

International Conference & Field Meeting

on

PRECAMBRIAN LIFE, TIME AND ENVIRONMENT: EVOLVING CONCEPTS AND MODERN ANALOGUES

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SYMPOSIUM-CUM-WORKSHOP ON ACRITARCHS

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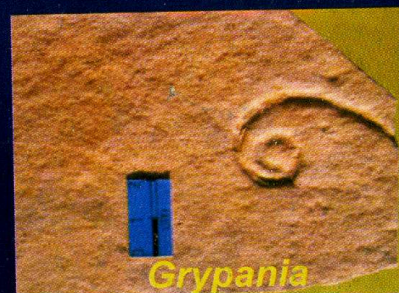
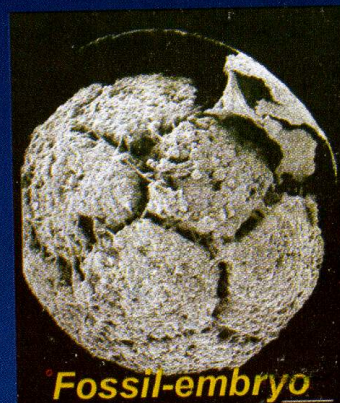
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INVITATION

Dear colleagues

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to, and participate in the International Conference & Field Meeting on **"PRECAMBRIAN LIFE, TIME AND ENVIRONMENT : EVOLVING CONCEPTS AND MODERN ANALOGUES"** and **"SYMPOSIUM-CUM- WORKSHOP ON ACRITARCHS"**, which, we hope will reflect new opportunities in the fields of Precambrian palaeobiology & palaeo-environment and would set the trends for future researches in this area.

CONFERENCE

The objective of the Conference is to reposition the significance of Precambrian time span in world stratigraphy, particularly the planet earth's early life and its various diversification events that involve the huge time span of about FOUR BILLION years. With the modern techniques and tools, the intricacies of microbiological system, as preserved in fossil forms, can be revealed to a great extent. The ancient environment of the Archaean earth, maturing into Proterozoic age, through a process of biological interactions can provide us with a road-map for the future evolutionary trends in the ecosystem. In this direction, the Recent environmental analogues can play a pivotal role in deciphering some of the unexplored domains of early life.

The conference will provide opportunities to identify the strengths and gaps in the field of Precambrian Palaeobiology and palaeo-environments, and to suggest new evolutionary models, mechanisms for reshaping the futuristic research system for this very important time interval of the earth's past. It is also hoped to come up with a vision to prepare for the challenges facing the earth scientists in general and palaeobiologists in particular, in giving the world a acceptable view of the past life and future possibilities.

The conference will provide an international platform to all stakeholders to address emerging issues of importance to provide the distilled inputs with respect to early life and its role in carving out the earth's environment. The structure of the conference has been so designed as to offer greater variety to the participants. The participants would discuss the issues related with **Precambrian Earth, Biosphere, Stratigraphy & Resources, Environments, Glaciations, Geochronology and modern analogous environments.**

SYMPOSIUM

As a co-sequel to the conference, a Symposium-cum-Workshop on Acritarchs (Proterozoic to Early Palaeozoic) has also been included to look into the evolutionary domain of the exceptionally beautiful microorganisms, which are lately proving to be the most useful entities in biostratigraphic correlation of Late Proterozoic to Early Palaeozoic strata, especially in the Oil industry.

The biostratigraphy of the Proterozoic is incomplete without the enigmatic group of microfossils, the 'Acritarchs'. The workshop would provide the experts with a platform to share their knowledge with interested participants on specialized aspects and modern techniques being used in the study of Acritarchs.

In fact, amongst the palaeobiological community of microfossils **because** of the Precambrian, Acritarchs represent the most organized group because of their diversity in morphology and proven record as paleoenvironmental indicators. In sequence stratigraphy of Proterozoic and Palaeozoic marine strata, acritarchs and related palynoflora have been widely used in defining the sequence build-ups and system tracts. In recent years, the utility of Acritarchs have been emphasized in the study of biomarkers as well as in the thermal maturation studies relating to ancient hydrocarbon deposits.

