

Announcements

Nominations are invited for the following Medals and Awards

PROF. L. RAMA RAO GOLD MEDAL

Prof. L. Rama Rao Gold Medal is to be awarded next year to a Geologist who has made significant contribution to Indian Stratigraphy and/or Palaeontology.

Fellows are requested to send their nominations accompanied by detailed description of the work of the nominated candidate so as to reach the Secretary not later than 31st December 1989. A summary statement listing the main contributions of the nominee and a set of the more important reprints should accompany each nomination.

MYSORE GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL

The Mysore Geologists' Association Medal instituted for the award once in two years to a geologist who has made significant contributions on any aspect of the geology of Karnataka is due to be awarded at the Annual General Meeting to be held in April 1990.

Nominations accompanied by detailed description of the work of the nominated candidate and a set of reprints should reach the Secretary not later than 31st December 1989.

NARAYANASWAMI AWARD

The Narayanaswami Award has been instituted to be given once in two years to a young Indian earth scientist whose work resulted in important paper(s) in the area of Economic Geology. This is due to be awarded at the time of the Annual General Meeting to be held in April 1990. Fellows are requested to send nominations supported by biodata, list of publications and a set of reprints of the nominee before 31st December 1989.

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26th Annual Convention of the Indian Geophysical Union, Hyderabad, 14-16, December 1989. The Indian Geophysical Union is holding its 26th Annual Convention during 14-16 December, 1989 at Hyderabad and also organising a seminar on the special theme 'Global Change'. The organisers invite original research papers for presentation in the following general sessions of the Annual Convention: (1) Solid Earth Geophysics/Processes. (2) Oceanography. (3) Atmospheric Sciences. (4) Space Science and Planetology. (5) Solar Terrestrial relation. (6) Instrumentation.

Abstracts are to be sent by October 30, 1989 and full papers by November 30, 1989. Further particulars may be had from Dr. D. Atchuta Rao, Hon. Secretary, Indian Geophysical Union, NGRI Campus, Hyderabad 500 007, India.

Fourth Short Course on Soil Dynamics and Foundation Engineering, April 2-6, 1990, St. Louis, Missouri USA. Advance Notification for International participants. Civil, structural and geotechnical engineers, seismologists, scientists, and teachers all over the world are invited to join this short course. Dynamic loads due to earthquakes and other sources pose a serious hazard for structures and foundations. Understanding of dynamic behavior of foundations and soils is of great importance in developing earthquake resistant design of foundation systems. In this course, dynamic soil structure interaction, retaining structures, mat and pile foundations, liquefaction of soils, earth dam stability, and selection of design soil parameters will be covered. Emphasis will be placed on behavior and design of structures. Workshop sessions will be devoted to problem-solving both with the computer and by manual methods. State-of-the-art information on the behaviour and analysis of foundations under dynamic loads will be presented. Elementary knowledge of soil and/or structural dynamics is desirable. Requests for admission with 2 page resume may be sent to: Shamsheer Prakash, Course Director, Fourth Short Course on Soil Dynamics, Professor in Civil Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, MO 65401 USA. Telephone # (314) 341-4489/4461, Telex # (314) 341-4729.

Workshop on Precambrian of Central India, Nagpur, June 1990. The Geological Survey of India, Central Region, proposes to hold a workshop on the Precambrian of Central Indian Shield at Nagpur in the month of June, 1990.

The Precambrian of Central India comprising the Archaean of Bundelkhand and Bastar, the Proterozoic formations—Benggal, Bailadila and Narainpur Groups, Bijawar, Sidhi-Mahakoshal, Sausar-Sakoli-Chilpi-Dongargarh Groups, the Lower Vindhyan and their equivalents, have not received as much attention of the geoscientific community as has been received by other Precambrian terrains in India. The proposed workshop is being organised to fill this need by focussing attention on the significant results of geological activities carried out in this area over the past decade and a half. The themes of the workshop are:

- Section I Stratigraphy and sedimentation
- Section II Metamorphism, Structure and Tectonics
- Section III Metallogeny
- Section IV Magmatic activity
- Section V Petrochemistry and geochronology

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