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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Proceedings of the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Geological Society of India held on Thursday the 5th November 1998 at 5 P.M., at the Department of Marine Geology and Geophysics, School of Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Lakeside Campus, Fine Arts Avenue, Kochi 682 016.

Members present: Anand Mohan, S. Das, K. Gopalakrishnan, S. Jithendra Kumar, Vivek S. Kale, T.M. Mahadevan, Manish A. Mamtani, P. Manoj Kumar, Mini Susan Philip, K.S. Misra, V. Natarajan, A.C. Narayana, C.G. Nambiar, S.A. Pandit, T.N. Prakash, V.M. Padmakumari, G.R. Ravindra Kumar, M. Ramakrishnan, B.P. Radhakrishna, M. Radhakrishna, T. Radhakrishna, B.N.C.B. Reddy, A.B. Roy, M.K. Samanta, R.H. Sawkar, A.J. Shirke, R. Shankar, H.N. Singh, B.L.K. Somayajulu, S.V. Srikantia, K.S. Subramanian, K.V. Subbarao, G.K. Suchindan, K.S. Valdiya.

PROCEEDINGS

1. Notice calling the meeting was read by the Secretary.
2. The Annual Report for the 1997-98 and the Statement of Accounts for 1997-1998 together with the Auditor's Report, which had been earlier circulated among the Fellows of the Society, were placed before the Fellows present. B.L.K.Somayajulu proposed the acceptance of the Report which was seconded by R.Shankar. The Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report were proposed for acceptance by K.S.Valdiya and seconded by A.B.Roy.
3. The Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts with Auditor's Report were then adopted.
4. The general body accorded its approval to the appointment of Sri M.Shankarnarayana, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore, as auditor for the year 1998-99.

The President, while presiding over the convention, referred to the need for popularisation of earth science in school education. He emphasised the need for publication of geology books for students.

On the financial aspect, the President pleaded for self-reliance and in that context appealed to Fellows to come forward and join the Donor category by a donation of Rs.5000 in five equal instalments over a five year period. President expressed his grateful thanks to the Department of Science and Technology for their extended financial support to the Society.

AWARDS

President announced the names of earth scientists selected by the Council for various awards for 1998, instituted by the Society.

Bellur Rama Rao Award to K.Gopalakrishnan, formerly of Geological Survey of India for his contribution to the Precambrian Geology of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and for the Geological Map of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry of which he was the chief compiler.

M.R. Srinivasa Rao Award to Anand Mohan of the Department of Geology, Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi for his contribution in the field of igneous and metamorphic petrology of the granulite belt of South India with its significant sapphirine-bearing rocks.

S. Narayanaswami Award to S.A.Pandit and V.Natarajan of the Atomic Minerals Division, Department of Atomic Energy, Bangalore for their contribution in the field of economic geology through the discovery of high grade uranium mineral deposit in the Neoproterozoic Bhima Basin.

S.S. Merh Award to Laxman Singh Chamyal of Faculty of Science, Department of Geology, M.S.University of Baroda, Vadodara for his contribution in the field of Quaternary Geology by advancing our understanding of the roles of tectonism, sea level changes and climate in shaping the landscape of Gujarat alluvial plain.

K. Naha Award to Pulak Sengupta of the Department of Geology, Jadavpur University, Calcutta for his contribution to different aspects of deep crustal processes through characterization of an interesting suite of granulite facies rocks from the Precambrian Eastern Ghat Belt and parts of the granulite belt of Rajasthan.

JGSI Radhakrishna Prize to M.K.Samanta, C.P.Gavarshetty and Ashish Kumar for their paper "Lithostratigraphy and Hydrocarbon Prospects of the Olpad Formation of Palaeocene-Early Eocene age in Ahmedabad-Mehasana Tectonic Block, Cambay Basin" published in Journal of the Geological Society of India, vol.49 April 1997. This paper records the occurrence of hydrocarbon in the heterogeneous lithologic association of volcanic debris in the alluvial fan system belonging to Palaeocene - Early Eocene Olpad Formation, thus opening out new possibilities of hydrocarbon accumulation.

ELECTION

The result of the triennial election held for the different offices of the Society for the period 1998-2001 was announced. The following is the list of office bearers.

President (1)	B.P. Radhakrishna
Vice-Presidents (4)	S.K. Acharyya, H.K. Gupta, S.V.P.Iyengar and R. Vaidyanadhan
Secretaries (2)	S.V. Srikantia, S.K. Tandon
Foreign Secretary (1)	K.V. Subbarao
Treasurer (1)	S. Jithendra Kumar
Editor (1)	M. Ramakrishnan
Assistant Editor (1)	V.N. Vasudev
Members (15)	Anand Mohan, S.K.Bhushan, R.Dhanaraju,

Members (Contd.)

K.R.Gupta, Viswas Kale, K.V.Krishnamurthy,
B.Mahabaleswar, D.Mukhopadhyay, S.M.Naqvi,
Ravi Shankar, Abhinaba Roy, M.Santosh,
R.H.Sawkar, B.L.K.Somayajulu, V.C.Thakur.

VENUE FOR 1999

An invitation was extended by the Geology Department, Barkatulla University to hold the next Annual General Meeting at Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh, sometime in October-November 1999.

SYMPOSIUM

As part of the programme of the Annual General Meeting, a National Symposium on Late Quaternary Geology and Sea Level changes was held on the 4th and 5th November 1998.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr.B.P.Radhakrishna, President of the Society. He briefly traced the beginning and development of the Geological Society of India. He referred to the relevance of the theme of the Symposium as 1998 was also the International Year of the Oceans.

In the Presidential address, Dr.K.Babu Joseph, Vice-Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology, stressed on the need for systematic monitoring of sea-level changes for balanced socio-economic development in the coastal areas and to find out whether the changes are uniform, spasmodic or catastrophic. He appealed to scientists to shed exclusiveness in science and called for greater interaction among different disciplines. The keynote address on "Late Quaternary climate and sea levels - available information from Indian coastal regions" was delivered by Dr.B.L.K.Somayajulu. The symposium received a large response from scientific community.

As introduced in the 37th Annual General Meeting, there was a separate session on recent researches in Earth Science. It included among other presentations (1) Emerging concepts in the study of the crust of the Indian Subcontinent (T.S.Balakrishnan), (2) Model Nd and Rb-Sr ages of shales of the Bagalkot Group, Kaladgi Supergroup (V.M.Padmakumari et al.), (3) Exploration of stratabound mineral deposits by integrated remote sensing techniques (K.S.Misra), (4) Application of AMS studies in understanding the deformational history of the Proterozoic rocks of Southern Aravalli mountain belt (M.A.Mamtani et al.) and (5) Evidence of multi-tiered sea-level fluctuations in the Kaladgi basin (Vivek S. Kale).

Delegates had a delightful glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of Kerala. T.M.Mahadevan enthralled the audience by his superb violin recital. With a vote of thanks to the organisers, to A.C.Narayana and his band of young colleagues, the meeting concluded after a variety programme of dance and music followed by dinner.

On the 6th November a cruise to the islands and backwaters around Cochin was arranged which was enjoyed by all the participants.

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Bangalore

S.V. SRIKANTIA
Hon. Secretary