

MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/SEMINARS

Workshop on Applications of NMR in Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries and 5th National Symposium on Magnetic Resonance

Date: 23–26 February 1999
Place: Dehra Dun

The scope of this workshop is to provide a forum for the direct interaction between refinery engineers/technologists and research scientists of various R&D centers for evolving more economical methods for crude oil refining and product quality assurance. The two-day workshop will cover broadly the application of NMR for the evaluation and characterization of various types of crudes, fuels, feed stocks, lubricants, base oils, additives, waxes and petroleum speciality products and their processings.

Considering the ongoing advancements in developments of methodologies, techniques, instrumentation and applications of magnetic resonance in chemical, physical and biological systems, this symposium, as per the objective of the NMRS, intends to create a common platform for scientists, academicians, scholars to interact intensively and exchange their views to further the growth of magnetic resonance work in India.

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International Workshop-cum-Field Meeting on the Indus Suture Zone and India-Asia Plate Margins

Date: 6–11 September 1999
Place: Leh, Ladakh, India

Themes include: Lithospheric dynamics across Himalaya, Indus Suture Zone (ISZ) and Karakoram; Plutonic-volcanic arc magmatism; Neo-Tethys oceanic crust, accretionary prism and intra-arc sediments; Evolution of northern and southern passive margins of Neo-Tethys; Syn-to Post-Collision intra-montane basins; Deformation and exhumation of metamorphic complexes; Active tectonics and natural hazards; Paleoclimate.

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National Seminar on Fluoride Contamination, Fluorosis and Defluoridation Techniques

Date: 25–27 February 1999
Place: Udaipur

Themes include: Ground water quality and fluoride contamination; Fluoride concentration under different hydrogeological environment; Human health and fluorosis; Defluoridation techniques and community participation.

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National Conference on Mycorrhiza

Date: 5–7 March 1999
Place: Bhopal

The core theme of the Conference is Mycorrhiza. Mycorrhiza is a symbiotic association between roots and certain group of soil fungi. It is emerging as an important biofertilizer in agriculture and forestry. The role of mycorrhiza in rehabilitation of mine soils, saline and alkaline soils, and coastal and desert sandy lands has also been extensively studied. Use of mycorrhizal biofertilizer will be a step forward towards developing healthier planet by reducing pollution.

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5th International Congress on Ethnopharmacology on 'Plant Derived Drugs in the 21st Century'

Date: 23–28 May 1999
Place: Thiruvananthapuram

Themes include: Plant derived drugs; Ethnopharmacological search for biodynamics compounds; Traditional Medicine; Herbal drugs, Primary Healthcare, IPR related issues.

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