

Books Received



Tradition, Science and Society

S Balachandra Rao

Navakarnataka

1990, Rs.15.

A Textbook of Biology - Volume 2

**P K G Nair, K P Achar, M J Hegde
and S G Prabhu**

Himalaya Publishing House

1996, Rs.150.

*Indus Script - Its Nature
and Structure*

B V Subbarayappa

New Era Publications.

1996, Rs.230.

Information and Announcements



The 37th International Mathematical Olympiad

As has already been announced in these pages earlier (*Resonance*, Vol.1, No.1, 1996), India is hosting the 37th IMO from 5 July to 17 July, 1996 in Mumbai. (The venue was shifted from New Delhi to Mumbai in March.) About 75 countries are expected to participate.

The problems posed in the final paper are selected through an interesting procedure. Each participating country (except the host) submits upto six problems to the *problem short-listing committee* of the host country. The

committee receives about 120-150 problems from which it prepares a short-list of about 30 problems taking care to see that all the areas — algebra, combinatorics, geometry and number theory — are represented. The most important single criterion for a problem to be short-listed is that it should be new and not have been published anywhere. This is a very hard thing to ensure.

The jury which consists of leaders of all the participating countries arrives three days