M. S. SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION

M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai is looking for suitable candidates for the following positions:

1. Coordinator for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources for Food Security and Environmental Quality

This project involves the standardization of agronomic management techniques, which can help to improve the productivity, profitability and sustainability of major farming systems practised in alluvial, black and red soils. The project is an inter-institutional one and involves collaboration with the Ohio State University in the United States. The Indian institutions involved are the Punjab Agricultural University, Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya and MSSRF. Candidates wishing to be considered should have a Ph. D. degree in Agronomy/Soil Science and should be an outstanding leader in the area of sustainable agriculture. The Coordinator’s responsibilities will include periodic preparation of integrated technical and financial reports for submission to the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, which is the funding organization.

2. Coordinator for a project on Underutilised Crops

This project involves the revitalization of the earlier traditions of cultivation and consumption of a wide range of millets, pulses, tuber crops and other locally adapted food crops. The project will help to widen the base of food security by linking conservation, utilization and commercialization in a mutually reinforcing manner. Candidates should have a Ph. D. degree in Genetics and Plant Breeding or Agronomy and be able to coordinate the work of several institutions in India and Nepal. Experience of working with minor millets and other underutilized crops will be an added qualification.

Applications containing detailed CV, list of publications and other relevant information should be sent to the Chief Manager, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, 3rd Cross Street, Taramani Institutional Area, Chennai 600 113, by 31 August 2001.

Contact Course on Contemporary Concepts and Tools in Fold-and-Thrust Belt Deformation

Date: 26 November–1 December 2001
Place: Centre for Mathematical Modelling and Computer Simulation, Bangalore

The course, sponsored by the SERC Programme (PAC-ES) of the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, will present the current ideas and techniques that govern the study and research of compressive deformation in fold-and-thrust belts like the Himalayas. It is open to postgraduate students, researchers and teachers with a background in earth sciences and an interest in the Himalayan deformation. UG level knowledge of structural geology and mathematics is a prerequisite for the course. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and must be received by 1 October 2001. Travel grant and living expenses at Bangalore will be provided to selected candidates. Applications containing full CV with recommendation from the supervisor must be sent to the following address:

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