

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

ICCP

International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology

70th Annual Meeting



September 23 - 29, 2018

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

ICCP70 - Welcome to Brisbane

The last time that the ICCP met in Australia was at Wollongong in 1990. Much has happened in the Australian (and global) context since that time. While record production and export volumes continue, there is a broad community perception that coal is in decline. Once new coal mine developments were welcomed for jobs and growth. Now they are actively campaigned against as being environmentally irresponsible. There is growing momentum to move electricity production away from fossil fuels into renewables.

It is against this background that the ICCP again comes to Australia. And not to just anywhere in Australia, but to Brisbane; the capital of Queensland and the centre for much of our coal production and coal seam gas activity.

Back in 1990, Brisbane was best described as a large country town. Now it is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city that operates almost around the clock. Looking for a good coffee at 6am? - No problem. Looking for a good coffee at midnight? No problem. But be warned, Australia has a peculiar coffee language; a smalldoubleshotskinnycap (one word) is what I normally order.

The timing of the ICCP in late September is also co-incident with the major cultural event of the **B r i s b a n e F e s t i v a l** <http://www.brisbanefestival.com.au/> which occurs over the last 3 weeks of September. Be warned, the last Saturday of the Festival and also the ICCP Meeting, is programmed for a major fire-works display "Riverfire" which sees 10's of thousands of people congregate in the city. Book your accommodation early to ensure that you have somewhere to sleep.

So on behalf of the organising committee, I warmly invite you to attend the fire works of the 70th ICCP Meeting - either during or after the formal programme.

Dr Peter Crosdale
Chair Organising Committee
vice-President, ICCP

About the ICCP and How the Meetings Work

The International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP) was founded in 1951 with the aim of standardising nomenclature in the area of the optical microscopic description of coals, along with the products of coal utilization and geological applications. Despite increasing the scope of the group to include all organic matter in sedimentary rocks, the ICCP acronym has been retained as a well known "brand".

ICCP is arranged into 3 Commissions: Commission I on Nomenclature and Classification; Commission II on Geological Applications of Organic Petrology; and Commission III on Industrial Applications of Organic Petrology. Each commission is comprised of Working Groups. During the course of the year, Working Group members contribute to activities.

Those who have never attended an ICCP meeting find them unusual in many respects. At the annual meeting, it is the activities and results of the working groups that is reported and discussed rather than individual research results. In this way the views of multiple scientists can be compared and contrasted rather than just the opinion of an individual. This occurs over the first four days. Another unique aspect of the ICCP Meetings is a microscope session. This is an open session in which anybody can bring their samples for discussion amongst interested colleagues.

The final day of the meeting is devoted to a symposium. This symposium is in the traditional format in which individual researchers present their findings.



Preliminary Schedule

Time	Thursday 20 Sept	Friday 21 Sept	Saturday 22 Sept	Sunday 23 Sept	Monday 24 Sept	Tuesday 25 Sept	Wednesday 26 Sept	Thursday 27 Sept	Friday 28 Sept	Saturday 29 Sept	
07:00-07:30										Field Trip	
07:30-08:00											
08:00-08:30	Registration										
08:30-09:00					ICCP Registration				Registration		
09:00-09:30	Short Course Day 1	Short Course Day 2				ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Symposium		
09:30-10:00						ICCP Welcome					
10:00-10:30							Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break
10:30-11:00							ICCP General Assembly	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting		ICCP Symposium
11:00-11:30							Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break		Lunch break
11:30-12:00											
12:00-12:30											
12:30-13:00											
13:00-13:30											
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14:00-14:30				Council Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Symposium		
14:30-15:00											
15:00-15:30						Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
15:30-16:00						ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Commision Meeting	ICCP Symposium		
16:00-16:30											
16:30-17:00											
17:00-17:30											
17:30-18:00											
18:00-18:30	Short Course dinner		Registration and Ice- breaker			ICCP Council Meeting					
18:30-19:00											
19:00-19:30											
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Organising Committee

Dr Peter Crosdale (Chair)
 Dr Antonis Bouzinos
 Dr Joan Esterle
 Dr Mohinudeen Faiz
 Mr Peter Handley
 Dr Stavros Kalaitzidis
 Mr Paddy Ranasinghe
 Dr Sandra Rodrigues
 Dr Walter Pickel

ICCP Symposium “Organic Petology in the 21st Century”

Oral and poster papers are invited for the ICCP Symposium on Friday 28th. Oral presentations will be 15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions.

