

THE PALAEOONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

Secretary's Annual Report for 2007-08

(Presented at the Annual General Body Meeting held on 1st March, 2008 in the K.P. Vimal Hall in the Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow.)

Mr. President and distinguished Fellows

On behalf of the Palaeontological Society of India and on my own behalf, I extend you all most cordial welcome on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the society.

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the activities of the Palaeontological Society of India for the proceeding year 2007-08 before you.

Annual General Meeting

The last Annual General Meeting of the society was held on 1st March 2007 in the Geology Department, Lucknow University under the chairmanship of Prof. B.S. Tewari, President of the society. Forty Seven Fellows attended the meeting. Annual Report and Audited Account for the year 2005-2006 were presented and approved. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Council Meeting

The Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India met three times during last year for transacting the business of the society. In these meetings, the organisation of Seminars, Symposia, Field Meetings, Lectures and visit of geoscientists were planned, discussed and arranged, besides conducting routine business about publication and financial matters.

Lectures

26th M.R. Sahni Memorial Lecture was delivered on 1st March, 2008 by Prof. P.K. Saraswati, Chairman, Department of Earth Sciences, I.I.T., Bombay on : "Life History of Foraminifera : Stable Isotopic and Elemental Proxies"

9th S.N. Singh Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. B.R. Arora, Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun. He spoke on "Understanding the Himalayan Seismicity : An Ultimate Geodynamic Challenge".

Shri Jokhan Ram, Ex.-Chief KDMIPE, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation, Dehradun gave a talk on "Petroleum Habitat & Exploration: National and Global Cases".

Prof. V.K. Gaur, F.N.A., Distinguished Professor, Indian Institute of Astrophysics and Centre for Mathematical Modelling, Bangalore gave a talk entitled "Experiments on Two Unique Indian Terraines designed to resolve some outstanding questions about planet earth's continental lithosphere", and

Dr. O.P. Pandey, Dy. Director, N.G.R.I., Hyderabad gave a lecture on K-T Boundary.

In addition, other scientists from NGRI, ONGC, GSI, WIHG also visited the society and interacted with fellows of the Society.

Current Membership

During last year, one new Life Fellow has joined the society. Present membership is as follows :

Life Fellow	245
Fellow	21
Total	266

Exchange Programme

The society is continuing the exchange of its publication with sister organisations of other nations. Prominent among them are Peoples Republic of China, South Africa, Poland, Italy and the Netherlands.

Publication

The major activity of the society continues to be the publication of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India. On persistent demand from fellows, the Society has started publishing the Journal biannually – one issue in June and other in December - since 2005. The current volume 52 (Part II) was already released in December 2007.

Financial Assistance

The Financial Assistance of Rs.40,000/- from D.S.T., New Delhi is gratefully acknowledged.

The society is deeply obliged to the Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, University of Lucknow for extending all possible help and facilities. I would also like to thank numerous scientists from India and abroad for reviewing research papers submitted to our journal for publication. Special thanks are due to Prof. A.K. Jauhri and Prof. S. Kumar, Editors for maintaining high quality of publication.

I am personally obliged to all members of the Executive Council for their unreserved help, guidance and assistance in the smooth functioning of the society.

Thanking you all.

March 1, 2008.

M.P. Singh
Secretary