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Last Call

for the registration for the 47th Annual Meeting of the ICCP at Kraków (Poland)

The organizer of this year's meeting, Prof. Dr. Barbara Kwiecinska, gets back the registration forms extremely slowly. This makes very difficult the organization of the meeting. All members of the ICCP who did send back their registration forms not yet but wish to take part in the meeting are asked therefore to **contact as quick as possible**:

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The meeting will be held from August 20th to August 26th, 1995 at the University of Mining and Metallurgy, Kraków. The participation in the subsequent Congress for Carboniferous and Permian Stratigraphy and its excursions is possible.

Kraków is situated at the river Vistula, north of the Beskid mountains. It is an old capital with famous buildings constructed between the 13th and 16th century. Its university is the second in age (after Praha) within Middle Europe. Nowadays Kraków is a modern city which can be reached by plane and train easily. Nobody should miss the opportunity to visit this famous place and its beautiful surroundings!

The meeting itself is a very important one. Besides other topics new definitions of the macerals of the liptinite and the inertinite group will be discussed. The more contributions of members to the different descriptions are introduced in the text early the quicker the revision of the sheets can be done. It is the aim of the editorial group to publish the next edition of our handbook as quick as possible and each member of the ICCP can contribute to this design.

First Information about the ICCP Meeting in New Zealand 1997

Letter from Tim Moore

The 1997 ICCP Meeting will take place in Wellington, New Zealand and will be hosted by Coal Research Limited. The meeting will probably be just after the New Zealand Coal Research Conference which is held every two years. In this way I am hoping that we can "cross pollenate" between ICCP members and the New Zealand coal community (as well as the Australian coal researchers). Although it is long way to go, it would be great to have as many ICCP members here as possible.

New Zealand is a wonderful place to vacation and we are planning a field trip either to the coal fields in the Southern Alps or in the central North Island near to the volcanic centre.

Raymond NOEL (1923 - 1994)

Raymond Noël was born in Huy, Belgium. In 1946 he obtained his *licencié* and, in 1951, his doctorate from the State University in Liège, both in botanical sciences. His doctorate was concerned with rhizogenesis and vegetal hormones.

From 1947 to 1952 Dr. Noël was *Aspirant*, then *Chargé de Recherches* at the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique in Belgium. During the same period he was *Attaché de Recherches* at CNRS in France, at times working at the Sorbonne.

Between 1952 and 1980 he worked at INICHAR (Institut National de l'Industrie Charbonnière) eventually becoming Head of Department. From 1980 to 1984 he served as Scientific Advisor to the Management of the Institute.

Dr. Noël's accomplishments at INICHAR, INIEX (Institut National des Industries Extractives) and ISSeP (Institut Scientifique de Service Public) included the establishment of a coal petrological laboratory, the petrographic characterization of all Belgian coal seams and investigation of the relationship of petrography to physico-chemical parameters, the correlation of coal seams through the study of pillar samples, and some work on African coals. As an outcome of his efforts in INICHAR he was able to fully develop instrumentation and methods that found application in the work of the ICCP. A principal facet of Dr. Noël's research was in applied petrographic studies for industry, and in evaluating the petroleum potential of rocks through the study of sedimentary organic matter. Dr. Noël also established a laboratory for palynological and palynostratigraphic studies of Belgian coals. He remained keenly interested in these areas but, from 1969, he was in charge of all the analytical facilities of INICHAR/ISSeP.

Raymond Noël was a founding member of the ICCP and remained active in ICCP affairs throughout his career. He served as President and twice as General Secretary in addition to being a office-holder on the commissions. Five times he and his staff arranged the annual meetings of the

ICCP! For many years Dr. Noël maintained the archives of the ICCP. This collection of ICCP documents enabled him to write down the history of the ICCP since its founding. The overview was printed in the International Journal of Coal Geology (14, 1989) an issue which was published in honour of Prof. M.-Th. Mackowsky.

He was also an active member of the Commission Internationale de Microflore du Paléozoïque and the Association des Palynologues de Langue Française and served as an expert for the ECSC Committee on Chemical and Physical Upgrading of Coal. Dr. Noël participated in the International Classification (Codification) of Coals, serving as Chairman of several meetings in Geneva.