Abstracts will be due by May 30th.

Field Trip

A one day field trip on Saturday 29th is planned to incorporate the Jeebpropilly Mine in the Ipswich Coal Measures, selected outcrops in the nearby Brisbane Region, a visit to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and an overview of Brisbane from the vantage point of Mt Coot-tha.



Social

The ice-breaker reception on Sunday 23rd will incorporate a live Jazz ensemble from St Peters Lutheran College. The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 27th

Note that the meeting will be concurrent with the Festival of Brisbane and its many cultural events www.brisbanefestival.com.au/

If planning later night activities in the night club districts, especially Fortitude Valley ("the Valley"), it is important to carry photo ID with you (i.e. your passport). This ID WILL be scanned to allow you access to many venues otherwise entry will be denied. It is a Government of Queensland law.

Venue

The venue is centrally located in downtown Brisbane at:

Royal on The Park
 152 Alice St, Brisbane City QLD 400
<http://www.royalonthepark.com.au/>



Cost

Australian Dollars (AUD) ONLY can be accepted.

Approximate cost in Euro and USD is given for convenience only. Credit card (Visa and Mastercard), bank transfer and cash can be accepted.

Type	AUD	EUR (Approx.)	USD (Approx.)
Early bird (by July 31)	\$440	286 €	\$352
Late (After July 31)	\$500	325 €	\$400
ICCP / TSOP Non-Member	\$550	358 €	\$440
Student	\$180	117 €	\$144
Dinner	\$120	78 €	\$96
Ice-breaker only	\$40	26 €	\$32
Symposium Only	\$180	117 €	\$144
Field Trip	\$100	65 €	\$80

Full registration includes the ice-breaker and the symposium
 Dinner tickets must be purchased separately

Getting there



Brisbane is served by the Brisbane International and Domestic Airport (BNE). International and domestic arrivals / departures are in separate buildings 2km from each other. Many airlines will fly directly into BNE through hubs such as Singapore, Dubai, Doha or Los Angeles.

If flying via Sydney (SYD), then customs and immigration will normally be processed in Sydney but check your individual arrangements. For transfer from the International to the Domestic Terminal, Qantas (Jetstar) and Virgin offer a free bus transfer service if using a partner airline. Also available are a shuttle bus service (\$6AUD), train (\$6.20AUD) and taxi (\$20AUD approx). Further information can be found at

<https://www.sydneyairport.com.au/info-sheet/getting-between-terminals#>

Once in Brisbane, train, taxi or uber to your hotel. A taxi will cost around \$50AUD. You can ask to go by tunnel, which is a tunnel from near the airport to near the city centre; the drive is boring as it is in a tunnel. Alternatively, you can ask to go via Kingsford Smith Drive, which is more scenic but can be a nightmare at peak hours. Trains to the city run every 30 minutes from 06:04 until 22:04 at the domestic airport train station; they depart the international airport station 4 minutes later. Cost is about \$22 to the city.



Jeebropilly Mine

Visa Requirements

All foreign nationals will require a Visa. Further information can be found at

<https://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/immigration-and-visas>

Please check with the local Australian Embassy / Consulate or with your travel agent.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Brisbane can be expensive and delegates are advised to book early.

Accommodation arrangements will be the delegate's own responsibility. There are numerous web sites that can provide deals. We are happy to provide advice on request but will not make arrangements. Two bedroom serviced apartments may provide good opportunities for cost sharing.

Note that the venue (Royal on the Park) will discount bookings made through their website by 20% - enter the code GROUP20 in the Discount Code Box.



Currency



Local currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD). Coin denominations are 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c and "gold" coins of \$1 and \$2. Bank notes are made of a polymer (plastic), highly coloured and with many security features including clear panels; denominations are \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100.

