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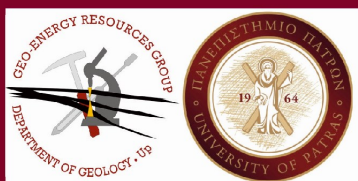


Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting

*Organic Petrology in the Energy Transition Era:
Challenges ahead*

17 - 24 September 2023
Conference and Cultural Centre
University of Patras

Organized by:



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Meeting webpage: www.iccop.org/meetings/joint-74th-iccp-and-39th-tsop-meeting/



WELCOME TO PATRAS, GREECE.
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EDITORS COLUMN

Dear All,

Welcome to the ICCP News No. 86, prepared just in time for some final announcements for the 74th ICCP Annual Meeting and 39th TSOP Meeting, taking place as a joint meeting in Patras in September. The meeting is in person and, with both organizations coming together for the first time in many years, it should be a fantastic gathering of organic petrologists! **See pages 8 to 11 detailing the draft program.** The ICCP and TSOP Meetings will take place in parallel. The TSOP program will be finalized by month end. **Please keep up to date with regards to the meetings via the respective society webpages.**

There may still be space to register for the mid-week and weekend field trips—please refer to the back page. And do register for the TSOP and/or ICCP training courses—see flyers herein.

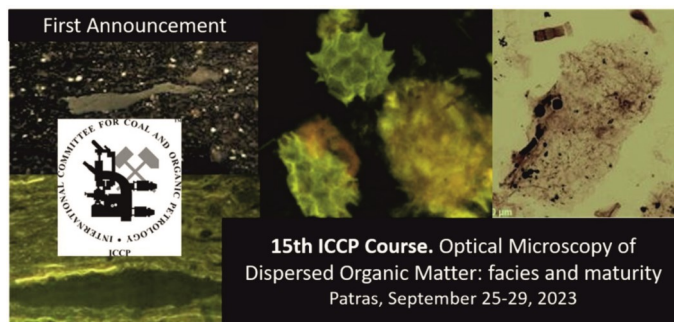
As written in the President's Column, Angeles' term as ICCP President comes to an end after the ICCP Meeting. Angeles has served two terms as President and guided the organization through the turbulent waters of the global pandemic. Angeles has been associated with the ICCP for many, many years, participated in numerous working groups (the essence of the ICCP) and lead several. Under her stable leadership the ICCP continues to recruit new members and promote organic petrology in this changing world. Thank you, Angeles, for your dedication to the ICCP; you are well loved and extremely well appreciated by its membership.

In Europe, the few remaining organic petrologists are broadening the applications of organic petrology, and in other countries organic petrologists continue to provide an essentially scientific service. I encourage all to participate in the wide array of working groups (WG) and to listen to the report back sessions in Patras. WG activities will not find necessary conclusions without the voluntary participation of members, and even ICCP non-members with experience in organic petrology. Many people utilize the WGs as exposure and training on aspects and applications of organic petrology they may not be familiar with. The Council encourages ICCP members to propose pertinent new WG's. I participated in the WG Radiolytic alteration of organic matter—very interesting, thank you Tatiana Larikova; I look forward to the feedback.

And please do continue to provide content to the ICCP News too

Looking forward to catching up with people in Patras next month. Safe travels.

Nikki Wagner, Editor of the ICCP News.



ICCP WEBSITE <https://www.iccop.org>

Please send any feedback, comments, and uploads, to Stavros Kalaitzidis

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**CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE NEXT ICCP
NEWS BY 30 Nov 2023**

KNOW YOUR PETROGRAPHER CHALLENGE

SEEKING NEW PHOTOGRAPHS !!!!!

PLEASE SEND ME (Ed) PHOTOGRAPHS AND SHORT DESCRIPTIONS OF

PETROGRAPHERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE

(thank you to Jim Hower for compiling a history & collecting images of founding petrographers—see page 14—he is seeking a photograph for E. Hoffmann, the 1968 Thiessen medalist)



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In the Northern Hemisphere we are living through the hottest summer ever registered and fires are burning the Mediterranean countries from west to east; these temperatures will very likely be surpassed in the forthcoming years. Organic petrology has provided tools to study the burning records through the geological times and can also provide tools to find out more about the actual fires occurring everywhere in the world.