The Neoproterozoic time interval is under limelight by world stratigraphers because this time span preserves some of the most remarkable and spectacular events of earth's history that have helped shape the earth since the ancient times. Many of these geological events triggered the suitable conditions for the Ediacaran blast-off of biota which subsequently led to the Cambrian explosion of life. The preceding 20 years of researches in the Neoproterozoic successions have yielded enormous amount of geochemical and geobiological data that have immensely helped redefine the picture of that era. The integrated geochronology has established the time-lines for the evolution of the crown group eukaryotes and animals. The record of geological events, e.g. global glaciation/s, that have resulted in the earth's changing physics and chemistry. The emergence of several organisms such as Ediacaran metazoans followed by Early Cambrian animals may reflect the changes in the microbiological communities including Acritarchs.

POST-CONFERENCE FIELD WORK

The conference would be followed by a **5-day Field Work (5 - 9 February, 2010) in the Lesser Himalayan Krol Belt in which Cryogenian sections of Pre-Blaini to Tal formations** would be visited. Since a number of International experts are keen to visit India to observe these exceptionally well-developed sections, the visit would provide an opportunity to the participants to physically overview and evaluate the crucial sections of the Indian sub-continent as well.

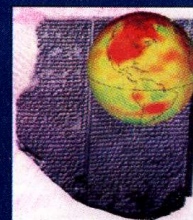
VENUE

This conference and symposium would be held at Lucknow in the ethnic ambience of the University of Lucknow at the Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, **whereas Field-Meeting would be conducted from Dehradun and Chandigarh.**

The Centre of Advanced Study in Geology at the University of Lucknow is one of the oldest Earth Science departments of Northern India which was established in 1942 by the eminent palaeobotanist Prof. Birbal Sahni, FRS. This department is known internationally for contributions to sedimentology, micropalaeontology, stratigraphy and Precambrian life. Prof. R. C. Mishra, our former Head of the department and a well acclaimed authority on Precambrian life initiated the researches on Precambrian fossils in India and produced a galaxy of students who have carried forward his vision to bring Indian Precambrian basins under International focus.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

All the above mentioned events are sponsored by International Commission on Stratigraphy (**Neoproterozoic Subcommission**) and International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP) Project 512 (**Neoproterozoic Ice Ages**). The conference is self financed. However, requests have been made to various National and International agencies for financial assistance to support participants from developing countries.



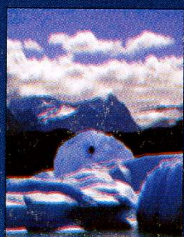
GENERAL INFORMATION

TIME ZONE

The time zone in India, Indian Standard Time, is 5 hrs 30 minutes ahead of UTC (GMT), which makes it 9:30 hours ahead of EDT in the U.S.A (and 10:30 hours ahead of EST when the conference will be held). In India, a single uniform Indian Standard Time (IST) is followed round the year, throughout the Country. There is no day light saving scheme.

CLIMATE

During the period of conference, it is expected that the weather would be generally pleasant at Lucknow. The average day temperature is expected to be around 18-24° C (65-75° F), which may fall to 7 to 10° C (44-50° F) during the night. Temperatures at Dehradun and Chandigarh may be a few degrees lower than Lucknow. Lesser Himalayan tracts may be cooler with the possibility of occasional rains/ snow. Field participants should bring appropriate clothing/ gear to suit the climate.



CURRENCY

Currently, 47 Indian rupees (INR) is about one U.S. dollar.



LUCKNOW CITY

Lucknow (लखनऊ, ~~Lakhnaū~~ *Lakhnaū*), a city of about 3 million people, is the capital city of Uttar Pradesh, the most populous province of India. Located in what was historically known as the Awadh region, Lucknow has always been a multicultural city. Courtly manners, beautiful gardens, poetry, music, and fine cuisine patronized by the erstwhile rulers of the city are well known amongst Indians and students of South Asian culture and history. Lucknow is popularly known as the *The City of Nawabs*. It is also known as the *Golden City of the East*, *Shiraz-i-Hind* and *The Constantinople of India*.

