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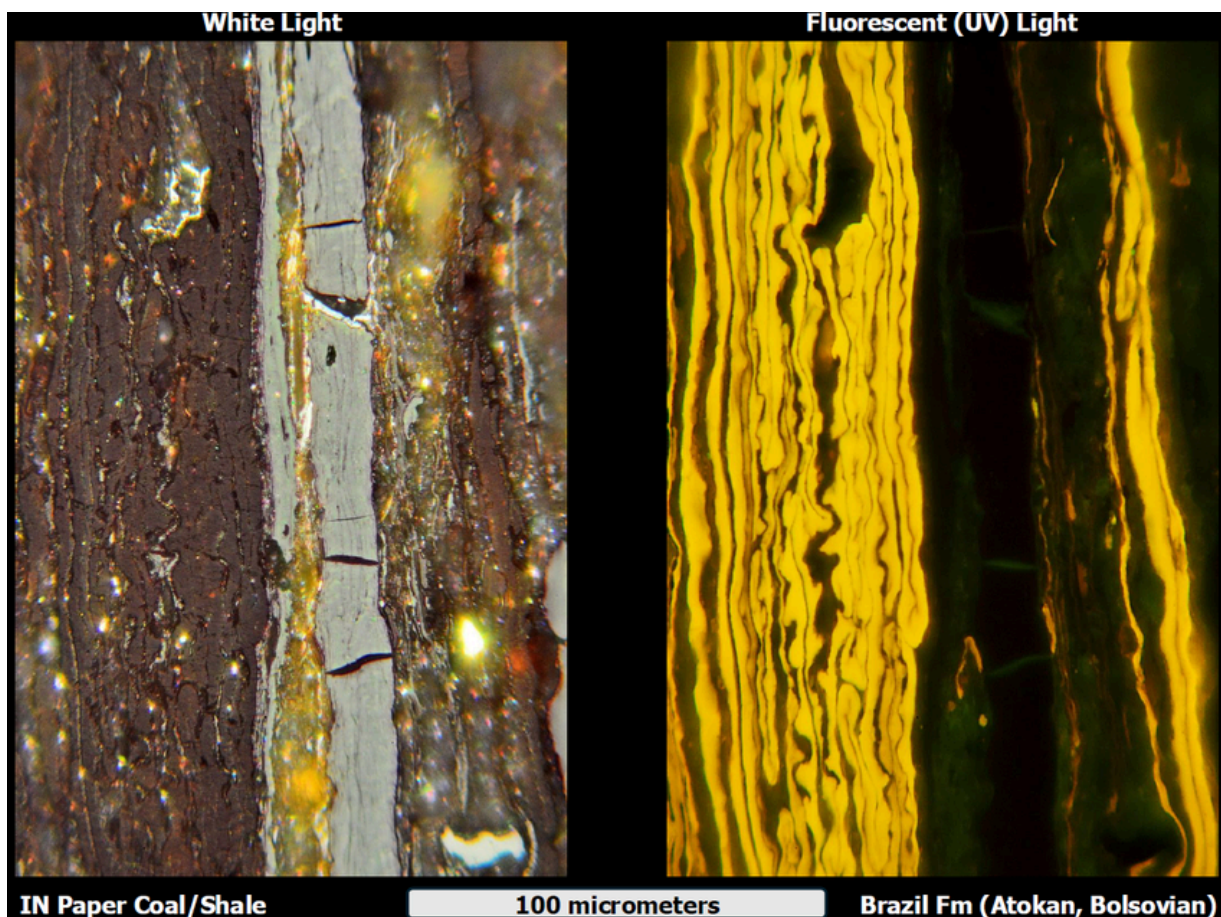
Content includes:

77th Porto meeting arrangements
Minutes of the 76th ICCP Meeting Plenary
Sessions.
Welcome speeches 76th ICCP Meeting, Beijing



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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Welcome to the Spring / Autumnal edition of the ICCP News, and, as seems to be the norm, apologies for the delay in getting this to you all. But you have the 94th ICCP Newsletter with you now, so grab a cup of coffee / tea / water / beer / wine and settle in for a while.

Yet again, the world has been in turmoil, with all countries globally impacted by the USA-Iran war. Countries not involved are impacted by the escalating fuel prices and shortages, which cascades into price increases for food and transport. Headlines such as 'coal is back' provides endless frustration to me – coal never went away. Coal, that 'bad, polluting, black stuff' that the world strives to eradicate is always there, providing the backbone of energy globally. But each time there is a global crisis (the COVID pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine war commencement, and now this Iran-Israel-USA scenario), focus returns to the need for coal. The coal-based electricity industry does have a lot to answer to in terms of air pollution emissions, but as the world learnt about the impact, the technology improved and continues to improve to reduce pollution and increase efficiency per ton coal combusted. We still have a lot to learn about the origin and formation of various coal deposits globally, geological climates and sedimentary basins and conditions that enabled coal formation at specific periods. As well as how to optimize coal properties to maximize heat generation, and how to manipulate the carbon to produce the wide array of carbon-based materials expanding into the market; as well as providing power and components for the 'low carbon transition'. As organic petrographers, we play an important role in understanding the nature of this vital fossil fuel and should be in a position to advocate for optimal utilization with minimal environmental impact along the coal-value chain.

Very aptly, the theme of the ICCP Symposium is "Organic Petrology for a changing World" I hope you can join us at the 77th ICCP meeting in Porto in September 2026. The Organizing Committee, chaired by Dr. Carolina Fonseca, has planned an excellent meeting – please see content herein. Please note dates pertaining to abstract submission (15 June) and meeting registration (early bird until 31st July) and note hotel booking options. For students considering attending ICCP Porto, please consider applying to the Deolinda Flores Grant. Refer to the meeting webpage iccp2026@skyros-congressos.com.

On the note of timelines, do note that the application for the current round of the accreditation exercises is at the end of April. Please register via the ICCP website and ensure you receive the invoice.

I congratulate our sister organisation TSOP on the extremely successful Student Symposium (13 – 15 April, 2026). Students from all around the world participated, demonstrating once again the importance of ongoing research into aspects all along the coal-value chain and areas of influence.

Please continue to send through contributions to your favorite society newsletter. And remain positive in this mad world we inhabit.