I would like to welcome the new members and encourage them to participate in the many on-going exercises which have been proposed in the working groups. The mixture of experienced and novel people in the WGs is indeed very valuable and provides a great opportunity to learn a lot. With the imminent results of the CBAP a new Accreditation Round has been completed thanks to the effort of the many people involved in the Accreditation Subcommittee and very specially to the organizers and the Chair.

We have two positions in Council to cover: Chair of Commission I (promoting to President) and Secretary of Commission III (promoting to Chair at the end of the Meeting). It is important that if you think of suitable candidates to fill these positions to contact the General Secretary (Paul Hackley) to let us know. Candidates for the to-be-vacant positions will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Last year the ICCP courses resumed in a new venue, Patras, which proved to be a successful location. A very well attended course was celebrated and therefore the venue has been established as the new regular venue for the training activities. This year the course will take place right after the meeting, so I encourage all, especially students, but not only, to stay for the course. Carolina Fonseca (LAFO, Brazil) will be teaching the transmitted light section instead of João Graciano Mendonça Filho, a last-minute change in the planned program. I would

like to thank both for their efforts to keep the course on-going.

This is the last column I will be writing as President of the ICCP after 8 years in duty. It has been a challenging period with a new actor, the global pandemic, which affected our planned meetings and the ability to travel to the venues for some years. This forced us to put in practice new methods as the hybrid-format, which allowed to stay in contact in the distance. Three General Secretaries have accompanied me in these two terms: Walter Pickel, Maria Hamor-Vidó, and Paul Hackley, all of them supporting the tasks of the President countless times. We have also lost also many friends in these 8 years, among them Javier Prado (my Thesis Supervisor), Walter Pickel (General Secretary in my presidency turn) and early this year Harold Smith, the last founder member of the ICCP (see obituary on page 13 herein). WGs have made significant achievements and published the results to make them available for a wider readership. We have also re-established our relationship with ISO. A comprehensive report of the milestones during this period will be provided in the next ICCP News issue. I feel really honoured of having served on Council for 27 years and to hold the Presidency of the ICCP in the last 8 years. The challenges are enormous with the new energy context and a climate crisis impacting many aspects of our lives. I am sure that the ICCP will have a long and productive future in the service of the society and wish the best success to those driving the ship.

We are approaching to our 74th ICCP Meeting, Patras, which will be the first one fully in person since the pandemic. It has been very long since meeting many of you and I hope and wish that many of you will manage to come to Patras. The organizers of the meeting have provided a fantastic program both scientific and social to tempt all of us to attend. See you in six weeks.

Angeles G. Borrego

2023 Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting

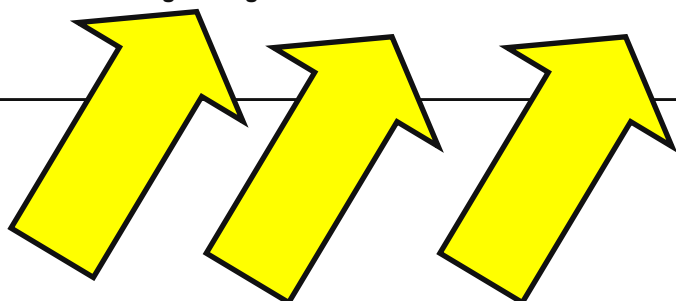
17th – 24th September 2023

“Organic Petrology in the Energy Transition Era: challenges ahead”

The Organizing Committee has the pleasure to invite you to the Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting, which will take place from 17th to 24th of September 2023 in Patras.

Please visit the [2023 Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting | ICCP \(iccop.org\)](https://www.iccop.org)

For the Organizing Committee Kimon Christanis is Chair and Stavros Kalaitzidis, Executive Secretary



NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS —WELCOME TO THE ICCP

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 Comment: Dr Santos graduated with a PhD in Geology from the University of Porto in 2022.
 Thesis: "Assessing the rare earth metals and carbon potential of coal ashes from a Portuguese Power Plant and its temporal and lateral variation". Ana is a post-doc researcher at UP.



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 Comment: PhD and M.E. in Mineral Resource Prospecting and Exploration from the China University of Mining Technology, both focussed on petrography and geochemical characterisation of coal pyrolysis and gasification products, and a B.E. looking at coal petrology and quality in anthracites.



COAL GEOLOGY AND ORGANIC PETROLOGY

History as compiled by Prof Jim Hower

Jim is seeking a picture of E. Hoffmann, the 1968 Thiessen medalist? (He is the only missing person among the Thiessen, Cady, and Castano awardees in Jim's collection).