The historical city of Lucknow is situated at the banks of river Gomti, with its imperial splendour and magnificence of the Nawabi era, has been glorified and eulogized down the ages by writers, poets, and historians alike. At the same time, its mystical elegance and amorous ethos have caught the fascination of many world-famous romantics. Known for its 'Adab' and 'Tahzeeb' (cultural refinement), Lucknow is also associated with its legendary hospitality, leisurely moods of life, fabled edifices steeped in history, world-renowned cuisine and exquisite 'Sham-e-Avadh' (Evening in Lucknow). Tremors of time have not effaced its cultural heritage and traditions, which once contributed in creating the city incomparable in its times. Besides being a historical city, it is a major research and educational centre with large concentration of biological, biomedical, agricultural, horticultural, palaeobotanical, toxicological, constitutional, engineering, technological and management institutes which are existing in harmony with equally prestigious centres of art, culture, music, theology, literature and education.

TRAVEL

Lucknow is located 500 km (300 Miles) east of New Delhi and is connected directly by air/ rail/ road with all metropolitan towns and major cities. Most of the trains have air-conditioned 2 or 3 tier sleeper coaches and few have air conditioned chair cars. There are several over night and day trains from Delhi and the superfast trains take about 6½ hours from New Delhi. Lucknow can be reached by air flights from Mumbai (Bombay, 2 hours), Kolkata (Calcutta, 2 Hours) and Delhi (1 hour). Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata have connections to important air travel hubs such as Frankfurt, London, New York, etc. It is also connected internationally with Sharjah, Dubai and Muscat.

SCHEDULE **(February 2 - 9, 2010)**

The entire schedule has been drawn considering the interests of different groups of participants who want to visit Lesser Himalayan Neoproterozoic successions. A two-day Conference followed by one-day Symposium-cum-Workshop on Acritarchs would be held in order to have interactive discussions on **"PRECAMBRIAN LIFE, TIME AND ENVIRONMENT : EVOLVING CONCEPTS AND MODERN ANALOGUES"**.

International Conference : February 2-3, 2010
Symposium-cum-Workshop: February 4, 2010
Field-Meeting: February 5-9, 2010

The participants would be assembling at **Lucknow**. The first part of the event incorporates the International Conference & **Workshop on Acritarchs** between February 2nd to February 4th, 2010. The participants of the Field excursion would travel from Lucknow to Dehradun by an overnight train in the evening of 4th February. The Field-Meeting in Lesser Himalaya begins on February 5th at Dehradun and ends on February 9th in **Chandigarh** from where participants can fly, or travel, by train to **Delhi, Kolkata, Agra**, etc. and return to their respective places. Due to logistic requirements, a maximum number of 25 participants can be accommodated in the Field excursion.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

February 02, 2010 (Tuesday) to February 04, 2010 (Thursday)

Feb. 2nd, 2010

- Inaugural Function**
- I Precambrian Earth**
- II Precambrian Biosphere**
- III Precambrian Stratigraphy & Resources**

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Evening Banquet & Cultural Programme

Feb. 3rd, 2010

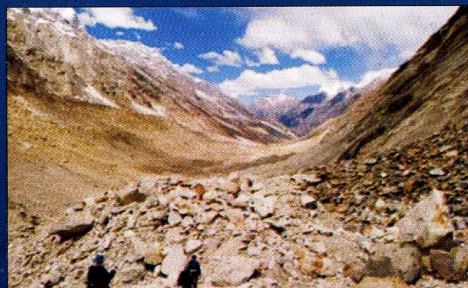
- IV Precambrian Environments**
- V Precambrian Glaciations**
- VI Precambrian Geochronology**
- VII Modern Environments**

Feb. 4th, 2010

Symposium-cum-Workshop on Acritarchs

IGCP-512 Meeting

Valedictory



(overnight travel by train from Lucknow to Dehradun on 4th February 2010)

FIELDWORK IN LESSER HIMALAYA

February 05, 2010 (Friday) to February 09, 2010 (Tuesday)

- Feb. 5th Arrival at **Dehradun** and Fieldwork around Phosphorite Mines
- Feb. 6th **Dehradun** to **Kauriyala** and back – Evaluation of Varanger to Toyonian Succession (Blaini to Tal Formation)
- Feb. 7th **Dehradun** to **Mussoorie** and **Dhanaulti** and back - Complete succession of Ediacaran age (Krol and Tal Formations)
- Feb. 8th **Dehradun** to **Solan** (Himanchal Pradesh)– On the way, exposures of Varanger and Ediacaran successions would be evaluated. Stay in **Solan**.
- Feb. 9th **Solan** to **Simla** – Evaluation of different levels of Varanger glacials, type area of Blaini Formation and older Cryogenian deposits, Return to **Chandigarh**.

