

*IAP Symposium on — Cretaceous of India : Palaeoecology, Palaeogeography and Time-boundaries.*

The Indian Association of Palynostratigraphers, Lucknow has planned a symposium on Cretaceous of India to be held at Lucknow from 14th to 16th November 1982, and is likely to be co-sponsored by Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Department of Geology—Lucknow University, and the Palaeontological Society of India. The purpose of this Symposium is to synthesize the existing knowledge on the Cretaceous biostratigraphy in India. The papers shall be presented by the invited speakers on specific themes and also through general contributions. Interested persons may also present their communication through poster-sessions.

*Vaanaspatic-Club, Lucknow*

In order to meet the pressing need for a common platform for the Botanists and plant-scientists of Lucknow-region, a Botanical-Club has been launched in the city. Many people may not be aware of the fact that Lucknow has a privilege to be one of the biggest centres of biological sciences in Asia. The city is proud of having produced a great botanist—Prof. Birbal Sahni, who set the unparalleled traditions in science during this century.

The Organisers of the Vaanaspatic Club—Drs. O.S. Bajpai and J. K. Misra of Jai Narain Degree College, and other fellow scientists in the city, are convinced to create awareness about Botany in the people through this medium. The Group has been formally inaugurated by Dr. Gerald Blunden of School of Pharmacy, Portsmouth Polytechnic (U.K.) who delivered a talk on medicinal use of Agavaceae. The function was presided by Prof. B. S. Trivedi, Head of the Botany Department, Lucknow University.

*Electron Microscopy Group, Lucknow*

The Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow took a lead in organizing an Electron Microscopy Group of Lucknow. The scientists interested in the electron microscopy have organized an informal body which conducts semi-technical and technical lectures by specialists of various branches of science. Dr. A. C. Shipstone of the CDRI is the person who has foreseen a need for such active workshop dealing with EM aspect. As such, Lucknow enjoys the prestige of having quite few centres where EM is operative; many more institutes expect to receive the instruments. Being affiliated with the national-body of the Electron Microscopy Association, the Lucknow-EM-Group has a chance to contribute to the knowledge—particularly for the younger generation of the scientists.

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Prof. A. K. Ghosh, Rtd. Prof. of Botany, University College of Science, Calcutta has been awarded “Paul Johannes Brühl Medal” by the Asiatic Society for his meritorious piece of original research in Palaeobotany.