

PHYSICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY AHMEDABAD: PRL Award 1997: The Physical Research Laboratory announces the institution of the PRL Award from the Aruna Lal Endowment Fund established by Prof. Devendra Lal, former Director and Honorary Fellow of PRL. The award consisting of a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- will be given to an outstanding Indian scientist below the age of 45 years for innovative theoretical and or experimental studies in dynamic earth and planetary systems including areas of oceanography, atmospheric sciences and meteorology. The award will be made once every two years. The selection for the year 1997 will be completed by January 1998 and the awards presented on 12 August 1998. Candidates must be below 45 years of age, on 1st January 1997. Although the overall work of the candidates would be taken into account, the work done in India would be given prime consideration.

The last date for receiving nominations is September 15, 1997. Sponsors are requested to send a two page note (12 copies) summarising the contributions and achievements of the sponsored candidate together with his/her biodata, complete list of publications (with the names of the authors in the order in which they appear in the publications), reprints of five most important publications during the last five years (6 copies) in a cover marked 'confidential', addressed to the Director, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009.

INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL FIELD WORKSHOP IN SPITI VALLEY, HIMACHAL HIMALAYA: Sept. 1 to Sept. 17, 1997: An International Geological Field Workshop in the Spiti Valley of the Himachal Himalaya is being organized by the Department of Geology, University of Delhi in collaboration with IGCP-386. The aim is to study several geological boundaries in the less disturbed geological sequences of the Tethys Himalaya; plan for detailed chemostratigraphy of these sequences and initiate computer based modelling for understanding the past global changes.

The entire expedition will be conducted by the tour agents for which \$850 or the Indian Rupee equivalent will be charged from each participants. The Field party will be restricted to a maximum of 20 participants. Partial funding will be available for eligible participants for which interested persons should apply with a short write-up about their involvement in the activities of IGCP-386. Field workshop is followed by one day Seminar on 17th September in the Department of Geology, University of Delhi and is open to all scientists interested in the geology of the Spiti Valley and various aspects of past global changes. Registration fee for the Seminar is Rs. 250/- only. For further details contact: Prof. D.M. Banerjee, Convener and Co-Project Leader IGCP-386, Dept of Geology, Delhi University. **Tel:** 7257658 (R), 7257073 (O); **Fax:** 0011-7257336; **e mail:** csec@doe.ernet.in.

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