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## Announcement

## REFRESHER COURSE ON NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND EMPLOYMENT FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

The Science Education Panel of the Indian Academy of Sciences is sponsoring a Refresher course for college/university teachers in earth sciences on the theme, "Natural Resources Management, Environment and Employment". The course is being organised by the Mahadevan International Centre for Water Resources Management, Hyderabad, and the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Hyderabad, in the Kukatpally campus of JNTU during Nov. 3 (MO) - 15(SA), 2003. The International Association of Geochemistry & Cosmochemistry and the Geological Society of India are among the institutions co-sponsoring the course.

The purpose of the Training Course is to orient the university teachers so as to enable them to offer internet-based, employment-oriented courses to improve the employability of the earth science graduates, through focusing on *e* economically-viable and ecologically sustainable utilisation of natural resources, namely, water, soil and minerals.

The resource persons will include not only experienced teachers, but also specialists in some exciting areas which are relevant to job opportinities for geoscience graduates (e.g. east coast gas deposits).

Interested teachers are invited to submit by Email their C.V.s, together with a two-page (-1000 words) essay, covering (i) the kind of geoscience that the candidate is presently teaching, and how it can be oriented to improve the employability of geoscience graduates, and (ii) what the teacher seeks from the course in order to enable him/her to orient their teaching to promote employment. As a part of the interactive course, each candidate is expected to make a 30 min. presentation on his / her perceptions and expectations.

The application, together with a letter of permission from the employers, should be submitted to Prof. B. Venkateswararao of JNTU (<a href="mailto:cwrJntu@yahoo.com">cwrJntu@yahoo.com</a>), under copy to Prof. K.V. Subbarao of IIT, Mumbai (<a href="mailto:subbu@iitb.ac.in">subbu@iitb.ac.in</a>), on or before September 1, 2003. Selected candidates will be informed in the first week of October 2003.

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