

## 2019 ICCP Meeting in the Hague, the Netherlands

71<sup>st</sup> 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 71<sup>st</sup> 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

## 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		Opening session	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	Symposium	
09:30-10:00							
10:00-10:30							
10:30-11:00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	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		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:00-13:30							
13:30-14:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00-14:30		ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting		Symposium	Field trip
14:30-15:00	ICCP Council Meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	Coffee break	Coffee break	Closing ICCP plenary session	Coffee break	
15:00-15:30		Coffee break					
15:30-16:00		ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting	ICCP Commission meeting		Symposium	
16:00-16:30							
16:30-17:00							
17:00-17:30							
17:30-18:00			ICCP Council Meeting				
18:00-18:30							
18:30-19:00							
19:00-19:30	Ice-breaker and registration						
19:30-20:00							
20:00-20:30							
20:30-21:00					Conference Dinner		
21:00-21:30							
21:30-22:00							
22:00-22:30							
22:30-23:00							

Sessions and break times and duration are subject to modification.

## Symposium

## **NEW CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The organizing and scientific committees of the 71st ICCP meeting invite all interested participants to submit abstracts of selected research activities for the **Symposium on Organic Petrology with special focus on Oil Generation from Coals and Carbonaceous Shales** that will follow the activities of the ICCP commissions on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2019. The Symposium will be structured in multiple sessions briefly shown below:

### **Oral presentation sessions**

Symposium Main Theme: Featuring organic petrology and geochemistry studies on the oil generation potential of coals and carbonaceous shales worldwide. Participants are encouraged to present their relevant work particularly on coals of the humic type.

Other themes: Featuring studies on other organic petrology and geochemistry topics not related to the Symposium's main theme, including among others, general organic petrology and coal geology and environmental and technological applications of organic petrology and geochemistry. A further subdivision into sessions will be decided closer to the meeting's dates, depending on the popularity of topics among the submitted abstracts.

### **Poster presentations**

A poster demonstration and discussion session will be also organized in parallel with the oral presentations.

Authors are asked to prepare and submit abstracts using the **abstract submission template** and following the **guidelines** for abstract submission.

Please **submit your abstract** or send your questions before abstract submission to: Dr. George Siavalas at [georgios.siavalas@shell.com](mailto:georgios.siavalas@shell.com)

**Abstract submission deadline is set for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

### **Field Trip**

A single-day field trip to South Limburg (Province in 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. A more detailed itinerary will follow in future announcements.

## **NEW Registration**

Registration is now open. Please register at <https://shellsmartmeetings.cvent.com/AnnualICCPMeeting> selecting one or more of the following options:

### Registration fees (\$USD)

Early bird\* full registration (Icebreaker, ICCP meeting, Symposium, Dinner and Field Trip): 530 \$USD

Early bird\* full registration-No field trip (Icebreaker, ICCP meeting, Symposium, Dinner): 450 \$USD

Early bird\* ICCP meeting and Symposium: 360 \$USD

Early bird\* One-day (Symposium only): 100 \$USD

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

Icebreaker only: 40 \$USD

Dinner only: 100 \$USD

Field trip: 100 \$USD

\*: An additional fee of 50 \$USD applies to late registration, made after July 31, 2019. Dinner and field trip fees remain unchanged after July 31. Payment options include credit card, wiretransfer or cash at the reception desk during the meeting. The cash payment option falls under the 'late registration' category and by default incurs the additional 50 \$USD fee regardless the timing of the online registration.

### **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](mailto: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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