Professional organizations

Geological Society of America Energy Geology (formerly Coal Geology) Division
 Started in 1946 as part of Society of Economic Geologists
 Migrated to GSA in 1964
 Gilbert Cady Award first presented in 1973 (7 of 38 awardees are UK geologists)

American Association of Petroleum Geologists Energy Minerals Division
 Gordon H. Wood, Jr., Memorial Award first awarded in 1989
 (presented by Eastern Section, usually to eastern US people; 8 of 28 to UK geologists)

International Committee for Coal & Organic Petrology (ICCP) founded in 1953

Reinhardt Thiessen Medal first awarded in 1956 (one awardee with UK connections)
 North American Coal Petrographers
 Informal group started in 1950's
 24th meeting held in Lexington in 1981
 25th & last meeting in 1983 as transition to TSOP

The Society for Organic Petrology (TSOP) founded in 1983

Created in part because oil & gas industry people needed formal organization to justify their participation
 1st meeting in 1984
 Meetings in Lexington in 1986, 1991, 1997; Louisville in 2005
 Spawned Ohio Valley Organic Petrographers in 2010
 John Castaño Honorary Membership Award started in 1994 (3 of 24 to UK)
 Ralph Gray & Dal Swaine awards for best published papers in maceral/rank studies and organic or inorganic geochemistry and/or mineralogy studies of coal or hydrocarbon source rocks, respectively

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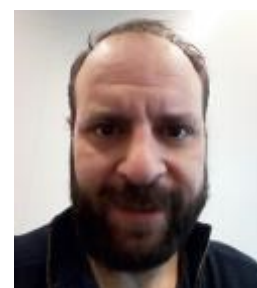
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2023 Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting

Organic Petrology in the Energy Transition Era: challenges ahead

The Meeting is organized by the Department of Geology, University of Patras, from 17th to 24th of September 2023, in the Conference & Cultural Center of the University of Patras, in Rio, a suburb of Patras, Western Greece. <https://www.iccop.org/meetings/joint-74th-iccp-and-39th-tsop-meeting/#TravelingtoPatras>.

70 abstracts have been submitted for both oral and poster presentations. The final program will be circulated on 25th of August 2023.

Please stay tuned to the Meeting website for any updates <https://www.iccop.org/meetings/joint-74th-iccp-and-39th-tsop-meeting/>.

Meeting schedule

Registration

For registration please follow the link: <https://epay.upatras.gr/2023-joint-74th-iccp-and-39th-tsop-meeting/>

Please note that the late fee is applicable at this stage.

Traveling to Patras

The city of Patras is located in NW Peloponnese and can be reached by airplane from International Airport of Athens “Eleftherios Venizelos” or from Airport of Araxos for occasional charter flights (about 30 km west of Patras). Also, there is ship regular connections every week from the Italian ports of Ancona, Brindisi, and Venice to the city of Patras. For information on how to reach Patras from Athens International Airport please download the Travel Guide to Patras (https://www.iccop.org/documents/athens-international-airport_to_patras.pdf).

The Joint ICCP-TSOP Ice Breaker party will take place on Sunday 17th of September at the “*DECK All day café bar*” (<https://deckcafe.wordpress.com/>).

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th parallel ICCP-TSOP sessions will take place.

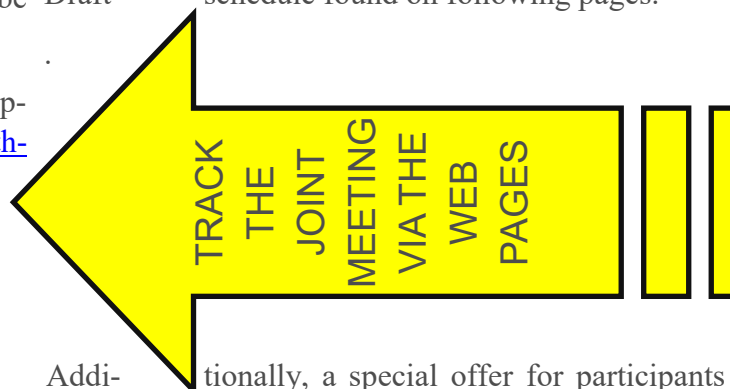
Mid-conference excursions will take place on Wednesday, and the participants will choose their preference among Olympia, Delphi or Mycenae.

