

Call for Participation in the ICCP Accreditation Programs (Round 2010-2011)

The International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP) is pleased to invite you to participate in the next Accreditation round. At present the ICCP has three Accreditation Programs:

- **Single Coal Accreditation Program (SCAP)** for both maceral group and vitrinite random reflectance analyses. In this program the ability of an analyst to identify and quantify the maceral groups and to identify and measure the vitrinite reflectance of a coal sample according to ISO standards is tested.

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- **Dispersed Organic Matter Vitrinite Reflectance Accreditation Program (DOMVR)**. In this program the ability of an analyst to identify and measure the reflectance of vitrinite occurring as dispersed vitrinite in rocks such as carbonaceous shales or hydrocarbon source rocks is tested.

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- **Coal Blends Accreditation Program (CBAP)**. In this program the ability of an analyst to identify the number of coals in a blend and their petrographic characteristics such as vitrinite reflectance and maceral group composition according to ISO standards is tested. Organic petrology is the only technique able to yield information of the individual component coals within a coal blend.

Organizer: Isabel Suárez-Ruiz (isruiz@incar.csic.es)

The ICCP offers discounts for those participating in more than one accreditation program and has established a procedure to facilitate payments in which a single invoice will be produced. This requires that you contact the organizers of the programs before the **end of April** in order to expedite the procedures. In addition the timing of the exercises has been spaced to reasonably distribute the analytical load of the participants along the year. The expected timing is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. General Schedule Proposed for 2010-2011 ICCP Accreditation exercises

	SCAP	DOMVR	CBAP
Announcement, call for participants and invoicing	February to May 2010	February to May 2010	February to May 2010
Sample distribution	April to June 2010	June to August 2010	December 2010
Reception of results	July to September 2010	September to November 2010	January to March 2011
Evaluation, Certificates and Web	October to December 2010	December 2010	April to June 2011
Certificates Validity	01.01.2011 to 31.12.2012	01.01.2011 to 31.12.2012	01.07.2011 to 30.06.2013

Different number of samples are to be analysed in the programs depending on your previous participation. Participants entering SCAP or DOMVR programs or having lapsed for a round, have to analyse six samples, whereas continuation in the program requires the analysis of two samples. For CBAP, new entrants are expected to analyse two samples and continuation requires the analysis of a single sample.

No participation of automatic systems will be allowed in this round.

The samples for the exercises will be distributed once the organizer has been informed by the treasurer about the reception of the corresponding fee. The fees for the next Accreditation Round are summarised in Table 2. In addition, for participation in two ICCP accreditation programs a **10% discount** will be applied in the two of them and for participation in the three accreditation programs a **20% discount** will be applied in the three of them.

Table 2. Fees for the current ICCP Accreditation Programs

	SCAP		DOMVR		CBAP	
	Entry	Continuation	Entry	Continuation	Entry	Continuation
Non-Members, €	126	84	100	66	200	168
Members, €	63	42	50	33	100	84

Further details on the Accreditation programs, evaluation procedures and screening method to limit outliers in the accreditation database can be found at the ICCP website (www.iccop.org) and can be also received by contacting the respective program organizers.

The ICCP accreditation programs have grown up and consolidated over the years and are now an efficient instrument for checking the ability and method of an analyst for petrographic analysis. If you are interested in joining the programs, please contact the corresponding organizers.

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