COSTS

The Total fees will include the following:

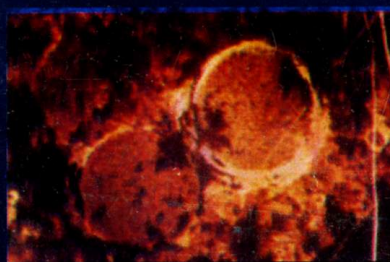
DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE AND/ OR SYMPOSIUM:

- Conference satchel and materials, Abstract Volume, Souvenir, Excursion kit*
- Refreshments/meals during the Conference/ Symposium
- Local transport between the Guest-House/ Hotel and Venue of the Conference including pick-up from Airport/ Railway-station/ Bus-Station, local travel to conference venue
- Lodging/ Boarding, on twin sharing basis in reasonable guest-houses/ Hotels
- Admission to all the Conference sessions & exhibition; certification
- Evening banquet on February 2, 2010

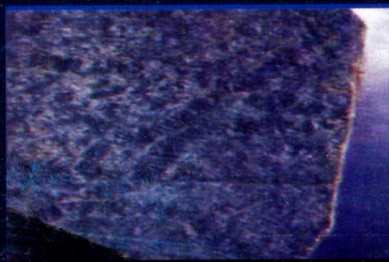
DELEGATES FOR HIMALAYAN FIELD EXCURSION: (Dehradun + Chandigarh)

- *Excursion kit
- Train travel from Lucknow to Dehradun + expenses related to Lodging, Boarding, on twin sharing basis in reasonable guest-houses/ Hotels at **Dehradun** and **Chandigarh** + bus/taxi travel for field-work in Dehradun, Chandigarh and adjoining areas.

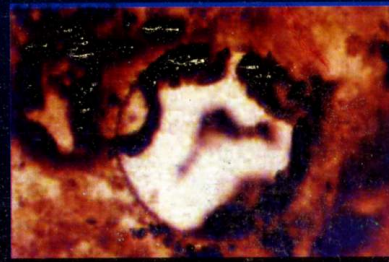
The meet ends at Chandigarh in the evening of February 9, 2010 and participants have to make their own arrangements for overnight stay and/or further travel. However, the Organizers would be very happy to help in arranging guest-house / hotel accommodation, etc. and train/ bus/ taxi arrangements at Chandigarh.



Acritarchs



Shaanxilithes



Acanthomorph

REGISTRATION

Conference/ Symposium/ Field Meeting Delegates	All participants attending the Conference should be registered. Participants of all the categories of delegates need to pay the Registration Fees. Additional Fees for participation in the Conference and/ or Symposium would be in addition to Registration Fees as per the table given below.

FEES

	Registration	Conference/ Symposium	Field- Meeting	Total
Delegates from Outside India	US \$ 100	US \$ 300	US \$ 500	US \$ 900
Delegates - from India/ SAARC Countries	INR 2000	INR 3000	INR 5000	INR 10,000
Student Delegates - from India/ SAARC Countries	INR 1000	NIL	INR 4000	INR 5000

Students/research scholars should provide proof of full-time student status from the university/institution to claim student rates.

ENTITLEMENTS FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

Registration Category	Accommodation	Opening Ceremony	Welcome Reception	Cultural Program	Registration Kit	Access to all sessions	Excursion	Tea, Lunch, Dinner
Conference Delegates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Excursion Delegates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes

The organisers would send the receipt of payment as per the individual request. Please assist us in expediting the processing of your registration form by attaching a copy of your proof of payment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Conference funds are limited. However, partial travel grants and/ or living expenses to a few deserving young participants (below 35 years) from India may be provided. For such grant, aspirants may apply to the Organising Secretary before December 31, 2009.

