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INSTITUTE OF PALAEOBOTANY
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53, University Road
Lucknow
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Dear P. Krishna

Just before his passing away, Professor Birbal Sahni, F.R.S., the Founder Director of the Institute of Palaeobotany, had planned a Journal of Palaeobotanical Research under the auspices of this Institute. This journal was to be called 'The Palaeobotanist', and it was a project he was very keen on and which was very dear to his heart. Unfortunately, owing to this great and tragic calamity even the first number did not materialise in his life time. We are now planning to bring out the first number as a Commemoration Volume to honour his memory. We are inviting for this purpose eminent scientists, fellow-workers and friends the world over, to contribute to it papers of scientific interest, or appreciations of Professor Sahni as man and scientist.

We should be extremely grateful if you would kindly send us a paper (with photographs and sketches if necessary) relating to Palaeobotany, Botany or Geology, or an appreciation of some aspects of Professor Sahni's work and personality. Manuscripts of scientific papers may be of any length not exceeding 6000 words and of appreciations 1500 words. While we would not like to prescribe these lengths considerations of space alone suggest this limit. Manuscripts may kindly be sent per registered air mail to Dr. R.V. Sitholey, Institute of Palaeobotany, University Road, Lucknow (India). We have planned that the manuscripts be preserved at the Institute after publication.

It is intended to publish the Commemoration Volume on the first anniversary, the 10th of April, 1950 which followed so close on the foundation of the Institute on the 3rd of April. In order, therefore, to bring it out in time, we would especially request you to kindly send in your contribution so as to reach us by the end of October 1949.

Yours sincerely,

Savitri Sahni

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President Governing Body.