

## Call for Participation in the ICCP Accreditation Programs 2020-2021 Exercise

The International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2020-2021 Accreditation round. The ICCP provides 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 measure the vitrinite reflectance of coal samples 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.

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The ICCP has established a procedure to facilitate payments, in which a single invoice will be produced. This requires that participants fill in the **registration form** available in the following link: [www.iccop.org/accreditation/accreditation-form](http://www.iccop.org/accreditation/accreditation-form), before **July 31, 2020** in order to expedite the procedures. In addition, the detailed schedule of the Accreditation Programs has been established to provide reasonable distribution of workload from all activities and to accommodate the timelines for the evaluation process. The expected schedule is summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1. Updated** schedule proposed for 2020-2021 ICCP Accreditation Programs.

	<b>SCAP</b>	<b>DOMVR</b>	<b>CBAP</b>
Announcement and call for participation	February to <b>July 31, 2020</b>	February to <b>July 31, 2020</b>	February to <b>July 31, 2020</b>
Invoicing	<b>till September 30, 2020</b>	<b>till September 30, 2020</b>	<b>till September 30, 2020</b>
Sample distribution	till October 31, 2020	till October 31, 2020	December 2020
Reception of results	<b>December 31, 2020</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>	January to March 2021
Evaluation, Certificates and Web	January - February 2021	December 2020- January 2021	April to June 2021
Certificates Validity	01.03.2021 to 28.02.2023	01.03.2021 to 28.02.2023	01.07.2021 to 30.06.2023

Different number of samples are to be analysed in the Accreditation Programs depending on your previous participation. Participants entering SCAP or DOMVR Accreditation Programs or having lapsed for a round, have to analyse six samples, whereas continuation in the Accreditation 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 automated systems will be allowed in any of the Accreditation Programs.

The samples for the Accreditation Programs will be distributed shortly after registration. The evaluation of results and certificate of accreditation will be issued upon the reception of the corresponding fee. The fee structure for the 2020-2021 Accreditation Round is summarized in Table 2. In addition, for participation in CBAP Accreditation Program and any other of the Programs, there will be a **20% discount for CBAP Accreditation program only**. No additional discounts are applied to any other combination of the Accreditation Programs.

**Table 2.** Fee structure for the 2020-2021 ICCP Accreditation Programs.

	SCAP		DOMVR		CBAP	
	Entry	Continuation	Entry	Continuation	Entry	Continuation
<b>Non-Members, €</b>	126	84	100	66	200	168
<b>Members, €</b>	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 on the ICCP website ([www.iccop.org](http://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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