientists with the geology of Kachchh with a view to prepare them for future research in the area. Interested young researchers and teachers from universities and institutes up to 36 years of age can apply with full bio-data before September 30, 2001 to Dr. L.S. Chamyal, Course co-ordinator, Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara - 390 002. **Email:** lschamyal@yahoo.com or lsc\_msu@hotmail.com; **Phone:** 0265-785560 (O); 0265-791844 (R). The number of participants is limited to 15. Participants will be eligible for TA/DA as per DST rules.

**STONA 2002 AT BANGALORE:** A one day seminar on Prospects for Dimensional Stone Industry in India is being held in Bangalore on 7 February 2002. The main themes of the seminar are (1) Resource of dimensional stones; (2) Latest technology in quarrying of dimensional stones; (3) Mines and quarry safety; (4) Environmental problems of quarrying and solutions and (5) Quality aspects, specifications and analysis. For further details please contact: Dr. M. Basappa Reddy, Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560 001. **Phone:** 2269632, 2269633; **Fax:** 2269633; **Email:** director@bir.vsnl.net.in

**17TH HIMALAYAN-KARAKORAM-TIBET WORKSHOP** will be held at Gangtok, Sikkim during 25-27 March 2002. Tectonic and metamorphic of the region will be the main theme. Special sessions on Mountain Hazard and High Pressure Metamorphism will be held. For further details, please contact Dr. Chandrs Shekhar Dubey, Department of Geology, University of Delhi, Delhi - 110 007, India. **Phone:** 91-11-7666706, 7667725/1441 (O), 91-11-7666091, 7666766 (R); **Fax:** 91-11-7666295 (O), 91-11-7666473 (R); **Email:** csdubey@vsnl.com or csdubey@yahoo.com

**POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME OF THE KOREA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOUNDATION (KOSEF):** Applications are invited from India for a post-doc position in the field of hydrogeology. A researcher who has received his/her Ph.D. in hydrogeology in last five year will be preferable. KOSEF provides the following allowances and expenses for Fellowship recipients: (1) A living allowance of 1,300,000 Won per month (equivalent to US \$1000). (2) Overseas travel accident insurance for the grantee covering medical treatment during their stay in Korea in accordance with local insurance company policy. Any expenses for medical treatment not covered by the policy must be borne by grantee themselves. (3) Round trip airplane tickets for fellows only (ticket will issued by KOSEF and sent to applicant by PTS). For further details please contact: Dr. Koo, Min-Ho, Assitant Professor, Konju National University, Department of Geoenvironmental Science, 182 Shin Kwan-dong, Kongju city, Chung Nam, 314-701, Korea. **Phone:** 041-850-8515, 017-285-8515; **Fax:** 041-850-8479; **Email:** koo@kongju.ac.kr