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COAL
PETROGRAPHER...
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The ICCP Newsletter, ISN 1445-4793 (1445-4858 online) is distributed 3 times a year, & welcomes contributions from members & non-members. The minutes of the Annual Meeting are published in the final issue each year, & the program for the Annual Meeting is included mid-year. The Newsletter is distributed to all members & is available on the open area of the webpage. This enables anyone interested in the science to obtain exposure to the ICCP activities. ICCP application details are available on the website, or contact the General Secretary Paul Hackley hackley_paul@yahoo.com.

FRONT COVER: reflected light images of cuticles and resin rodlets produced by *Karinopteris*, a pteridosperm (seed fern) that contributed to the Late Atokan (Bolsovian) age Indiana Paper Coal/Shale.
Contribution provided by Eble Cortland

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members,

I hope that following Nikki's encouragement you already grabbed your preferable drink to enjoy the latest ICCP News.

Although, indeed the world is in a continuing turmoil and it seems that we are progressively getting a kind of immunity on the suffering of normal people around the globe, it is also true that voices of common sense are starting to appear with higher frequency in the media, providing perhaps an optimistic tone. The fact though remains that energy related geopolitics still govern the implementation of war games and effectively affect our daily lives, mainly in terms of electricity and fuel prices. Consequently, coal is back on the headlines even in some countries Europe, as is the increasing quest for hydrocarbons.

ICCP Members are well situated to contribute to the life circle of the energy industry from exploration to environmental as well as emissions-neutrality aspects, and we have to strengthen our WGs efforts towards the production of new knowledge, as well as implementing innovative approaches and methods.

Going through recent scientific publications in several journals, someone can recognise there are measurable indices showing that our membership of organic petrographers is improving the level of engagement with emerging fields, increasing the interdisciplinary effect and outcomes.

Beyond of course the core geological studies, fields like ore geology processes or modelling of geothermal areas based on OM

reflectance values seem to be picking up, and for sure there will be more to come, as the exploration for CRM seems to be getting a momentum in many countries.

Additionally, a recent development providing a new path for organic petrology is the announcement of the EU Regulation C(2026) 553 related to establishing certification methodologies for permanent carbon removals, in which reflectance measurements are within the required methods of biochar characterization. Within this context I foresee that our scientific branch shall and will increasingly be involved in activities related to the characterization of various new materials, like biomass, biocarbon, biogenic carbon etc., which are entering into our technical terms in astonishing speed, and often causing confusion.

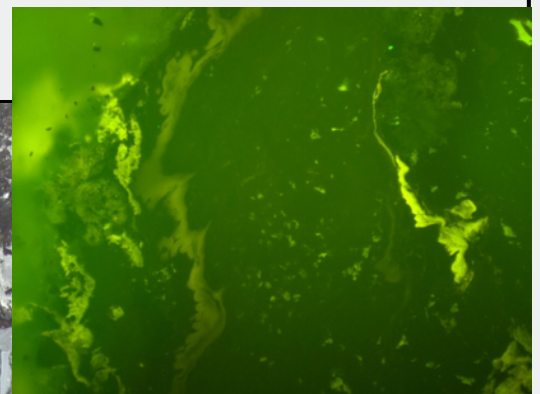
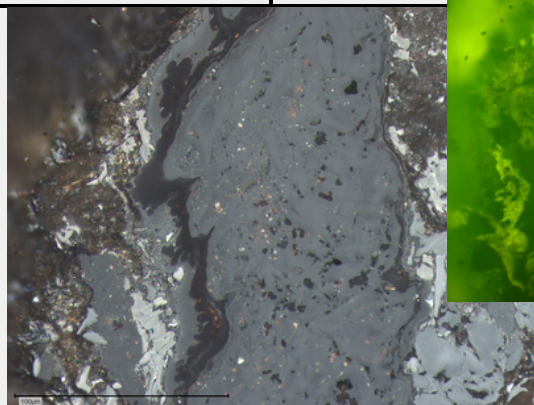
Of course, within this volume you will find useful information for the forthcoming September Meeting in Portugal, where we will have the chance to visit both Porto and Lisbon, as well as the Lusitanian Basin, exploring the fabulous Lower Jurassic outcrops. Additionally, the Organizing Committee is planning for a 2-days course on Organic Matter in Anoxic Events which is much worthy to attend.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that few days are left for registering for the Accreditation Programs, which are one of the most important activities of ICCP.

Wish you all swift planning for the Meeting in Porto and a nice Summer/Winter period.

Stavros Kalaitzidis

A classic example of reactive semifusinite (centre) bounded by a liptinite margin. The coal rank is around 0.60%RoVmr, Permian Coal, Highveld Coalfield, South Africa. (N Wagner)





Welcome Address

The International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology, together with the Organizing Committee, is delighted to welcome you to the 77th Annual Meeting of the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP), which will be held for the fourth time in Portugal. We warmly invite you to take part in this scientific event, hosted at the Faculty of Sciences - Porto University (FCUP), in the breathtaking city of Porto, Portugal, from September 13th-17th, of 2026. A two-day Training Course on “Organic Matter in Anoxic Events” (11-12 September) will also be hosted at FCUP. The Symposium, themed “Organic Petrology for a Changing World”, will follow on September 18th, 2026, at the Sciences Academy in Lisbon.

The 77th ICCP Annual Meeting will centre on multidisciplinary applications of Organic Petrology, reflecting on the challenges and future directions of our science in the years ahead. In addition to a stimulating scientific program, we pleased to offer an exciting field trip through S. Pedro Moel and Peniche to explore “The Lower Jurassic organic-rich facies in the Lusitanian Basin (Portugal)”. Participants will have the opportunity to delve into the geological framework of the Jurassic in the Lusitanian Basin, with particular emphasis on the record of the Toarcian Oceanic Anoxic Event in the Western Iberian Margin and its and its significance for the basin’s Early Jurassic evolution. Do not miss the unique opportunity to visit the Toarcian Global Stratotype Section and Point (GSSP) at Ponta do Trovão, Peniche, and to take a memorable picture with its iconic golden spike!

The Organizing Committee is proud to offer the **Deolinda Flores Grant**, which will give one outstanding MSc or PhD student from anywhere in the world the opportunity to join the meeting. The grant provides financial support for travel costs and includes participation in the training course, field trip, and symposium.