Raymond Noël will be remembered by his ICCP colleagues both for his long and distinguished service to the ICCP and for his gracious demeanour at our meetings.

Y. Somers

William F. BERRY (1920 - 1994)

Bill Berry died on December 22, 1994 aged 74 after a long battle with cancer. William F. Berry was born in Patterson, New Jersey, U.S.A. During World War II he served as a pilot in the South Pacific. He was shot down over New Guinea and hospitalized for nine months with a broken back. His recovery, after being told he would never walk again, is indicative of his fortitude and determination.

Bill Berry graduated with Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts. In 1963 he obtained his Ph.D. at The Pennsylvania State University; his dissertation, conducted under the direction of Prof. William Spackman, dealt with hot-stage microscopy and the carbonization of coal.

In 1960 he joined Bituminous Coal Research, Inc., the industrial laboratory for the American coal industry, located in

Monroeville, Pennsylvania, where he established a coal and coke petrographic facility. He left BCR in 1968 to found the successful W.F. Berry and Associates. Although the principal activity of this company was the evaluation of coals for industrial utilization, Dr. Berry's interests and activities were varied and included property development and prospecting for gold. The international group S.G.S. purchased his company in 1983 and later it became a part of Commerciala Testing and Engineering Company. Dr. Berry then founded Co-Ag Consultants, Inc., consultants to the mining, metals, mineral and bulk shipping industries, of which he was President until his death. He was actively involved with cleaning waste water from various sources and owned many patents on electric field flocculation.

Dr. Berry was a Full Member of the ICCP, and will be remembered for his participation in ICCP activities during the 1960's. He had also been a member of the Geological Society of America, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Association of Independent Laboratories, the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Testing and Materials and The Society for Organic Petrology. He served as the American Energy Consultant to the European Common Market for about 12 years and was a member of the International Group (ISO).

Dr. Berry was widely recognised as an expert in the spontaneous combustion of coal and for his involvement in the safe storage, handling and transportation of bulk cargoes, especially coal, iron ore and direct reduced iron. He also assisted in the official investigation of maritime accidents. His most recent publication dealt with the spontaneous combustion of coal for the Encyclopedia of Energy Technology and the Environment. He had a widely diversified background in coal utilization and an in depth knowledge of the national and international energy scenes and will be remembered as a pioneer in the industrial applications of petrography. One of Bill Berry's lasting contributions to our science was his major

role in the direction and production of the film "The Thermal behavior of Coal Constituents" which graphically illustrates the behaviours of coal macerals during the coking process. Bill's wide-ranging knowledge, wisdom and soft-spoken manner will be sadly missed by his colleagues and friends. He has left an indelible imprint on coal science.

Ralph J. Gray and Alan Davis

Pieter van GIJZEL (1928 - 1994)

Dr. Pieter van Gijzel died of cancer in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands on July 28, 1994. A native of The Netherlands, he entered university at Leiden, studying geology, paleobotany, and palynology.

Pieter van Gijzel was a pioneer in the study of fluorescence in organic matter, especially spores and pollen. He was an innovator and inventor, as he helped develop the scientific methodology and characterization of fluorescence. Pieter worked closely with manufacturers of microscopes and accessories in designing better instruments to measure fluorescence. His first publication on the subject was in 1961, and in the 1980's (while working for Texaco) Pieter was granted a patent for developing a new method for quantitative fluorescence spectral analysis. For many years Pieter was Chairman of the ICCP Commission 1's Fluorescence Working Group.

In 1973 he was working in the Botany Department at the University of Nijmegen. In the mid 1970's he worked for a year in the geology department at the Federal Institute of Technology, ETH, Zürich doing research on fluorescence. After returning to Holland he came to the United States in 1979 to work for Core Laboratories in Dallas. He then accepted a position with Getty in 1980, retiring from Texaco (the successor company) in December 1988. He returned to Holland in 1989 with plans to work as a consultant, but poor health prevented him from being very active. When working for Getty he made organic petrographic

analyses of coals that were being mined by the company, which resulted in a major financial gain for his employer. He found that coals that were of coking quality were being sold for a lower price as steam coal. With Pieter's data in hand, Getty renegotiated long term contracts for much higher prices.

It was at Pieter's urging that a group was formed in 1983 with Pieter as chairman, that laid the groundwork for the organization that became The Society for Organic Petrology in 1984.

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