The joint ICCP-TSOP Session is organized for Thursday 21st, whereas the Conference Dinner will take place later that day at «*Ηδύλοφον Estate*».

The technical program will continue till Friday 22nd.

Post-meeting field trips are planned on Saturday 23rd, to Keri Mire or Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th to NW. Greece.

Draft schedule found on following pages.



Additionally, a special offer for participants who would like to rent a car during their stay in Patras, has been arranged with a car rental <https://araxosrentacar.com/> (select “JOINT ICCP-TSOP MEETING” in Pickup Location).

Accommodation

Participants will have to arrange their own accommodation. However, the organizers arranged special prices at the following Hotels:

Castello Hotel, Kallirroee Patras Business Hotel, Hotel Astir, MOXY Patra Marina, and Airotel Achaia Beach Hotel. <https://www.iccop.org/meetings/joint-74th-iccp-and-39th-tsop-meeting/#Accommodation>.

For further information please visit the meeting webpage: <https://www.iccop.org/meetings/joint-74th-iccp-and-39th-tsop-meeting/>

For the Organizing Committee

Kimon Christanis, Chair

Stavros Kalaitzidis, Executive Secretary

15th ICCP Course: Optical Microscopy of Dispersed Organic Matter: facies and maturity, Patras Greece 2023

Dear ICCP Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

ICCP is delighted to welcome you to the **15th ICCP Course in Optical Microscopy of Dispersed Organic Matter** to be held in Patras, Greece, from **25–29th September 2023**, just after the 2023 Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting. The course is organised by **ICCP** in conjunction with the **Department of Geology, University of Patras**, with the support of the UPatras Special Research Account and is designed for professionals and students, and is not exclusively targeting organic petrologists but also those, who rather deal with petrographic data.

Update! Due to a last-minute obligation, Prof. João Graciano Mendonça Filho will be replaced by Dr. Carolina Fonseca, along with Dr Angeles G. Borrego, as the instructors.

The course will include practical sessions using microscopes and the Hilgers Fossil View Software. Please visit the course site: <https://www.iccop.org/course/15th-iccp-course-optical-microscopy-of-dispersed-organic-matter-facies-and-maturity-patras-2023/>
For further information please contact Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis skalait@upatras.gr

TSOP Short Course Monday 18th September 2023

Addressed to professionals and students. The Short Course theme is **“Organic Petrography in support of environmental studies: History, State of the Art and Future Opportunities”**.

Instructors will be Dr. George Siavalas & Dr. Małgorzata Wojtaszek-Kalaitzidi.

For more information about the short course and instructors please visit: <https://www.iccop.org/2023-joint-74th-iccp-and-39th-tsop-meeting-short-course-theme/>

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TSOP Short Course

Organic Petrography in support of environmental studies: History, State of the Art and Future Opportunities

Instructors:

Dr. George Siavalas & Dr. Małgorzata Wojtaszek-Kalaitzidi



Topics

- Introduction, scope, sample preparation & analytical techniques.
- Petrography of industrial & manufactured materials for domestic use; environmental applications.
- Petrography of organic matter in soils and recent sediments.
- Tracing contamination sources, mitigation strategies and monitoring; nature-based solutions to net-zero carbon emissions
- Case studies.

Schedule of the 2023

Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting

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Sunday, 17.9.2023

13:30-17:00	ICCP Council Meeting	13:30-17:00	TSOP Council Meeting
18:00-22:30	Registration, Joint ICCP-TSOP Ice Breaker Party, “DECK”		

Monday, 18.9.2023

09:00-09:30	Registration		
09:30-10:00	2023 ICCP-TSOP Opening Session: K. Christanis & S. Kalaitzidis		
	Invited Talks		
10:00-10:20	Representatives of National and Academic Authorities		
10:20-10:40	Aristofanis Stefatos, CEO Hellenic Hydrocarbons and Energy Resources Management Company (HEREMA)		
10:40-11:00	The Contribution of the Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration in Coal Research in Greece		
11:00-	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:30-13:00	ICCP-Opening ICCP General Assembly Session	11:30-13:00	TSOP Short Course Organic Petrography in support of environmental studies: History, State of the Art and Future Opportunities <i>Instructors</i> G. Siavalas & M. Wojtaszek-Kalaitzidi
13:00-	<i>Lunch Break</i>		