This congress warmly welcomes researchers, scientists, industry professionals, and policy makers. It's an exceptional opportunity for discussions, knowledge exchange, and fostering both new and existing collaborations.

Porto is a city of stunning beauty and charm. Recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, its picturesque hills, serene river, and diverse architectural wonders are sure to captivate you. The warm and welcoming locals, the delightful experience of enjoying a sunset with a glass of Port wine by the beach, and the exquisite yet affordable cuisine, including the famous “francesinha”, all add to the city's allure. Porto's excellent public transportation system and proximity to the airport, just a 20-minute drive away, make it incredibly convenient for visitors.

We eagerly await your presence at the 77th ICCP Annual Meeting in Porto, a city that won't disappoint you. Join us for an unforgettable experience that will leave you with cherished memories and a desire to return.



Organizing Committee

- Chair: Dr. Carolina Fonseca - University of Minho, Portugal
- Prof. Dr. Cristina Freire - University of Porto, Portugal
- Dr. Paula Alexandra Gonçalves - University of Porto, Portugal
- Prof. Dr. João Graciano Mendonça Filho - Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Dr. Luís Vitor Duarte - University of Coimbra, Portugal
- Dr. Bruno Valentim - University of Porto, Portugal
- Dr. Joana Ribeiro - University of Coimbra, Portugal
- MSc Mariana Costa - University of Porto, Portugal

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Venue

The Faculty of Sciences of the University of Porto (FCUP) is recognised as one of the most prestigious higher education institutions in Europe. FCUP aims to generate and disseminate knowledge in Science and Technology, seeking to respond to the major challenges facing global society. It positions itself as a Higher Education Institution of excellence, both in the Exact and Natural Sciences and in their technological applications, providing multidisciplinary knowledge that combines an interest in discovery with academic rigour and technological pragmatism.



The diversity and scientific quality of its academic community, combined with international collaborations, has greatly boosted research and innovation, making a significant contribution to the development of teaching, science and technology (Rua do Campo Alegre s/n; 4169-007 Porto).

The Lisbon Academy of Sciences (ACL) is one of the oldest national scientific institutions in continuous existence. It was founded on December 24, 1779, during the reign of Queen Maria I, under the inspiring motto taken from a verse by Phaedrus:

Nisi utile est quod facimus stulta est gloria
If what we do is not useful, glory is foolish

One of the aims of the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon is to provide advice based on scientific knowledge, as a fundamental instrument for the qualification and efficiency of public policies. In this sense, the Academy aims to broaden and enrich this mission, in its capacity as an advisory institution to the sovereign bodies of the Portuguese state in all areas of knowledge, to contribute to society's appropriation of the main science-based themes relevant to public policies and to promote greater convergence and more intense and regular dialogue, not only between the national scientific community and political decision-makers, but also with similar institutions abroad. (R. da Academia das Ciências 19, 1249-122 Lisboa).

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The **Ice-Break Party** will take place at the “**Casa dos Vinhos Verdes**”, a 19th-century building with beautiful architectural details. The gardens include the *Fonte das TrêsGraças* and romantic pathways leading to one of the most stunning views over the Douro River (R. da Restauração 318, 4050-501 Porto).

Registration

Type	Early Bird (until July 31 st)	Regular (after July 31 st)
ICCP Member	300 €	400 €
Non member	400 €	450 €
Student*	200 €	250 €
Only Symposium Professional	50 €	70 €
Only Symposium Student*	30 €	50 €
Accompanying Person	170 €	190 €
Training Course Professional	100 €	If Available
Training Course Non-Profit/ Government	75 €	If Available
Training Course Student*	40 €	If Available
Farewell Dinner	75 €	90 €
Field Trip	Single Room – 355 €	If Available
Field Trip	Double Room – 425 €	If Available

Registration fee continued...

Participant Registration Fees Includes:

Admission to All Scientific Sessions (Porto) and Symposium (Lisbon), Poster Sessions and Exhibition Area; Congress Materials, Certificate of Attendance, Ice-Break Party (September 12th), Coffee-breaks (September 13th till 16th) and Book of Abstracts. Possibility of registration at the Farewell Dinner (September 15th) and the Field Trip (September 16th/17th).

Accompanying Person Registration Fees Includes: Ice-Break Party (September 12th), Hop On Hop Off Tour, Farewell Dinner (September 15th) and possibility of registration at the Field Trip (September 16th/17th).

Field Trip Fee Includes:

- Lunch Box, Sept. 16th and 17th;
- 1 Night (Sept. 16th) accommodation Hotel in S. Pedro de Moel including Breakfast and Dinner, in Single or Double Room (depending on your selection);
- 1 Night (Sept. 17th) accommodation Hotel in Lisbon including Breakfast, in Single or Double Room (depending on your selection);
- Bus departing from Porto Meeting Venue, to S. Pedro Moel (Sept. 16th), then to Hotel in Lisbon (Sept. 17th), Transfer to Symposium (Academy of Sciences), return to Porto, after the Symposium (Sept. 18th).

Please contact the Organizing Committee for further details (iccp2026@skyros-congressos.com) regarding registration, and consult the webpage <https://skyros-congressos.pt/2026/77thICCPMeeting/index.htm>





ICCP Symposium: Organic Petrology for a Changing World

Symposium

The Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee kindly invite you to submit abstracts to participate as Oral or Poster presentation to the Symposium that will be held on September 18th with the topic:

Organic Petrology for a Changing World

The 77 ICCP Meeting will accept Abstracts in the form of Oral and Poster Presentation. The way of presentation will be evaluated in accordance with its scientific content, relevance, quality and originality.

Abstracts submitted will only be accepted when in accordance with all the rules of submission. Abstracts should include Title, Authors, Affiliations, Abstract Text. The abstract must be submitted in English (mandatory) and should not exceed 400 words. All Abstracts will be reviewed and evaluated by independent reviewers from the Scientific Committee.

The deadline for abstract submission is June 15th, 2026. Acceptance will be informed by July 15th, 2026.

