

If You Don't Mind Missing Christmas At Home . . .

From Joanne Michalovic in the NPS Washington Office of International Affairs comes a call for applications from interested mid-level NPS career employees to attend the **First Asian School on Conservation Biology** to be held Dec. 16-31, 1987, at the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India. Scientists, students, resource managers, and park managers from many Asian countries will attend, and the organizers have invited and will pay the expenses for one NPS mid-level employee.

Emphasis will be placed on broadening efforts to conserve the entire spectrum of biological diversity and on reconciling the demands of conservation, economic development, and subsistence needs of local people. In addition to course work and lectures on modern developments in the entire field of conservation biology, the school will include a four-day field trip to India's first biosphere reserve in the Nilgiris, South India. Within that reserve are the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Nagarhole and Silent Valley National Parks, and Mudumali, Wynaad, and Upper Nilgiris Wildlife Sanctuaries.

The NPS participants will be expected to deliver one lecture on an appropriate topic pertaining to biological conservation in his/her field of expertise. He/she will also be expected to deliver presentations to NPS staff in the home park or region upon return to the U.S., and prepare a written evaluation of the course and

experience. All travel, per diem, and course registration fees will be covered. The NPS participant must supply his/her own pocket money for incidentals.

Applications will be accepted from interested mid-level NPS career employees who have responsibility for management of natural resources/biological diversity. This could include but is not limited to resource managers, park managers, park rangers, and researchers.

All applicants must have an International Skills Roster Form and accompanying SF-171 on file with the Branch of Employee Evaluation and Staffing, Rm 2215, ATTN: International Skills Roster, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Selection will be made using the Skills Form and SF-171. Deadline for application is Oct. 2, 1987.

Previous overseas experience is not mandatory.

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