SUMMARY

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13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:30-16:00	Commission I Session	14:30-16:00	TSOP Short Course
14:30-14:45	Com I opening remarks: S. Kalaitzidis, D. Životić		
14:45-15:30	Single Coal Accreditation Program: K. Christanis		
15:30-16:00	Radiolytic alteration of organic matter in coal and rocks enriched in radioactive minerals WG: T. Larikova, I. Sýkorová		
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:30-17:30	Commission I Session, continues	16:30-18:00	Short Course Microscopy Session
16:30-16:45	Peat Petrography WG: S. Kalaitzidis, K. Christanis		
16:45-17:10	ISO Standard: M.Á. Gómez Borrego		
17:10-17:30	Investigation of fluorescing void filling substances WG: P. Crosdale		
17:30-17:45	Classification and Terminology of Zooclasts in old sediments: T. Gentzis, X. Zheng		
17:45-18:00	Xylite WG: I. Oikonomopoulos		
18:00-18:15	Com I closing remarks: S. Kalaitzidis, D. Životić		

Tuesday, 19.9. 2023			
09:00-11:00	Commission II Session	09:00-11:00	TSOP Technical Session A
09:00-09:15	Com II opening remarks: J. Kus, G. Siavalas	09:00-09:15	Welcome – General Business
09:15-09:30	Correction Function for Fluorescence Lamps WG: M.Á. Gómez Borrego, J.	09:15-11:00	Scientific Presentations (<i>to be announced by 25th of August 2023</i>)
09:30-10:00	Dispersed organic matter in sedimentary rocks: J. Kus, P. Hackley, P.A.		
10:00-10:30	DOM VR Accreditation Program: J.G. Mendonça Filho		
10:30-11:00	Classification of Dispersed Organic Matter ICCP-TSOP DOM Atlas: P.A.		

For any enquiries, please contact Stavros Kalaitzidis
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Tuesday, 19.9. 2023 CONTINUE.....

11:00-	Coffee Break		
11:30-12:30	Commission II Session, continues	11:30-12:30	TSOP Technical Session B
11:30-11:45	Geological application of graptolite reflectance WG: X. Zheng, T. Gentzis	11:30-12:30	Scientific Presentations (<i>to be announced by 25th of August 2023</i>)
11:45-12:00	Identification of Thermal Maturity Relevant Organic Matter WG: P. Hackley		
12:00-12:30	Identification of Secondary Organic Matter in Sedimentary Rocks: G. Siavalas, P. Hackley		
12:30-14:30	TSOP General Meeting & Business Lunch		
14:30-16:00	Commission II Session, continues	14:30-16:10	TSOP Technical Session C
14:30-15:15	Identification of Dispersed Organic Matter: J. Kus	14:30-16:00	Scientific Presentations (<i>to be announced by 25th of August 2023</i>)
15:15-15:35	Igneous intrusions in coal seams and shales WG: S. Rodrigues		
15:35-16:00	Pseudovitrinite Working Group: L. Gurba		
16:00-	Coffee Break		
16:30-17:15	Commission II Session, continues	16:30-18:10	TSOP Technical Session D
16:30-16:45	Coal Bed Methane-CO ₂ Sequestration: L. Gurba	16:30-18:10	Scientific Presentations (<i>to be announced by 25th of August 2023</i>)
16:45-17:00	Shale Gas Studies: L. Gurba		
17:00-17:15	Com II closing remarks: J. Kus, G. Siavalas		
17:15-17:30	Optimization of reflectance measurements on complex blends WG (Com		
17:30-19:00	Joint Poster Session		
19:00-20:30	ICCP Council Meeting	19:00-20:30	TSOP Council Meeting
19:00-21:00	Joint TSOP-ICCP Student Event at “Poolevard”		