Scientific Committee

- Dr. Bruno Valentim - University of Porto, Portugal
- Dr. Joana Ribeiro - University of Coimbra, Portugal
- Dr. Sandra Rodrigues - The University of Queensland, Australia
- Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis - University of Patras, Greece
- Dr. Shifeng Dai - China University of Mining & Technology, China
- Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh - CSIR-CIMFR, India
- Dr. Paul Hackley - USGS, USA
- Dr. Henrik Petersen - GEUS, Denmark
- Dr. Angeles Borrego - INCAR-CSIC, Spain
- Dr. João Graciano Mendonça Filho - UFRJ, Brazil
- Dr. Magdalena Misz-Kennan - University of Silesia, Poland
- Prof. Nicola J. Wagner - University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- Dr. Carolina Fonseca - University of Minho, Portugal
- Dr. Paula Alexandra Gonçalves - University of Porto, Portugal

Training Course

The training course “**Organic Matter in Anoxic Events**” (September 11th to 12th) provides a focused introduction to how organic matter forms and is preserved during anoxic events. It covers the causes and significance of these events, highlighting how low-oxygen conditions in marine and lake environments favour the accumulation of organic-rich sediments.

Participants will learn about the types and composition of organic matter, including kerogen, and how these relate to past environmental conditions. The course also explores organic facies and how depositional settings influence the quantity and quality of preserved material.

Through case studies and a microscope session, attendees will apply theory to real samples. The course will be instructed by **Dr. Carolina Fonseca (University of Minho)** and **Prof. Dr. João Graciano Mendonça Filho (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)**, combining theoretical and practical expertise.

Deolinda Flores Grant

The Deolinda Flores Grant is intended to support the attendance of an MSc or PhD student at the 77th ICCP Annual Meeting. Eligible research must demonstrate the relevance, utility, and significance of organic petrology (including coal petrology, kerogen petrology, organic geochemistry, and related disciplines) in addressing the student's thesis research problem.

One (1) monetary award of €1,500 will be granted. The grant also includes complimentary registration for all meeting activities, including the Training Course, Commission Meetings, Symposium, Conference Dinner, and Field Trip.

For more information: <https://skyros-congressos.pt/2026/77thICCPMeeting/deolinda-flores-grant.html>

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Accommodation

The participants shall arrange their own accommodation in Porto. There are plenty of opportunities within walking distance to the Venue. However, the Organizing Committee has made special arrangements with several hotels. Please see further information at: <https://skyros-congressos.pt/2026/77thICCPMeeting/accommodation.html>

The city of Porto charges a Municipal Touristic Tax of 3€, per person, per night for a maximum of 7 nights. This value is not included in the accommodation prices and will be charged by the hotel at the end of your stay.

It is recommended to book as soon as possible because September is still a busy month from the touristic point of view.

Traveling to Porto

Porto and the North of Portugal, with its International Airport – Aeroporto Sá Carneiro - is centrally located between America and Europe. Flights can be found from throughout the world to Porto airport. Most low-cost companies fly to Porto. Transport from/ to the airport: Metro or taxi. The surface Subway (Metro) line is a quick connection between the airport, the city centre and the main hotels in Porto, with services every 20 minutes.

Get in the Violet (E) Line. Line E (Violet) connects Airport Station to Estádio do Dragão Station, and, naturally, to all metro's network. The occasional Andante title required for travelling between the Airport Station and Porto city centre is a Z4. In the Andante shop located in the arrivals zone of the Airport you can also buy the Andante Tour, an unlimited and intermodal title valid for 1 or 3 days. For more information: <https://skyros-congressos.pt/2026/77thICCPMeeting/useful-information.html>

Visa Support

Participants requiring visas must initiate the application process many months in advance of their departure date. For details that apply specifically to your country, please visit the website of the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<https://portaldiplomatico.mne.gov.pt/en/>) or the Embassy/consular services in your country.

If you need a personal letter of invitation to attend the 77th ICCP Meeting, please provide your personal details and complete postal address and email to iccp2026@skyros-congressos.com

Note: The Organizing Committee cannot intervene in the visa application process on your behalf at any Portuguese Embassy or Consulate office abroad.

	SEP. 11 Friday	SEP. 12 Saturday	SEP. 13 Sunday	SEP. 14 Monday	SEP. 15 Tuesday	SEP. 16 Wednesday	SEP. 17 Thursday	SEP. 18 Friday	
08h30	Training Course	Training Course	Commision Meeting	Welcome & Plenary Conference	Commision Meeting	Commision Meeting	Field Trip	Symposium	
10h30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	
11h00	Training Course	Training Course	Commision Meeting	General Assembly	Commision Meeting	Closing & Plenary Session		Symposium	
13h00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch Box		Lunch Break	
14h00	Training Course	Training Course	Council Meeting	Commision Meeting	Commision Meeting	Commision Meeting		Symposium	
16h30			Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Field Trip		Field Trip	Coffee Break
17h00			Commision Meeting	Microscope Session	Commision Meeting			Visit to Sciences Academy	
17h30								Return to Porto	
18h00									
18h30		ICE Break Party							
19h00				Council Meeting					
20h30					Conference Dinner	Overnight in S. Pedro Moel	Overnight in Lisbon		
21h30									

ICCP ACCREDITATION 2026

ROUND - FINAL NOTIFICATION

Dear Colleagues

The deadline for the registration in the ICCP accreditation programs round 2026-2027 is fast approaching.

To register, please complete the official registration form available at:

<https://www.iccop.org/accreditation-application-form-26-27/>
no later than April 30, 2026.

Important dates

- Registration deadline: April 30, 2026
- Invoicing: until May 31, 2026
- Sample distribution:
 - SCAP & DOMVR: June–July 2026
 - CBAP: December 2026

Certificates will be issued following evaluation, with validity periods beginning in 2027.

The ICCP offers three Accreditation Programs:

- Single Coal Accreditation Program (SCAP) – assessment of maceral group quantification and vitrinite random reflectance measurement according to ISO standards.
- Dispersed Organic Matter Vitrinite Reflectance Accreditation Program (DOMVR) – assessment of identification and reflectance measurement of dispersed vitrinite in sedimentary rocks.
- Coal Blends Accreditation Program (CBAP) – assessment of the identification and petrographic characterization of individual coals within blends.

Please note:

- The number of samples required depends on previous participation status (entry vs continuation).
- A 20% discount applies to CBAP when combined with participation in another program.

