

Call for Participation in the ICCP Accreditation Programs 2024-2025 Exercise

The International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2024-2025 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 to yield information on 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 before **April 30, 2024** in order to expedite the procedures. In addition, the detailed schedule of the Accreditation Programs has been established to provide a 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. General schedule proposed for 2024-2025 ICCP Accreditation Programs.

	SCAP	DOMVR	CBAP
Announcement and call for participation	February to April 30, 2024	February to April 30, 2024	February to April 30 2024
Invoicing	until May 31 2024	until May 31 2024	until May 31 2024
Sample distribution	May to June 2024	May to June 2024	December 2024
Reception of results	July to September 2024	July to September 2024	January to March 2025
Evaluation, Certificates and Web	October to December 2024	October to December 2024	April to June 2025
Certificates Validity	01.01.2025 to 31.12.2026	01.01.2025 to 31.12.2026	01.07.2025 to 30.06.2027

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 analyze 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 2024-2025 Accreditation Round is summarized in Table 2. In addition, for participation in the CBAP Accreditation Program and any other of the Programs, there will be a **20% discount for the CBAP Accreditation Program only**. No additional discounts are applied to any other combination of the Accreditation Programs.

Table 2. Fee structure for the 2024-2025 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 on 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 an efficient instrument for validating 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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Chair of the Accreditation Subcommittee