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Announcements

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON PROTEROZOIC SYSTEMS OF INDIA: EVOLUTION AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

The Department of Applied Geology, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, proposes a two day national seminar on multidisciplinary studies in Proterozoic successions of Indian subcontinent to be held during 11-12 November, 2005. Following aspects are proposed to be covered during the seminar: (1) Basement of Proterozoic; (2) Proterozoic Tectonics: Geophysics and Geochemistry; (3) Magmatism and Metamorphism; (4) Sedimentation, Climate and Life; (5) Proterozoic Mineralisation; (6) Petroleum and Gas Prospects; (7) Proterozoic Cambrian Boundary and (8) Socioeconomic Aspects. For further details, please contact: Dr. S. Mohanty, Convenor, Department of Applied Geology, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad - 826 004. **Phone:** 0326-2211890 (R); **Telefax:** 0326-2203645; **Email:** mohantysp@yahoo.com

FIELD WORKSHOP AND CONTACT PROGRAMME ON SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY

Applications are invited for the above workshop and contact programme sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, and scheduled to be held in the Department of Geology, Anna University, Chennai, during 12-15 August, 2005. This 4-day field workshop includes discussions on fundamental concepts and application of sequence stratigraphy, visit to the Albian-Maastrichtian section at Ariyalur and Dalmiapuram areas (Trichy) and discussion on Cretaceous stratigraphy and sequence surfaces. For further details, please contact: Dr. R. Nagendra, Co-coordinator, DST-Field workshop, Department of Geology, Anna University, Chennai-600 025. **Phone** 044-22203312/3313/3311; **Email:** geonag@annauniv.edu.

TRAINING PROGRAMME AT THE GEOCHEMICAL FACILITY, JNU, NEW DELHI

In the School of Environmental Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University, we have established a geochemical lab for elemental analysis of geological samples, with funding support from DST. We train research scholars in the analytical methods of earth materials using ICP-AES for all elements including REE. A minimum of two months of stay is required to learn the basic technique. After that, students can generate their own data for their geochemical research. Research scholars from Indian Universities are welcome to apply for the training at any time giving a brief write-up on the nature of their geochemical work, the quantity and quality of data required for it.

We also plan to conduct a contact training program in the summer, i.e. June, 2005, for scholars who have been working on geological problems using geochemical data. The program will be of six days duration and will include (A) lectures on (1) crystal chemical properties of elements (2) thermodynamic classification of elements (3) use of major and trace elements in (a) petrogenesis of igneous rocks (b) rock weathering and soil formation (c) provenance history of clastic sediments / rocks and (d) nutrient elements geochemistry in farmlands and (B) an exposure to geochemical lab techniques. Research scholars / young teachers with some experience in chemically oriented geological research are urged to apply in plain paper to: Prof. V. Rajamani, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU, New Delhi - 110 067. **Email:** rajav_46@yahoo.com