

2019 ICCP Meeting in the Hague, the Netherlands

71st meeting of the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP)

September 15-21, The Hague, the Netherlands

Welcome note

The Netherlands has long been among the cradles of both organic petrology and the ICCP itself having hosted an ICCP meeting 5 times in the past, including the very first one held in Geleen, back in 1953. Heerlen, the very place where the Stopes-Heerlen system was established, Hoensbruck and Utrecht were the other locations, with the former hosting the meeting twice and the latter being the last location in the Netherlands to have an ICCP meeting, 16 years ago. It is therefore a great pleasure and big honor to have the Netherlands carry on this long tradition.

This year, the honor comes to the Hague (Den Haag), being both the World's Peace Capital and base to the Dutch Government. The meeting will be supported by Royal Dutch Shell one of the world's oil majors and will be followed by a one-day symposium. Despite the fact, that governments, organizations and companies have agreed and committed to significantly reduce their carbon footprint over the next decades it is still conventional "fossil" fuels that most of world's energy demand relies on. And the Netherlands is no exception to this trend. On top of the routine annual ICCP activities, the meeting will offer an excellent opportunity to professionals from both research and industry to exchange views into discussing ICCP's and organic petrology's role in the energy transition.



One year after the centennial anniversary from the publication of Marie Stopes' pioneering work *"On the Four Visible Ingredients in Banded Bituminous Coal: Studies in the Composition of Coal"* that set the foundations to what would later become the Stopes-Heerlen System, I warmly invite you to attend the 71st ICCP meeting in September.

Dr. George Siavalas

Chair of the organizing committee

Meeting Venue

Bleyenburg (Plenary and Commission sessions, Symposium)*, **

The venue is located in the Hague city centre. Grote Markt 10, 2511 BG, Den Haag. It is within 10 minutes walking distance from the Central Station and can be accessed through trams #2, 3, 4, 6 (stop: Grote Markt-1 minute walking distance).

*: Microscope sessions will be hosted in Shell Projects & Technology, Alaska Building, Lange Kleiweg 40, 2288 GK, Rijswijk

** : At this point in time it is possible that there will be modifications in the final venue place. Please check the ICCP website regularly for updates.

Preliminary Schedule

Time	Sunday 15-Sep	Monday 16-Sep	Tuesday 17-Sep	Wednesday 18-Sep	Thursday 19-Sep	Friday 20-Sep	Saturday 21-Sep
07:00-07:30							
07:30-08:00							
08:00-08:30		Registration				Registration	
08:30-09:00							
09:00-09:30							
09:30-10:00		Opening session	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	Symposium	
10:00-10:30			Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
10:30-11:00		Coffee break				Coffee break	
11:00-11:30							
11:30-12:00		ICCP General Assembly	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	Symposium	
12:00-12:30							
12:30-13:00							
13:00-13:30							
13:30-14:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00-14:30							
14:30-15:00		ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting		Symposium	Field trip
15:00-15:30	ICCP Council Meeting	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Closing ICCP plenary session	Coffee break	
15:30-16:00							
16:00-16:30		ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting		Symposium	
16:30-17:00							
17:00-17:30							
17:30-18:00							
18:00-18:30			ICCP Council Meeting				
18:30-19:00							
19:00-19:30							
19:30-20:00	Ice-breaker and registration						
20:00-20:30							
20:30-21:00							
21:00-21:30					Conference Dinner		
21:30-22:00							
22:00-22:30							
22:30-23:00							

Sessions and break times and duration are subject to modification.

Symposium

A single-day symposium including oral and poster presentations will follow the activities of the ICCP meeting, on Friday 20 September 2019. The main theme of the oral presentations will focus around oil-prone coals.

A Call for Abstracts and guidelines for abstract submission will follow in January 2019.

Field Trip

A single-day field trip to South Limburg (Province to the south of Netherlands) on Saturday September 21 will follow the ICCP meeting. Field trip will include among others visit to underground coal mines and a stop at Heerlen.

Registration

Online registration will open in January 2019.