INDIAN PARTICIPANTS

Registration fee and other charges are to be paid by Bank Draft drawn in favour of "Organising Secretary, International Conference 2010", Account No. 30933580475 payable at the State Bank of India, Main Branch., Lucknow. Fee can also be transferred by electronic transfer as per following details:

Account Name (Credit to): Organising Secretary, International Conference 2010
Bank Name: State Bank of India
Account Number: 30933580475
IFC Code: SBIN0000125
Bank Address: Lucknow Main Branch
Tarawali Kothi, Motimahal Marg, Haratganj
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, 226001, INDIA

FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

Overseas delegates should remit fees, etc. by electronic transfer as per following details. Cheques/credit cards will not be accepted. **The Registration Fee is required to be paid by Bank Transfer only. The registration fee does not include the bank charges. The delegate has to pay all handling/ transfer charges of the bank.**

BANK TRANSFER INFORMATION (FOR INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES)

Account Name (Credit to): Organising Secretary, International Conference 2010
Bank Name: State Bank of India
Account Number: 30933580475
SWIFT Code: SBININBB157
Bank Address: Lucknow Main Branch
Tarawali Kothi, Motimahal Marg, Haratganj
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, 226001, INDIA

Important Notes:

- When paying by bank transfer, please ensure that the name of the participant and Fee details are given.
- The cost of Bank charges must be paid for by the payee, the organizing committee will not accept any payment where the cost of the Bank transfer has not been met.
- Please FAX a copy of the receipt of your bank transfer to Organising Secretary at +91 522-2740037 and emailed at **vibhutirai@gmail.com**.
- To ensure confirmed availability of vacancy for Field-Meeting, transfer the Fees by 31 December 2010. The reservation of seats for Field-Meeting is on FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. However, Fees can also be paid at the time of Registration up to the beginning of conference in cash (No Credit Cards Please) for Conference/ Symposium participants only.

ACCOMMODATION

The Organisers have limited accommodation arrangements for the participants. However, we can try for the accommodation in case the confirmed information about the participants reaches us by 31st December 2009. Such intimation should reach to: vibhutirai@gmail.com. The requests for accommodation should reach with a caption: REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION.

Lucknow has several 3-5 star hotels of international standards as well as many good economy/budget hotels. Registered delegates would be provided accommodation in these hotels/ guest houses/ hostels of local R & D institutes on twin-sharing basis.

AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AGENT OF THE CONFERENCE

For overseas participants: It has been observed that travelling to India may cost more if the tickets are brought from overseas centres. The same travel schedule with designated airlines can cost much less if the tickets are bought from some reliable Indian firms/ Travel agents/ Internet ticketing services. Two of these are given below:

1. CIVICA TRAVELS PVT. LTD., Aakriti Towers, 19 Vidhansabha Marg, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India, PIN CODE-226001, email: civaca87@yahoo.com, Tel: +91-522-2237438, +91-522440, Fax: +91-522-2235659, Mobile: +91-9415024599

Contact Person: Mr. Sukesh Bahadur, Manager

2. <http://www.makemytrip.com/>

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visa for foreign delegates : Citizens of all countries, except Nepal and Bhutan; require a valid visa granted by Indian Missions Abroad for entering India. Those wishing to visit a neighbouring country like Sri Lanka or Nepal and then returning to India, should obtain a double/multiple entry visa. **On the receipt of registration fee, the Organising Committee shall issue necessary documents as required for obtaining Visa from Indian consulate from the country of the applicant. As per Government of India guidelines, a minimum of 7 weeks may be required for visa and other formalities and hence please register early.**

International Delegates may kindly see the following sites to get the details of VISA:

<http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/>
<http://india.gov.in/overseas/passport.php>

Delegates have to apply in advance for Indian Visa and please see the site for detailed information on Indian Missions abroad, where the applications have to be submitted for Indian visa:

http://india.gov.in/overseas/indian_missions.php

Please note that Visa should be arranged in advance from respective Indian missions/embassies and **THERE IS NO VISA ON ARRIVAL.** Before planning your journey. Please contact Indian Embassy/Consulate/High Commission in your country regarding the visa requirements. If you are planning to visit other touristic places of India, you may also seek Tourist Visa.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Valid yellow fever certification is mandatory for all persons who have been to Africa, South America, or Papua New Guinea during the six days before entering into India. You may also have an International Medical health insurance in case of emergency requirements. All precautions would be taken to ensure safe and comfortable travel during excursion, the organizers would not be held responsible for any eventuality or accident or unforeseen situation.