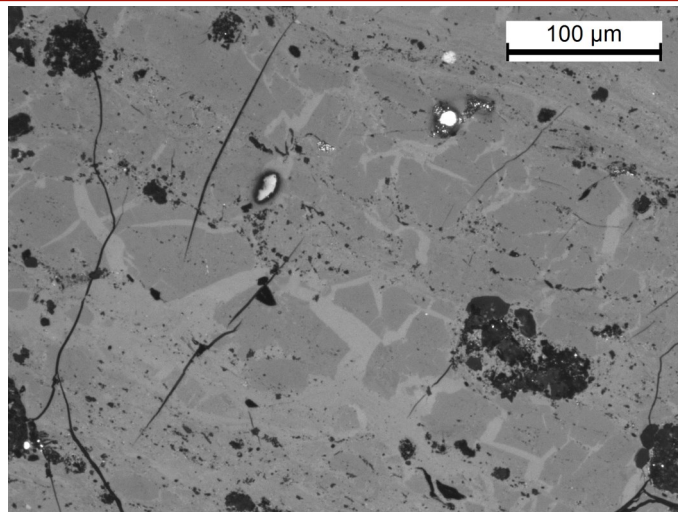
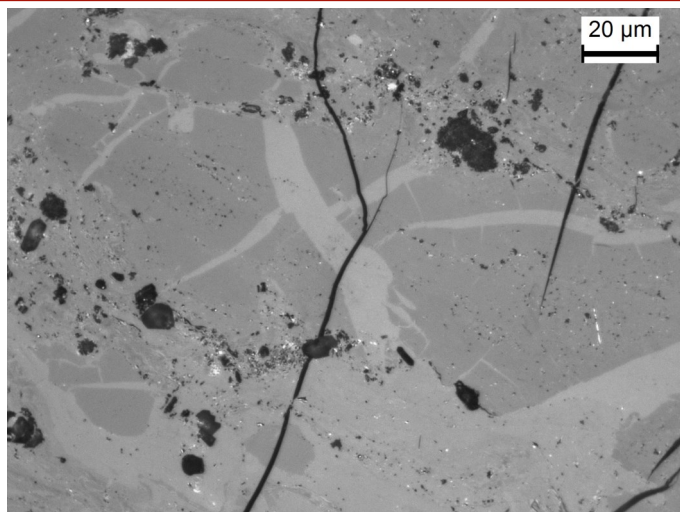
Post-Meeting field trips

24.9.2023	Field trip to Keri mire on Zakynthos Island
24-25.9.2023	Field trip to Western Greece and Ptolemais lignite-bearing Basin

Wednesday, 20.9.2023	
07:00-21:00	Mid-week field trips (Delphi or Olympia archaeological sites)
Thursday, 21.9.2023	
09:00-13:00	Joint ICCP-TSOP Symposium
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30-12:50	Scientific Presentations (<i>to be announced by 25th of August 2023</i>)
13:00-14:30	<i>Family Photo - Lunch Break</i>
14:30-16:00	Scientific Presentations
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30-17:30	Scientific Presentations
17:30-18:00	TSOP Closing Ceremony
Friday, 23.9.2023	
09:30-	Commission III, Session A
09:15-09:35	Com III Opening session: M. Misz-Kennan, S. Rodrigues
09:35-10:10	Carbon Materials WG: G. Predeanu, M. Wojtaszek-Kalaitzidi
10:05-10:30	Coke Petrography WG: M. Wojtaszek-Kalaitzidi
10:30-11:00	Environmental applications of Organic Petrology WG: G. Siavalas, S. Kalaitzidis
11:00-	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30-13:00	Commission III, Session B
11:30-12:00	Petrographic Identification and Classification of Components in Fly Ashes WG: B. Valentim, N. Wagner
12:00-12:30	Self-heating in coal and coal waste dumps: J. Kus, M. Misz-Kennan, D. Flores
12:30-13:00	Coal Blends Accreditation Program (CBAP): M. Wojtaszek-Kalaitzidi
13:00-13:30	Com III Closing Session: M. Misz-Kennan, S. Rodrigues
13:30-	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:30-16:00	Joint ICCP-TSOP Microscope Session
16:00-17:30	ICCP Closing Plenary Session

FUN PETROGRAPHIC IMAGES!

What do YOU find under your microscope?



Contribution provided by Ali Ihsan

Meta-exsudatinite with 1.16%Ro within thermally affected coal with 1.00 %Ro vitrinite reflectance. The one is a general view and the other is in more detail.





Obituary

Dr Harold Smith

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The ICCP loses its last Founding Member A.H.V. (Harold) Smith