Provisional registration fees (\$USD) are as follows*:

Early bird** full registration (ICCP meeting, Symposium, Dinner and Field Trip): 520 \$USD

Early bird full registration-No field trip (ICCP meeting, Symposium, Dinner): 445 \$USD

Early bird ICCP meeting and Symposium: 360 \$USD

Early bird One-day (Symposium only): 120 \$USD

Student (ICCP meeting and Symposium): 170 \$USD

Icebreaker only: 40 \$USD

Dinner only: 90 \$USD

Field trip: 100 \$USD

*: Subject to micro adjustments. Finalized fees will be announced when registration platform opens.

** : An extra fee of 50 \$USD to the meeting fee applies to registrations made after July 31 2019. Dinner and field trip fees remain unchanged after July 31.

No pre-registration required. If desired so, delegates can express their interest in attending the meeting an e-mail to georgios.siavalas@shell.com.

Accommodation

The Hague offers a number of accommodation options over a wide range of prices and amenities. Several hotels are located around the city centre within 5-10 minutes walking distance to the meeting venue. Alternative accommodation options can also be found in nearby cities and towns such as Delft, Leiden and Rotterdam, all within less than 30 min train-ride to the Hague city centre.

No special arrangements will be made on an individual basis and accommodation arrangements will be each delegate's responsibility. However, we will be happy to provide advice on accommodation options and if you seek such, please contact georgios.siavalas@shell.com.

Getting there and transportation options within the Netherlands

Schiphol Airport

Schiphol International Airport (AMS) is a major global transportation hub with direct flights to and from 196 European and 145 Intercontinental destinations. Nearly every capital and most major cities in Europe, Africa, America and Asia are connected to Schiphol airport with direct flights. There are also several daily flights to other major European airports such as London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Paris and Madrid. Delegates from Australia and New Zealand can fly to Schiphol through one of the major SE Asia or Middle East hubs such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Dubai. More information on flights and destinations can be found on <https://schiphol.nl>.

By train

Schiphol International airport is connected to the Dutch railway network and a station is located within the airport (Schiphol Plaza) with 24 hr train service. Train connections to the Hague run every 15 min daily, between 07:00AM-00:00 hrs. Travel time is approximately 28 min with the Intercity trains and 50 min with the Sprinter trains. Arrivals between 00:00-07:00AM are better served through The Hague HS Station. One-way ticket price is 9.50 EUR. For further information on travel times and prices from Schiphol airport to The Hague and other cities consult the journeyplanner on <https://www.ns.nl>. Train is the recommended transport means since it is the safest, cheapest and fastest way of moving around in the Netherlands.

By taxi

Taxis in general are expensive in the Netherlands and the distance from Schiphol airport to the Hague city centre is 44 km. Therefore, it is not the recommended transport means to and from the airport. If however, some delegates still prefer a taxi, one can be found outside the airport's terminal. It is recommended to hire taxis from the designated taxi stands and not through strangers who offer taxi services just outside the airport's exit. It is also recommended to negotiate the trip fee in advance or book online before arrival.

By bus

Schiphol airport also offers numerous bus routes to and from the terminal. For more information on routes and prices visit <https://9292.nl>.

Other airports

Certain European cities may have better or cheaper connections to other Dutch international airports such as The Hague/Rotterdam and Eindhoven airports. The Hague/Rotterdam airport is located between The Hague and Rotterdam and from there delegates can travel to the Hague through a shuttle bus and a metro line (approximately 30 min). Eindhoven is also connected to the Hague through train (approximate travel time 2.5 hrs).

Train

The Netherlands railway is connected to the broader European railway network and major stations such as Rotterdam and Amsterdam have train connections to Brussels, Paris and recently London. Time travel and fees vary depending on train type and company. Delegates are advised to book their tickets online and check travel requirements for each country they are about to cross.

Visa Requirements

The Netherlands is part of the Schengen Area countries. Foreign nationals from certain countries might need a short-term visa to visit the Netherlands. For more information on visa types, a list of countries whose nationals need a visa to the Netherlands and visa application process visit <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/travel-and-residence/visas-for-the-netherlands/short-stay-schengen-visa>.

For queries and requests about the meeting, please contact

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