

lecture, Osamu Kobayashi (Japan) presented data indicating implications of tree rings in climatic reconstruction of Nepal. The last lecture in this session was by Achim Brauning (Germany) who discussed about the reconstruction of different seasonal aspects of climate of Tibet using several tree ring parameters and also from several trees like *Pinus*, *Abies* and *Juniperus*. This multi-seasonal climatic information would be useful to build up the synoptical weather condition for understanding wind system dynamics and monsoon variability in south-east Asia.

In the poster presentations, Seiji Ishibashi (Japan) displayed tree ring data in application to forest management. He described a new methodology to reconstruct diameter distribution of past broad-leaved forest. Vandana Chaudhary (BSIP) discussed tree ring analysis of *Larix griffithiana* from Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh in reconstructing May temperature. A. Bhattacharyya (BSIP) presented tree ring data of *Abies pindrow* to date the glacial advancement of recent past around Dokriani Bamak Glacier, Garhwal Himalaya.

It has been proposed to publish proceedings of this Symposium in a special volume of *The Palaeobotanist*.

Since teak is established as the most potential tree for the dendrochronological studies from the tropical region, a field trip was undertaken to Madhya Pradesh to study teak forests at Delavari and other sites.

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C. N. R. Rao elected to French Academy



C. N. R. Rao, Linus Pauling Research Professor of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, has been elected as Foreign Member of the prestigious Academy of Sciences of France. The French Academy is an

exclusive body of 65 members and Rao is the first Indian scientist to be elected. Rao, one of India's most acclaimed scientists, is a member of all the major science academies of the world, such as the Royal Society (London), US National

Academy of Sciences, Russian Academy, Japan Academy, Academie Europea, the Pontifical Academy (Vatican) and the American Philosophical Society. Rao will receive the honour in Paris at a special function to be held on 19 June 2000.