Australia is currently replacing notes with new designs. Two designs for the \$5 and \$10 notes are in common circulation at present. Other denominations have only one design in circulation.

Local currency can be obtained via ATMs, Banks or currency exchanges. Most merchants will also accept payment by Visa, Mastercard or AMEX as well as other major credit / debit cards.

For small purchases (under \$100AUD), "paywave" or "paypass" (simply tapping your credit card on the terminal) is commonly used, including in hotels and bars.

Tipping

Tipping is not usual and not expected in Australia. However, tips will always be accepted if offered. If you are used to tipping and feel guilty about not leaving one, then note that the minimum wage in Australia is \$18.29/hr (\$14.75USD) and tips do not form an essential part of a person's take home pay.

Smoking

Australian Government policies strongly discourage smoking. It is illegal to smoke in most indoor areas as well as many outdoor areas. Many venues have designated smoking areas which should be used (DOSA - Designated Outdoor Smoking Area). Note that Queen St Mall is a designated no smoking area, even outside. This area is monitored by cameras.

Getting Around Brisbane

Taxis and uber are freely available. A maxi-taxi will seat up to 10 people at no additional cost and may be useful for getting small groups around the city.

Public transport by bus, train or ferry is best with a "GoCard". Go Cards can be purchased from many retailers including newsagents, 7-elevens and railway stations. Journeys can be planned on the website

<https://translink.com.au/>

which will give full details of all bus, train and ferry connections from your point of origin to your destination. GoCard can be used for travel in SE Qld in Brisbane, Ipswich (to the west), the Gold Coast (to the south) and the Sunshine Coast (to the north).

Sponsorship Opportunities and Further Information

please email:

peter.crosdale@energyrc.com.au

ICCP Short Course General Coal and Organic Petrology

A short course in general coal and organic petrology will be held on the Thursday and Friday before the meeting. This will be a condensed version of the full 5 day course normally presented. It is designed for industry

Topics include:

- Introduction to organic petrology
- Introduction to coal, concepts of coal rank, type and grade
- Lithotypes, macerals and microlithotypes
- Petrographic methods
- Coal depositional environments
- Coalification, its causes and effects
- Australian coal deposits
- Coal Classification
- Introduction to dispersed organic matter (DOM) Application of organic petrology to oil and gas industry

Presenters will be:

- Dr Walter Pickel
- Dr Stavros Kalaitzidis

Walter Pickel received his PhD from the Rheinische Westfälische Technische Hochschule (RWTH) Aachen, Germany in 1991. He taught and worked at RWTH until 1998. Afterwards he joined CSIRO Petroleum in Sydney, Australia as a senior research scientist. In 2003 he joined Harold Read & Associates and co-founded Coal & Organic Petrology Services P/L in Sydney in 2004, a company of which he is the managing director. He is now the owner and director of this company. Apart from teaching at Aachen University, he has been giving classes and workshops at Cologne University, in Chile, Indonesia, Iran and Australia. He is author/co-author of some 80 reviewed papers and abstracts. He is a member of the ICCP since 1991. He was awarded the Reinhard Thiessen Medal in 2015.



Stavros Kalaitzidis received his Ph.D. degree in the scientific field of "Peatlands and Peatification Processes" from the Department of Geology, University of Patras, Greece, in 2007. As postgraduate student he worked in several research programmes at the University of Patras in collaboration with Universities and Institutions in Germany, UK, and The Netherlands, but also for the Greek Institute of Geology and Mineral Exploration (IGME), and the Institute for Solid Fuels Technology and Applications (ISFTA) in Athens. From 2008 to 2014 he served in various positions in the Australian mining industry, initially in the exploration and mining sectors of BHP Billiton, and later as Senior Geologist at Integral Resource Consulting Ltd. based in Brisbane, Queensland. Currently he holds an Assistant Professor position in the field of Economic Geology at the University of Patras. He is a member of the ICCP since 1999.



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Dates

Thursday Sept. 20 - Friday Sept. 21, 2018

Cost

Company / Professional	\$1300AUD
Govt./ Non-profit	\$750AUD
Full time students	\$250AUD

Registration and Further Information

<http://www.iccop.org>