CREDIT CARDS

Diners Club, Master card, American Express, Citibank, and Visa are widely accepted by large establishments including hotels, shops, and airlines with proper authorization by overseas office of the Card issuing authority.

SHOPPING

India is a shoppers' paradise and offers rich diversity of handicrafts, textiles, carpets, leather, gems, and jewellery to name a few. The travel counter at the Conference Venue can help you in arranging suitable transport for shopping excursions.

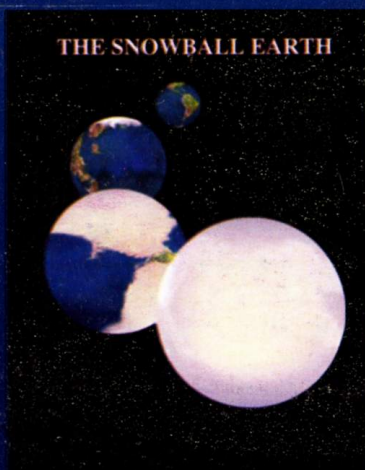
SIGHTSEEING

North Indian Heritage Tour

The trip to India can be clubbed with some site-seeing tours with a few cities of International repute being close to Lucknow. These are: **Delhi, Jaipur** - which has an attraction of Hawa Mahal (city Palace - Palace of Wind) and an unusual observatory the Jantar Mantar, built by the astronomer King Sawai Jai Singh II, **Agra** - where the Taj-Mahal (one of the seven wonders of the world) stands to welcome the visitors of the globe, **Khajuraho** - a place for temples (divided into three main geographical groups) - main attraction of which are the Sun God's temple, Devi Jagdambe, Lakshmi, Varah, Nandi and the Monkey God 'Hanuman' temples, and **Varanasi** - where Buddha (founder of Bhuddhism) preached his first sermon at Sarnath, sculptures from the Mauryan, Kushana, Gupta and later periods are on display.

ELECTRICITY

Voltage in India is 220 V/AC, 50 Hz.



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SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

Marketing at Lucknow International conference would be an excellent opportunity to promote your Company. It provides an ideal opportunity to increase your profile and network with a highly targeted national and international scientists coming from about **two** dozen countries in addition to over 50 participants from most reputed government organizations, PSU's, Universities and Institutes.

SPEAKERS AND DELEGATES

Speakers and delegates to our International conference include Geoscientists, faculty members, experts and officials from all sectors of Oil Industry, governmental and non-governmental organisations and universities. The one thing they have in common is a direct involvement in the subject of the conference - an ideal target group for companies and organisations wishing to promote their product or service.

SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

A wide range of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities exist at the Lucknow events, including

- Becoming the principal sponsor, giving your company a high profile throughout the event
- Sponsoring the conference proceedings
- Sponsoring evening receptions
- Sponsoring delegate bags
- Exhibiting at the conference
- Inserting publicity material into delegate packs

A range of standard packages are available, but if you have a specific set of requirements, then **and** we will be happy to tailor a package to precisely suit your individual needs. If you would like to register your interest in an event or discuss sponsorship or exhibition options further, then please contact the Organising Secretary.

The conference organizers are seeking sponsors and industrial support and offer the best stage for the event in terms of additional activities. Sponsorship of '**EnviroEnergy 2009**' provides a sponsor or an organization with a unique opportunity to increase its visibility and product awareness within a highly specialized and influential community. The organizers present a wide spectrum of sponsorship and associated benefits listed below:

Sponsorship Cost	
Host sponsor	Rs. 2.0 Lacs
Platinum sponsor	Rs. 1.0 Lacs
Gold sponsor	Rs. 50, 000
Silver sponsor	Rs. 25,000
Bronze sponsor	Rs. 10,000

TENTATIVE TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

February 02, 2010 (Tuesday)

8.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.30	Inauguration
10.30-11.30	Tea Break
11:30-13:30	Technical Session I
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30-16.00	Technical Session II
16.00-16.15	Tea Break
16.15-18.15	Technical Session III

February 03, 2010 (Wednesday)

9.30 – 10.30	Technical Session IV
10.30-11.30	Tea Break
11:30-13:30	Technical Session V
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30-16.00	Technical Session VI
16.00-16.15	Tea Break
16.15-18.15	Technical Session VII
20.00	Dinner

February 04, 2010 (Thursday)

9.00 – 12.30	Symposium cum Workshop
12.30-12.45	Tea Break
12:45-13:45	IGCP-512 Meeting
13.45-14.30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	Valedictory

LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE

The official conference languages is English.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORAL PRESENTATION

Each speaker will have 25 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. Authors are requested to present only one paper in each session. However, it is permissible to be listed as the co-author in another presentation. Authors intending to give an oral presentation should fill out the attached form "ORAL".