Further details regarding procedures, evaluation methods, and fee structure are available on the ICCP website or by contacting the respective program organizers.

Kind regards,
Sandra Rodrigues
Chair, ICCP Accreditation Subcommittee

TSOP NEWS

John Castaño Honorary Membership Award, Call for nominations, 2026

Deadline: May 31, 2026

Organic petrologists are invited to nominate the scientist of your choice for the 2026 John Castaño Honorary Membership Award, The Society for Organic Petrology's highest honor (www.tsop.org/Castaño_award.html). The award acknowledges distinction in a scientific discipline of significance to the society, in recognition of contributions in research, service to TSOP, or education. The John Castaño Honorary Membership conveys life membership in the society. It is named in honor of John Castaño, one of our most active Houston-based founding members. John served as inaugural Vice-President, and later, as President of TSOP. He was an organizer of three TSOP meetings in the Houston area and was made an Honorary Member in 1995. John served TSOP in many capacities until his death in 1997; a memorial article was published in the June 1997 issue of the TSOP Newsletter.

If you would like to suggest a candidate for the 2026 John Castaño Honorary Membership Award, please submit a letter of recommendation and a brief vita of the nominee to:

Dr. Greg Lis, University of Wrocław, Institute of Geological Sciences, Plac Bornia 9, 50-204 Wrocław, Poland; email: grzegorz.lis@uwr.edu.pl by May 31, 2026.

It is suggested that supporting letters of recommendation from colleagues and other scientists accompany the package. Emphasis should be placed on the significance of the nominee's work.

Nominations will be reviewed by the John Castaño Award Committee and results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The selection process is confidential, and nominees do not have to be former or current TSOP members.

The committee evaluates research, service and educational impact on the following criteria:

Research contributions include work that demonstrates a high degree of originality and serves to advance the science of organic petrology or related disciplines. Nominees must possess a sustained international record of professional publication and achievement.

Nominees recommended for service must demonstrate significant contributions to TSOP in a leadership role. Their service must have enabled the society to stimulate interest and promote innovative research in coal geology. Contributions include educational activities, administrative duties, or the development of the society.

Nominees recommended for education must demonstrate a high degree of dedication and significant impact as a teacher of organic petrology or related disciplines.

Dr Greg Lis
TSOP Vice President,
Chair of the John Castaño Honorary Member
Selection Committee

MINUTES OF THE 76TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ICCP PLENARY SESSIONS, SEPT 17-25, 2025, BEIJING CHINA

ICCP Opening Plenary Session

The 76th Annual Meeting of the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology was held from September 17th to 25th, 2025, in Beijing, China. The meeting was organized by China University of Mining and Technology-Beijing, with the field trip component organized by Taiyuan University of Technology with support from Shandong Provincial Bureau of Coal Geology.

The opening plenary session of the ICCP on September 18th was chaired by Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis and Ms. Maria Georgaki as acting secretary, with about 34 participants. The agenda included the following topics:

1. Greetings and welcome, introduction – Stavros Kalaitzidis
2. Information about the 76th ICCP Oviedo Meeting – Dr. Shixi Zhang on behalf of Dr. Shifeng Dai
3. Minutes from previous meeting - Stavros Kalaitzidis
4. Apologies - Stavros Kalaitzidis
5. Future Meetings (short status) - Stavros Kalaitzidis
6. Awards - Stavros Kalaitzidis
7. Membership - Stavros Kalaitzidis
8. Elections - Stavros Kalaitzidis
9. Editor's report – Nikki Wagner
10. Treasurer's report – Joan Esterle
11. ICCP Accreditation Program – Sandra Rodrigues
12. ICCP Training Program – Stavros Kalaitzidis

1. Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis welcomed the gathered attendees.
2. Dr. Shixi Zhang presented the overview of the Beijing meeting logistics and the planned field trips.
3. Short minutes of the Oviedo Council meeting and minutes of the Plenary Sessions were approved, as published in the ICCP Newsletter #90, as listed in the Council minutes within this newsletter.

4. Apologies for non-attendance were received from members, as listed in the minutes of the Beijing Council meetings within this volume.
5. Arrangements for Future meetings: The 2026 meeting in Porto will be held September 13th to 18th. In 2027 a joint TSOP-ICCP meeting is planned in Johannesburg, South Africa, 10th to 19th of September. An invitation has been received for the 2028 meeting in Izmir by Dr. Mehmet Akbulut, but no dates have been confirmed. An invitation has been received for 2029 for a joint TSOP-ICCP in Reston, Virginia, USA by Dr. Paul Hackley.
6. No nominations were received for the Organic Petrology Award and Thiessen Award.
7. Associate membership applications and applications for Full membership, as listed in the minutes of the Beijing Council meetings, were forwarded to the General Assembly and were approved. The loss of members, Mr. Carl Hilgers, and Dr. Rudi Schwab was announced, and a moment of silence was held before the General Assembly.
8. The results of the elections held in 2024 were announced, as listed in the Council minutes, and previously in ICCP News #90. The call for nominations to the offices of Vice President, Chair of Commission II and Secretary of Commission II was announced, with nominees to be received from the floor during the closing plenary.
9. The report of the Editor, regarding ICCP News #90, 91, and 90 was delivered by Dr. Nikki Wagner.
10. The Treasurer's report was delivered by Dr. Joan Esterle. The financial status of ICCP is recorded in the minutes of the Beijing Council meetings, within this volume.
11. Dr. Sandra Rodrigues presented the Accreditation Program report and the plan for the next round. A discussion followed up regarding the continues increase on posting expenses and the fee structure. The Accreditation Subcommittee will discuss further and present a plan. Details on the program are contained in the Council Minutes within this volume.

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MINUTES OF THE 76TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ICCP
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12. Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis an overview of the 2025 Training Course in Organic Petrology and Environmental Applications was held June 23rd to 27th in Patras, Greece, 2025, with instructors Dr. George Siavalas and Dr. Eng. Małgorzata Wojtaszek- Kalaitzidi. A discussion followed up regarding how ICCP can publish educational material, and it was agreed that Council will explore our options. Council also will discuss the topic and timing of the next ICCP Course.

