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NEWS LETTER ASSOCIATION NEWS

It is with great personal regret that I announce that Professor Schlanger has had to resign as Treasurer of the Association on taking an appointment at the University of Hawaii. All of us in the Bureau and Council will miss his presence at meetings where he was always a steady-ing and imaginative influence.

However, it is with very great pleasure that I can also announce that Dr. S. Djin Nio has accepted the President's invitation to step once again into the shoes of a departing Treasurer and act as Treasurer until the General Assembly in Jerusalem. As older members will remember this is not the first time that Djin Nio has done this. He acted as Treasurer from 1974-1975 and has been largely responsible for reorganizing the Treasurer's office and developing the computer system. The address of the Treasurer remains unchanged.

WORLD NEWS

INDIA (from M.N. Mehrotra)

The first convention of Indian Association of Sedimentologists (December 26-28, 1978):

The 26th December 1978 will be remembered as a landmark in the history of Indian Geosciences when nearly 75 sedimentologists from all over the country gathered at the Canady Hall of the Aligarh Muslim University to participate in the three day convention of the newly formed Indian Association of Sedimentologists. The idea of the establishment of the Indian Association of Sedimentologists originated during the seminar on "Sediments, sedimentation and sedimentary environment" organised in Delhi in September 1975.

Prof. A.G. Jhingran, retired Director General, Geological Survey of India, delivered the presidential address on: "A Glance at the Himalayan Sedimentary Framework".

There were eight technical sessions in the convention covering the field of Sedimentary Economic Deposits (Uranium, Phosphorite, Coal and Oil); Palaeocurrent and Basin Analysis, Stratigraphy and Sedimentary Environments, Petrology, Geochemistry and Clay Mineralogy, Recent Sediments (Fluvial, Lacustrine, Coastal and Estuarine). About 40 research papers were presented in these sessions which also included three Key papers Viz- (i) Sedimentary processes in uranium mineralization with special reference to Indian occurrences - by G.R. UDAS. (ii) Carbonate rocks and petroleum exploration with examples from the Indian stratigraphic record - by A.T.R. RAJU. (iii) Carbonate rocks and petroleum exploration - by C. GUNDU RAO.

The constitution of the Association was adopted in the General Body Meeting. The council elected Dr. M.N. Mehrotra, National Correspondent of I.A.S. as Foreign Secretary of the Association.

Future meetings:

A seminar on the "Problems in Mesozoic and Lower Tertiary Palaeontology, Sedimentation and palaeoenvironment" will be held in November 1977 under the auspices of the Geology Department, Lucknow University, Lucknow.

A Workshop on "Stromatolites: characteristics and utility" will be held by the Geological Survey of India, Western Region, Jaipur in January, 1978. Papers under the following sections have been invited.

- Section I : Systematics, biology, fabric and micro-structure of stromatolites.
- II:: Stromatolite Biostratigraphy
- III : Stromatolite in Basin Analysis and Palaeoenvironmental interpretation.
- IX : Mineral deposits associated with stromatolites.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Dec. 7-8 1977

London

Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Uranium Geology
Details from Executive Secretary, 92/PBC, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, U.K.).

Dec. 29-3 Jan. 1978

Rogate, Sussex

Intensive inservice course for professional geologists on:
Processes in carbonate environments

Robin G.C. Bathurst & Julia A.E.B. Hubbard. The course is organised for the benefit of professional geologists concerned with carbonate rocks. Main emphasis will be on the handling of both recent and ancient materials with particular reference to those aspects which can not be gleaned from a study of the literature. In accepting participants the organisers will aim at balancing the proportions of those with industrial, survey and academic experience. Research students should have a minimum of one year's graduate experience. The number of participants will be limited to 33. Details from Dr. J.A.E.B. Hubbard, Department of Geology, King's College, Strand, London WC2R 2LS. (Closing date for applications 31st October, 1977).

April 10-12 1978

Oklahoma City

Society of Econ. Paleontologists, Annual Meeting
Details from AAPG Headquarters, Box 979, Tulsa, Okla., 74101, U.S.A.

May 6-11 1978

Amsterdam

2nd Meeting of European Geological Societies (MEGS II)
Theme: Europe - "Basins and Source Areas". With excursions.
Details from Secretariat MEGS II, c/o Rijks Geologische Dienst, P.O. Box 157, Haarlem, The Netherlands

May 1978

Cieplice Spa

International Symposium on Hydrogeochemistry of Mineralized Waters

Details from Dr. Z. Plochniewski, Instytut Geologiczny, Rakowiecka 4, 02-517 Warsaw, Poland.

TENTH INTERNATIONAL SEDIMENTOLOGICAL CONGRESS

SHELF DYNAMICS WORKING GROUP

The Shelf and Nearshore Sedimentations and Dynamics Society (SANDS) will sponsor a session entitled "Shelf Dynamics" at the coming Tenth International Sedimentological Congress, in Jerusalem, July, 1978.

Co-convenors:

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and

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Processes on Mediterranean shelves will be compared with those on oceanic shelves. Persons interested in participating should contact the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Tenth Sedimentological Congress and obtain forms for abstracts and information concerning the meeting:

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Request that your paper be presented in the Shelf Dynamics Session.

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