It is with great sadness that the ICCP has lost Harold Smith in early 2023, the only remaining member of the ICCP founders in 1953 in Geleen, The Netherlands. Harold passed away at the age of 99 after a long life in which research in organic petrology and coal geology played a key role. From the Department of Geology at the University of Sheffield where he developed his research career, he made extraordinary contributions to Coal Geology and Palynology and also to the industrial applications of organic petrology that earned him the Thiessen Medal in 1990. Harold's contribution to the ICCP has been enormous. Since the beginning, he was part of the Nomenclature Subcommittee and actively contributed to drafting the Handbook, a fabulous task accomplished in record time as the initial product of the ICCP. A success story characterized by the generous work of the collaborators that made the ICCP known throughout the world. Harold has served on the Council first as Secretary (1980-1985) and then as Chairman (1985-1988) of Commission I. During this term, he hosted the 39th Meeting of the ICCP in Doncaster, UK, where the Program for Accreditation received the final push and Harold was instrumental in this

action. He was also part of the Review Panel, the group of experts selected to deal with appeals received about the accreditation results when the participant disagreed with the outcome. Harold has supported the ICCP in countless ways: He has reviewed the first 10 years of the ICCP in an unforgettable document published in the special volume celebrating the 50th Meeting that will allow us to keep memories of the early days alive. He has fed the Archive with his documents, especially relevant for keeping track of the early days when the minutes were not published. His generous contribution to the institution was recognized in 1992 when he was appointed as Honorary Member of the ICCP. Harold regularly attended ICCP Meetings from the first in Geleen to the 50th in Porto in 1998. But this was by no means the end of his contribution to the ICCP as he was a Returning Officer for elections since the incorporation of this role into the statutes in 1999 until 2013.

Harold has been an outstanding organic petrographer, a gentle person, a great asset to the ICCP and an extremely likeable man. We have known through his son that he was very proud of his work with the ICCP. We would like to send our condolences to his family. Those who had the privilege to meet Harold at any of the many ICCP Meetings he attended will never forget him.

Contribution from Angeles G. Borrego

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Opp: First ICCP Meeting Geleen, The Netherlands, 1953

Below: 50th ICCP Meeting Porto, Portugal, 1998—the last Harold was able to attend

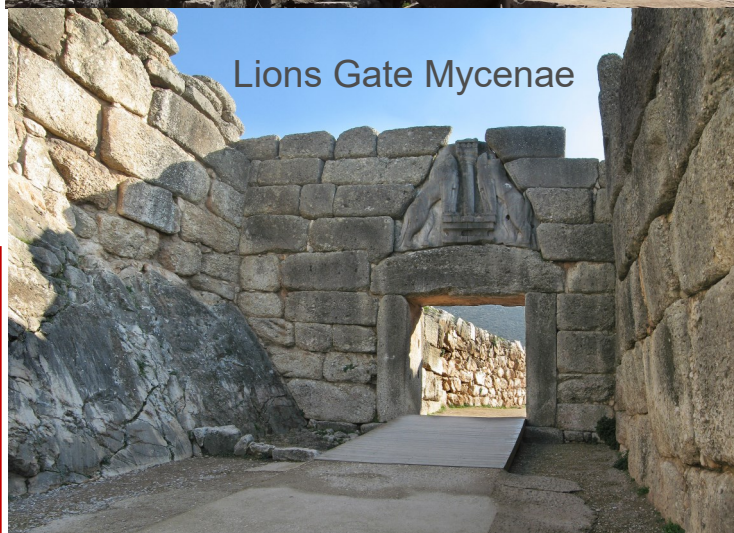


2023 Joint 74th ICCP and 39th TSOP Meeting

Midweek & Weekend Field Trips

The organizing committee will offer the choice to the registered participants to choose their preferable destination between Olympia, Delphi and Mycenae Archaeological sites, **for Wednesday 20th September 2023**.

The trips will start at 08:00 and the return to Patras will be around 19:00. **There is still availability if you choose to join!**



WEEKEND FIELD TRIPS

1-day field trip in Keri Mire, Zakynthos Island, Saturday 23rd September, 2023

The field trip will start on Saturday early morning from Patras towards Zakynthos Island to visit the Keri Mire and to discuss on modern peat-forming environments in a paralic setting. Keri Mire is also famous for its natural asphalt seepages. After a short sightseeing downtown, the return to Patras is estimated around 20:00.

2-day Field Trip in Western and Northern Greece, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September, 2023

In the first day we will visit outcrops of HC source rocks in Western Greece, focusing on the Mesozoic Formations of the Ionian Unit. The second day will be dedicated to the Lignite-bearing Sequence of Ptolemais in Western Macedonia, by visiting the active lignite mines of Public Power Corporation S.A. in Ptolemais Basin.

The field trip will start on 23rd of September early morning from Patras, with the return to the Athens Airport, on 24th of September 2023, late evening for those who will fly back; then the bus will continue to Patras.



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