Closing Plenary

The closing plenary began after lunch on 21st Thursday September, chaired by President Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis and assisted by Ms. Maria Georgaki as acting secretary, and was based on the agenda items as follows:

1. Membership – Acting Secretary
2. Candidates for elections – Stavros Kalaitzidis
3. Short Report from the Council meetings- Acting Secretary
4. Future Meetings – Stavros Kalaitzidis
5. Thanks to the 2025 Organizing Committee – ICCP Council

1. Membership: an application received during the meeting from Prof. Dr. Tang Yuegang for admission as Full Member was announced and forwarded to the General Assembly, who approved the admission.

The new associate members presented at the opening plenary and previously in the ICCP News were welcomed to ICCP.

2. Candidates for elections: Candidates for Vice President Dr. Jolanta Kus, Commission II Chair Dr. George Siavalas, and Secretary of Commission II Dr. Paul Gonçalves were presented to the gathered General Assembly. No nominations were received from the floor, so the candidates were elected, with 4-year terms to begin following the 2026 meeting of ICCP.

3. A short report on the minutes of the ICCP Council Meetings was delivered by Ms. Maria Georgaki, on behalf of Paul Hackley, as further documented elsewhere within this Newsletter.

4. The preparations for the 2026 meeting in Porto were presented on behalf of Dr. Deolinda Flores by Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis. The organization is as presented in the minutes of Council and elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Resolution ICCP25/4/1 The ICCP Council thanks Deolinda Flores for the planning and preparations for the 2026 meeting ICCP annual meeting in Porto, Portugal. The preparations for the Joint ICCP-TSOP 2027 meeting in Johannesburg organized by Prof. Dr. Nikki Wagner and Dr. Marvin Moroeng were also announced.

Resolution ICCP24/4/2 The ICCP Council accepts the proposal from Prof. Dr. Nikki Wagner for hosting the 2027 ICCP annual meeting in Johannesburg and thanks Nikki and Marvin and their organizing committee.

5. Finally, there was the presentation of gifts for the Organizing Committee and the amazing work to host the conference. ICCP President Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis made remarks and provided the gifts for the members of the organizing committee, including the Chair and her team: Prof. Shifeng Dai; the CUMTB Team: Prof. Shaoqing Wang, Prof. Jjing Lu, Prof. Na Xu, Assoc. & Asst. Profs. Shuai Zhang, Ruiwen Yan, Shixi Zhang, Kuo Li, Yu Liu, Xiaofang He, Kai Zhou, Zhengfu Zhao; and the TYUT Team: Prof. Beilei Sun, Assoc. Profs. Dongna Liu, Meifen Li, and Chao Liu. All of the student organizing committee members were called next for the presentation of their gifts.

WELCOMING SPEECHES OF THE 76TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ICCP, SEPT 17-25, 2025, BEIJING CHINA

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中国矿业大学（北京）校长

President of China University of Mining and
Technology (Beijing)

尊敬的斯达夫罗斯·卡拉伊齐迪斯主席、各位
专家学者、朋友们：

Respected Chairman Stavros Kalaitzidis,
Distinguished Experts, Scholars, and
Friends,

金秋九月、秋高气爽，我们齐聚北京，隆重
召开“第76届国际煤与有机岩石学委员会年
会”。首先，我谨代表活动主办单位中国矿业
大学（北京），向来自世界各地的同仁表示最
热烈的欢迎和最诚挚的问候！能够第三次主
办这一领域的国际盛会，我们深感荣幸。

In this golden September, amidst the crisp
autumn air, we gather in Beijing to
ceremoniously convene the *76th Annual
Meeting of the International Committee for
Coal and Organic Petrology*. Firstly, on
behalf of the host institution, China
University of Mining and Technology
(Beijing), I extend our warmest welcome and
most sincere greetings to colleagues from
around the world. It is a great honor for us to
host this prestigious international event in
the field for the third time.

国际煤岩学委员会是全球煤岩学与有机岩石
学领域最具权威性的学术组织，在国际标准
和术语制定以及相关学科发展中发挥着举足
轻重的作用。本届会议围绕煤和有机岩石学
的应用，开展四大热点主题交流：有机岩石
学与气候变化、煤地质学与煤系关键矿产、
人工智能与煤-有机岩石学、煤和有机岩石学
的新技术进展。我们期望通过广泛深入的交
流与合作，促进知识共享、推动学科交融，
为世界能源事业的发展做出贡献。在全球能
源转型背景下，中国已提出力争2030年前实
现碳达峰、2060年前实现碳中和，这是中国
推动构建人类命运共同体的重大举措。

The International Committee for Coal and
Organic Petrology (ICCP) is the world's
most authoritative academic organization in
the fields of coal and organic petrology,
playing a pivotal role in establishing
international standards, terminology, and
advancing related disciplines. This year's
meeting focuses on the applications of coal
and organic petrology, featuring exchanges
on four key themes: Organic Petrology and
Climate Change, Coal Geology and Critical
Minerals in Coal Measures, Artificial
Intelligence and Coal-Organic Petrology,
New Technological Advances in Coal and
Organic Petrology. We hope that through
extensive and in-depth exchanges and
collaboration, we can promote knowledge
sharing, foster interdisciplinary integration,
and contribute to the development of the
global energy industry. At the background of
worldwide energy transition, China has
committed to peaking carbon emissions by
2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by
2060, this is a significant step by China in
building a shared future for humanity.

作为以能源与安全为特色的“双一流”建设高
校，中国矿业大学（北京）始终以“开发矿
业、开采光明、建设祖国、造福人类”为己
任，把科技第一生产力、人才第一资源、创
新第一动力有机结合，致力于建设世界一流
能源科技大学。学校具有鲜明的学科优势与
一流科研平台。矿业工程、安全科学与工程2
次入围国家“双一流”建设学科，城市工程地球
物理、城市地下空间工程2个学科入选北京高
校高精尖学科。依托全国重点实验室、国家
矿山安全技术创新中心等5个国家级平台，取
得了一大批高水平创新性科研成果。1985年
以来，获得国家级科技奖励53项，2023年，
学校荣获国家技术发明奖一等奖，这是我校
首次获得，也是煤炭行业首次。

As a *Double First-Class* construction
university distinguished by energy and
safety research, China University of Mining

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and Technology (Beijing) has always embraced the mission of *Developing Mining, Harvesting Light, Building the Nation, and Benefiting Humanity*. We integrate science and technology as the primary productive force, talent as the foremost resource, and innovation as the central driving force, striving to build a world-class university of energy science and technology. Our university possesses distinct disciplinary strengths and first-class research platforms. Mining Engineering and Safety Science and Engineering have been selected twice for the National *Double First-Class* Initiative, while Urban Engineering Geophysics and Urban Underground Space Engineering are recognized as Beijing High-Precision Disciplines. Leveraging five national-level platforms, including the State Key Laboratory and the National Innovation Center for Mine Safety, we have achieved numerous high-level innovative research outcomes. Since 1985, our university has received 53 national science and technology awards. In 2023, we were honored with the First Prize of the National Technology Invention Award—a first for our university and for the coal industry.

