

Call for Participation in the ICCP Accreditation Programs 2026-2027 Exercise

The International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2026-2027 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 offers a unique approach for resolving and characterizing the individual coals present in 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 <https://www.iccop.org/accreditation-application-form-26-27/> before **April 30, 2026** 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 2026-2027 ICCP Accreditation Programs.

| | SCAP | DOMVR | CBAP |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Announcement and call for participation | February to April 30, 2026 | February to April 30, 2026 | February to April 30 2026 |
| Invoicing | until May 31 2026 | until May 31 2026 | until May 31 2026 |
| Sample distribution | June to July 2026 | June to July 2026 | December 2026 |
| Reception of results | August to October 2026 | August to October 2026 | January to March 2027 |
| Evaluation, Certificates and Web | November to December 2026 | November to December 2026 | April to June 2027 |
| Certificates Validity | 01.01.2027 to 31.12.2028 | 01.01.2027 to 31.12.2028 | 01.07.2027 to 30.06.2028 |

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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 methods to limit outliers in the accreditation database can be found on the ICCP website (www.iccop.org) and can also be 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