ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings from India!

The Geological Society of India will be organising the 7th International Earth Science Olympiad during September 11-19, 2013, in the historical city of Mysore, India.

IESO, founded by the International Geoscience Education Organisation, is an annual competition for secondary school students worldwide. It intends to encourage international interaction and co-operation among participating students from all over the world and, in turn, promote public awareness of the importance of Earth Sciences and improve the quality of Earth Science education in schools. So far, this international event has been organised in S. Korea (2007), Taiwan (2008), The Philippines (2009), Indonesia (2010), Italy (2011) and Argentina (2012).

The event would consist of a theory test and a practical test spanning all major areas of Earth Sciences, including geology, geophysics, meteorology, oceanography, astronomy, and environmental sciences. Based on the performance, students will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals as per statutes of IESO. Besides, in the International Field Team Investigation, groups of students from diverse nationalities will carry out field work and present their findings before a jury. Deserving teams will be awarded prizes for this co-operative activity which is unique to IESO.

Each national delegation can have a maximum of four student participants and two mentors. Participants must not be university/college students and should not be older than 18 years as on July 1, 2013. Each participating country must pay the travel expenses (to and from) of its delegation to Mysore. All other expenses directly related to IESO, including the cost of accommodation, meals, and local transportation, for all the participating delegations, will be provided by the Geological Society of India.

Registration fee is Euros 1000/- for each national team, comprising four students and two Mentors. Registration fee for Observers and Guest students is Euros 1000/- per person.

We look forward to welcoming you in India for the 7th IESO in September.

Sincerely yours

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Organising Committee, 7th IESO