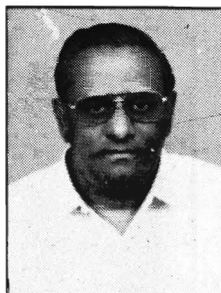


## OBITUARY

### V. RAGOTHAMAN



(1941-1996)

Professor V. Ragothaman passed away on the 15th of July, 1996 in Chennai. He was born in November, 1941 and had his school education at Udumalpet, Coimbatore. After graduating in Geology from Alagappa College, Karaikudi and Presidency College, Madras, Ragothaman obtained his Ph. D. degree from the University of Madras. His doctoral thesis focussed on Recent Foraminifera which were poorly known in sixties, especially from the Indian region. In 1966, he was appointed as Research Assistant in the Department of Geology, University of Madras, where he subsequently taught as Lecturer, Reader and Professor. During this period, he developed a strong team of talented and dedicated workers on Foraminifera and Ostracoda besides contributing several publications in reputed national and international journals.

Prof. Ragothaman conducted a "workshop on Micropalaeontological studies" in March, 1993 and or-

ganized the "XIV Indian Colloquium on Micropalaeontology & Stratigraphy" in Madras, 1994. He attended many conferences in India, where he was noted for his academic qualities and well-presented papers.

As a person, he was gentle, cheerful, obliging and helpful. He was a good collector of antiques. His death was mourned by many of his followers and fellow micropalaeontologists. He leaves behind his wife, son, colleagues and a large number of students and friends.

He was member of the Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow and served the Society in various capacities, for which the Society expresses its gratitude to him.

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