

life. Some abstracts presented in this session are devoted to Banded Iron Formation (BIF), manganese and copper deposits of the world.

Session 5: Origin and evolution of life: Evidence from ancient mineral deposits: there are six presentations in this session comprising new research into the evolution of life and clues from ore deposits as evidenced in VMS, SEDEX and epithermal-type deposits.

Session 6: New techniques for understanding mineral deposits: as the title suggests this session includes new analytical techniques to enhance the complete understanding of the genesis of different mineral deposits, origin and timing of mineralising fluids. It has 13 presentations.

Session 7: Earth processes and exploration for super-giant mineral deposits: in this last session there are 13 papers. This presentation session dealing with the role of fundamental earth processes in generating different types

of super-giant deposits. This session contains all mineral deposits including super-giant PGE deposits, diamond and silver. These are highly sought after by major and junior exploration companies as these deposits generate huge long-term returns for their developers.

In the final paragraph of the foreword to this issue, the editors acknowledge Sir Fermor's bequeathed funds to the Geological Society to support research on mineralisation, mineral deposits and Precambrian geology, which were very dear to his heart. This particular volume is a useful collation of work presented by world-class specialists on world class mineral deposits and earth evolution and hence of great interest to all students and researchers in Economic Geology in India.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIELD CONFERENCE ON TRIASSIC OF SPITI VALLEY UNDER IGCP-467: A field conference is being organized by Dr. M. Orchard, Canada (Global Leader) and Prof. Leopold Krystyn, Vienna on the Triassic of the Spiti Valley under IGCP Project 467 during 25 June and 2 July 2004. Pre-field discussions will be held at Manali. The excursions to crucial sections, where new contributions have been made in the fields of biostratigraphy and lithostratigraphy will be conducted with the base camp at Kaza. It is proposed to bring out a publication incorporating the latest contributions to the Triassic of Spiti. The Registration fees inclusive of boarding and lodging and literature is Euro 600.00. Those desirous to join may contact Prof. Krystyn at the following email address: Leopold.krystyn@univie.ac.at

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON GEMMOLOGY AND TRADE FAIR: Jointly organised by the South Asian Association of Economic Geologists, Delhi Chapter, and the Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, this Seminar and Fair are scheduled during 18-19 December 2003 at Delhi. For details, please contact: Dr. A.K. Sinha, Organizing Secretary-cum-Treasurer, National Seminar on Gemmology, 167 Pragati Apartments, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi - 110 063; Phone 011-25110733 (R), 26415825 (O); Email: draksinha2003@indiatimes.com

PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN DST GROUP MONITORING MEET: With a view to provide an opportunity to present their research work before a peer group and get guidance and encouragement from them, it has been decided to select a few (10 in numbers) Young Researchers in the forthcoming DST meeting of PAC-ES / Group Monitoring Meet being organized at Department of Geology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi during first week of December, 2003.

Young Scientists/Researchers interested to present their recent research findings during the Varanasi Meeting of DST may send their Bio-data and Abstracts for presentation latest by 10th November, 2003 to Dr. K. R. Gupta, Adviser (Earth System Sciences), Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi - 110 016; Email: guptakr@alpha.nic.in