学校高度重视国际交流与合作，与来自11个国家的高校共同发起成立“一带一路”矿业高校联盟，共获批国家级外专引智平台7个，建有2个中外合作联合实验室。与33个国家和地区的103所世界著名高校签订校际合作协议。我校于2012，2018年先后成功举办了第64届国际煤岩学委员会年会和第29届国际有机岩石学年会联合会议、第35届国际有机岩石学大会，学校有2名教授担任国际有机岩石学学会主席，教师荣获有机岩石学国际最高奖、杰出贡献奖，充分体现了中国矿业大学（北京）在国际学术舞台上的贡献与担当。Our university places great emphasis on international exchange and collaboration.

We co-founded the *Belt and Road Alliance of Mining Universities* with institutions from 11 countries, obtained seven national-level platforms for introducing foreign expertise, and established two Sino-foreign joint laboratories. We have signed cooperation agreements with 103 renowned universities across 33 countries and regions. In 2012 and 2018, our university successfully hosted the Joint 64th ICCP Annual Meeting and the 29th TSOP Meeting, as well as the 35th TSOP Meeting. Two of our professors have served as Presidents of TSOP, and our faculty has been awarded the highest international honor in organic petrology and the Outstanding Contribution Award, reflecting the university's significant contributions and leadership on the global academic stage.

当今，煤炭仍是世界能源安全的重要保障和工业生产的重要原料，我们期待与各位专家学者分享研究成果、探讨发展方向、凝聚合作共识，携手推动全球能源可持续发展。最后，再次感谢国内外各位专家学者在人才培养、科学研究方面给予我校的大力支持，预祝会议圆满成功。

Today, coal remains a vital safeguard for global energy security and a key raw material for industrial production. We look forward to sharing research findings, exploring the development of future directions, and building consensus with experts and scholars worldwide, working together to promote the sustainable development of global energy. In closing, I would like to once again express our gratitude to all experts and scholars, both domestic and international, for your tremendous support in talent development and scientific research. We wish this conference a complete success!

谢谢大家！
Thank you all!

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尊敬的Stavros Kalaitzidis主席，尊敬的刘波校长，女士们、先生们，亲爱的同事们：

Distinguished President Stavros Kalaitzidis, Distinguished President Liu Bo, Ladies and gentlemen, Dear colleagues:

金秋九月，丹桂飘香。在这收获与希望交织的美好时节，我们相聚北京，共同开启第76届“国际煤与有机岩石学委员会（ICCP）年会”的盛大帷幕。作为共同主办单位代表，我谨代表山东省煤田地质局，向参会的各位嘉宾表示最热烈的欢迎！向长期支持ICCP发展的各成员组织及全体工作人员致以最诚挚的感谢！

As the golden month of September graces us with the fragrance of blooming osmanthus, we are honored to gather here in Beijing, in this season of harvest and hope, to inaugurate the 76th Annual Meeting of the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP). On behalf of the co-organizers, and in particular the Shandong Provincial Bureau of Coalfield Geology, I extend my warmest welcome to all distinguished participants, and my heartfelt gratitude to all member organizations and colleagues who have long supported the development of ICCP!

国际煤与有机岩石学委员会（ICCP）作为国际上煤岩学标准和术语制定的唯一国际机构，为全球煤岩学和有机岩石学的发展做出了卓越贡献，其研究成果支撑了“煤、油、气”等资源的开发与利用，近年来将研究范围扩展到页岩气、碳封存等新兴领域，持续为地球化学及相关领域提供科学支持。

As the sole international institution responsible for the establishment of standards and terminology in coal petrology, CCP has made remarkable contributions to the advancement of coal and organic petrology worldwide. Its research has greatly supported the exploration and utilization of coal, oil, and gas resources, while in recent years it has expanded into emerging fields such as shale gas

and carbon sequestration, continuing to provide valuable scientific support for geochemistry and related disciplines.

山东省煤田地质局成立于1952年，是中国最早成立的煤田地质局之一，主要承担公益性、基础性煤田地质勘查，战略性矿产和急需矿产资源勘查，生态保护修复、防灾减灾和应急救援等工作，拥有包括院士工作站在内的高水平科技平台29个。建设了高水平的地质实验中心，通过了“CMA”和“CNAS”实验室认证，配备了完善的质谱、光谱、色谱等检测设备，承担了中国各主要煤炭矿区样品检测50余万件，为中国煤炭资源勘查和研究作出了积极贡献，同时也积累了大量珍贵数据，为煤质精细化研究奠定了基础。

The Shandong Provincial Bureau of Coalfield Geology, founded in 1952, is among the earliest coalfield geological bureaus established in China. Its responsibilities span public-interest and fundamental coalfield exploration, strategic and urgently needed mineral resources surveys, ecological protection and restoration, disaster prevention and mitigation, and emergency rescue. It operates 29 advanced research platforms, including an Academician Workstation, and has established a state-of-the-art Geological Laboratory Center certified by both CMA and CNAS.