Projection Equipments: Multimedia Projectors, Screens, Tabletop 35-mm slide projectors and overhead projectors would be available besides computers and laptops. If other or additional equipment is requested by a presenter, reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate the individual request.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

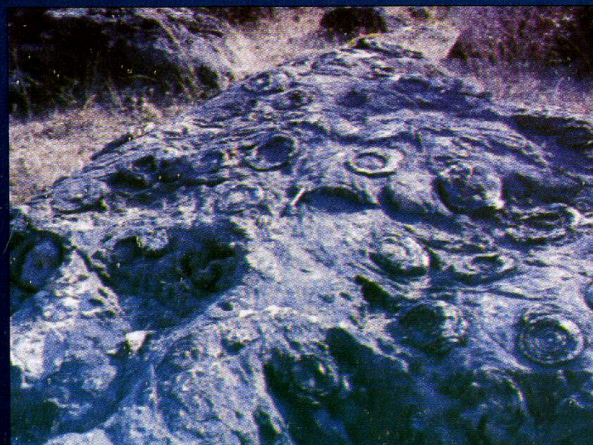
Boards will be provided for all poster sessions. They will measure 4' tall x 6' wide (120 cm x 180 cm). Push tacks and/or velcro will be available to tack your poster to the board.

The title of your poster should appear at the TOP in CAPITAL letters about 25mm (1") high. Below the title, put the author(s)' name(s) and affiliation(s).

We suggest that the flow of your poster be downward in columns, starting at the TOP LEFT and ending at the BOTTOM RIGHT. Arrows can be used to lead your viewer through the poster.

You may bring additional small battery-operated audio or visual aids to enhance your presentation. If your equipment needs to be charged prior to the session, please notify the conference desk.

It is our plan to provide separate computer units to paper presenters for last minute changes and over-viewing the presentations. All these units would be equipped with Microsoft Word & Powerpoint programmes besides Adobe Acrobat soft-wares. In addition to the department's computer Laboratory, additional Internet facilitated systems would be available in a separate hall to facilitate participants of the conference.



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PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

Abstract of Paper:

The Abstract not exceeding two A-4 page is to be typed in "Times New Roman" 12 pt normal font, single line spacing and should include:

- Title of Paper in BLOCK letter
- Name of author(s) in italics with an asterisk (*) marked against the name of the presenting author,
- 5 to 6 key words
- Main body
- Author(s)' primary institutional affiliations using superscript numerals including full address of all the authors (s) up to town and country and their E-mail IDs.

Hard copies of Abstract, along with duly filled registration form, complete in all respects (including a passport size coloured photograph of the delegate duly pasted on the form) and, Bank draft of the Registration fee should be mailed to the Organizing Secretary at the Correspondence address.

An electronic version of the abstract should simultaneously be e-mailed to Dr. Vibhuti Rai, Organizing Secretary at vibhutorai@rediffmail.com, vibhutorai@hotmail.com.

PUBLICATION

Full Papers:

Full papers need not be submitted presently. However, the Organizing Committee has decided to publish the Proceedings of the International Conference and other submitted papers on allied themes in the form of a book. An International committee of Experts will scrutinize all submitted papers. Discussions are going on with Publishers of renowned Journals/ Books and is expected to be finalised by the beginning of the conference.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **December 15, 2009** Registration by overseas participants
- **January 1, 2010** Registration by Indian participants
- **January 10, 2010** Submission of Abstracts (up to 2 pages).
- **January 15, 2010** Acceptance of Abstracts.
- **May 1, 2010** Receipt of complete paper for publication.
- **August 1, 2010** Review of complete paper and final acceptance.

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