

A report on 32nd Indian Association of Sedimentologists Annual Meeting

32nd Indian Association of Sedimentologists Annual Meeting and International Conference on “Geosciences and Environment” was held in Annamalai University during 7-10 January, 2016. The meeting was co-sponsored by Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, RAMCO Cements and Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM).

A total of 178 abstracts were presented during the meeting which was followed by a field trip on the day four. Abstracts pertain to following eighteen themes.

- T-1 Sedimentation and tectonics
- T-2 Petrology and Petrochemistry
- T-3 Geohydrology, Structural geology and Geomorphology
- T-4 Coastal and deep sea processes and environment
- T-5 Technologies and applications of Earth sciences
- T-6 Petroliferous and Coal basins and Shale Gas Exploration
- T-7 Biogeography, Paleontology and Stratigraphy
- T-8 Earth surface and subsurface processes
- T-9 Geophysics- Seismology, Rock mechanics applied to seismology, Dynamic tectonics, Earthquake and Structural engineering, Engineering Geology
- T-10 Atmospheric sciences and Meteorology
- T-11 Climate change, Global warming, extreme weather and its impact
- T-12 Remote sensing and GIS applications
- T-13 Mineral processing and Waste management
- T-14 Natural and man-made hazards and management
- T-15 Earth resources and management
- T-16 Lakes, Rivers and Wetland management
- T-17 Medical Geology and geological impact on environment
- T-18 Geo-heritage and Tourism management

The meeting was attended by a large number of participants from Indian Universities, research organizations and industries. A one day workshop on ‘Shale Oil and Gas Exploration’ was conducted on the second day of the conference. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Jonathan Craig, Senior Vice President, ENI. The field trip was carried out to show the exposures of the Cretaceous Cauvery basin around Ariyalur area. Eight participants contested for the prestigious ‘Young sedimentologist award’ conferred by the Indian Association of Sedimentologists. The Association decided to convene the 33rd meeting in Varanasi, the dates of which are yet to be decided.

SEPM is sponsoring the Indian Association of Sedimentologists Meeting for past several years. Books and CDs of SEPM were displayed during the two-day meeting. Research scholar, faculties as well as professional from industries took tremendous interests to see the exhibits of SEPM. Gift materials were distributed among the potential SEPM members.



SEPM exhibits in the Indian Association of Sedimentologists meeting



A section of the delegates during a talk



Dr. Jonathan Craig is addressing the delegates during the inaugural session



Presentation by one of the delegates during a session



Prof. G.N. Nayak, President of the Indian Association of Sedimentologists addressing the delegates during the inaugural session