Field Training Programme ‘Sedimentation, Tectonic and Quaternary Landforms of Zanskar Valley’
Tentative dates 25 August–8 September 2015
(Sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India, New Delhi)

A 15 days field workshop on the ‘Sedimentation, Tectonic and Quaternary Landforms of Zanskar Valley’ is being organized by the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj from 25 August to 8 September 2015. The main objective of this field training programme is to excite and train the young researchers in an important yet little explored geological terrain traversing from Leh–Kargil–Padam (Zanskar valley) which presents an entire gamut of the history of Himalayan orogeny and Quaternary climate variability.

This training programme is restricted to those young scientists who have completed M.Sc. and pursuing Ph.D. or who have just completed Ph.D. and pursuing postdoctoral research in Earth Sciences. The candidates who are interested to undertake this training programme are requested to send their academic profile including ongoing research activities and mentioning separately how this workshop would benefit their ongoing research work. The application, duly forwarded through their Supervisor/Head of the Department/Institutional Head can be sent by e-mail to Dr M. G. Thakkar (mgthakkar@rediffmail.com) or by speed post at the address mentioned below on or before 30 June 2015. Preference will be given to those who are pursuing research in Himalaya. Those who have already attended any of the previous field training workshops of the same series organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi, in the Himalayan region need not apply.

The selection of prospective trainees will be done as per the guidelines of the Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India, New Delhi. The selected participants will be provided travel reimbursement as per the norms of Govt of India to reach Delhi from their respective places of work and the selected candidates will be informed about the detailed programme well in advance. Travel expenses from Delhi to Kargil and back to Delhi, lodging and boarding during the workshop will be borne by the organizers. All aspiring candidates are advised to attach a medical certificate from a Registered Medical Officer to their application stating that they are fit to work in high altitude terrains.

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Call for Papers/Panel Proposals

Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE)
8th Biennial Conference on URBANIZATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Hosted by Department of Management Studies,
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, during 16–18 December 2015

INSEE invites submissions of original papers and panel proposals for the above conference. The sub-themes are:

- Urbanization, industrialization and climate change
- Urban commons, institutions and movements
- Urban–rural environmental and resource linkages
- Air pollution, solid waste and human health
- Rural in the urban: agriculture in cities
- Culture, consumption and sustainability of cities
- Urban environmental governance and technology
- Urban water: from source to disposal
- Urban ecologies, biodiversity

Analyses of current challenges as well as of possible pathways towards more sustainable and equitable urbanization are welcome. Contributions would ideally have an interdisciplinary perspective.

Last date for abstract submission (for papers and proposals) – 7 July 2015
Communication about selection of abstracts/proposals – 20 July 2015
Last date for submission of final paper/panel (in INSEE format) – 2 October 2015
Communication about selection of paper/panel – 1 November 2015

Abstracts or panel proposals should be less than 400 words, and should be sent to inseecconference2015@gmail.com. Please indicate the sub-theme for which the abstract/proposal is being submitted. For more details, see www.ecoinsee.org