Equipped with advanced mass spectrometry, spectroscopic, and chromatographic facilities, the Bureau has tested over half a million samples from China's major coalfields, making significant contributions to coal resource exploration and research, while also building a valuable database that underpins fine-scale coal quality studies. 随着战略性新兴产业的发展，关键金属矿产的重要性日益凸显。煤作为一种特殊的沉积有机岩石，在一定地质条件下可以作为关键金属矿产的重要补充

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在一定地质条件下可以作为关键金属矿产的重要补充，受到国际社会的高度关注。山东省煤田地质局与中国矿业大学（北京）共同组建了“煤系战略矿产勘查山东省工程研究中心”，在煤系关键金属矿产的赋存规律、成矿机理和矿物提取等方面开展了大量研究，构建了涵盖地球物理、钻探和实验测试等手段的“六位一体”勘查技术体系。这些工作的开展，必将为煤炭资源利用转型和关键金属矿产稳定供应产生积极推动作用。

With the rise of strategic emerging industries, the importance of critical metals has become increasingly prominent. Coal, as a unique type of sedimentary organic rock, can under certain geological conditions serve as an important supplementary source of critical metals—a matter of growing international interest. In collaboration with the China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing), The Shandong Provincial Bureau of Coalfield Geology has established the Shandong Provincial Engineering Research Center for Strategic Mineral Exploration in Coal-bearing Strata. Together, we have carried out extensive research on the occurrence, metallogenic mechanisms, and extraction of critical metals from coal and coal measures, and developed an integrated six-component exploration technology system encompassing geophysics, drilling, and laboratory testing. These efforts will play a vital role in supporting the transformation of coal utilization and ensuring a stable supply of critical metals.

近年来，山东省煤田地质局在绿色低碳高质量发展 and 新一轮找矿突破战略行动等方面，取得了显著成效。开展煤炭、煤层气、页岩气等勘查项目450余项，探获煤炭资源量124亿吨；率先发现中国山东省齐河-禹城富铁矿，创建了“煤铁共益”成矿理论，累计提交

资源量8000多万吨，助力建成亿吨级富铁矿资源基地；创新“全要素、全过程、全方位”绿色勘查技术体系，创建国家级示范项目2个、省级示范项目12个；创新开展煤矿全生命周期服务，形成了矿井隐蔽灾害治理的“山东方案”，打造了中国首个矿区级矿井隐蔽灾害治理样板。

In recent years, The Shandong Provincial Bureau of Coalfield Geology has achieved notable progress in promoting green, low-carbon, and high-quality development, as well as in implementing a new round of mineral prospecting strategies. We have conducted more than 450 exploration projects for coal, coalbed methane, and shale gas, identifying 12.4 billion tons of coal resources. We were the first to discover the Qihe–Yucheng iron ore deposit in Shandong Province and proposed the “coal–iron co-basin” metallogenic model, contributing over 80 million tons of resources and supporting the establishment of a large-scale iron ore base. We have also pioneered a comprehensive “all-element, all-process, all-dimension” green exploration technology system, creating two national-level and twelve provincial-level demonstration projects. Furthermore, we have innovatively developed full-lifecycle services for coal mines, proposing the “Shandong Model” for managing concealed mine hazards, and established the first regional demonstration case for mine hazard control in China.

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在今后的工作中，真诚希望与ICCP及各位成员建立更紧密的联系，开展更广泛的合作。真诚欢迎大家到山东省煤田地质局进行学术交流与考察合作。

Looking ahead, we sincerely hope to strengthen ties and expand cooperation with ICCP and all its members. We warmly welcome you to visit the Shandong Provincial Bureau of Coalfield Geology for academic exchange and collaboration.

朋友们！本次年会汇聚来自世界各地的高水平专家、学者和优秀人才，期待大家踊跃分享前沿热点、充分碰撞思想火花，同心聚力，推动ICCP取得更大的成绩。

Dear friends, this annual meeting brings together distinguished experts, scholars, and outstanding talents from around the world. We look forward to vibrant exchanges, inspiring discussions, and collective efforts that will drive ICCP to new achievements.

最后，预祝会议取得圆满成功！祝各位嘉宾身体健康、工作顺利、万事胜意！

Finally, I wish the conference every success, and I extend my best wishes to all participants for good health, fruitful work, and great happiness!

谢谢大家！

Thank you!



WHAT'S THIS MACERAL? EASY
ISN'T IT

PETER'S CORNER

... PERHAPS NOT.

Last Chance – Contribute to the Coal Petrologist's Vade Mecum before it is too late

As Lord Alfred Douglas wrote in his 1944 preface to a book of poems (one of many) by our founding mother Marie Stopes "*I am not going to say she is a great poet or to give any definite opinion. Time and the ordeal of print must settle those questions ...*"

Time and the ordeal of print will also settle the question as to the value of the Coal Petrologist's Vade Mecum. If you don't know what this project is, a vade mecum is simply a collection of useful tips. It will be lightly edited (by me).

So if you found the only way to get a good polish on those samples was to rub your pellet on your cat's ears as the final polishing stage, then let us all know about it! It could prove invaluable for coming generations of coal petrologists. So before your years of experience are lost to time, immortalise them in print in The Vade Mecum.

No contributions will be accepted after the close of this year's meeting and the project will be finalised.

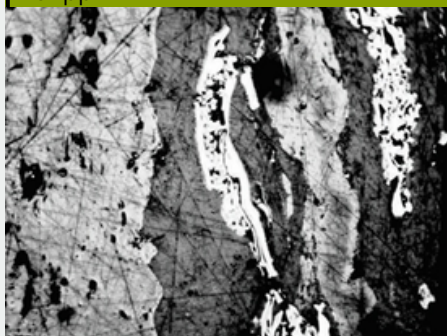
Contact peter.crosdale@energyrc.com.au with the subject line **Vade Mecum with your tip** – not just about polishing but all techniques and data interpretation garnered by years of experience and not usually written down. This will be THE go-to resource of future generations.

Stopes, M.C. (1944) Wartime Harvest. Poems by Marie Carmichael Stopes. Alexander Moring Ltd, London. 92pp.

What do you think this is at a sub-group or maceral level? Hint – it has a reflectance of 0.60% and is a vitrinite group maceral. Now that you have decided a name for it, what are the little bright dots? What are the dark dots? Have they affected your decision? – they should have. I can think of three different possibilities for these dots: 1) organic related; 2) inorganic related; 3) neither organic nor inorganic related. I have a firm opinion (NOT micrinite and the dark dots and the bright dots may in fact be the same feature!) but what do YOU think they are? Depending on how you view these dots could lead to a decision of telovitrinite or detrovitrinite or even arguably a gelovitrinite!!

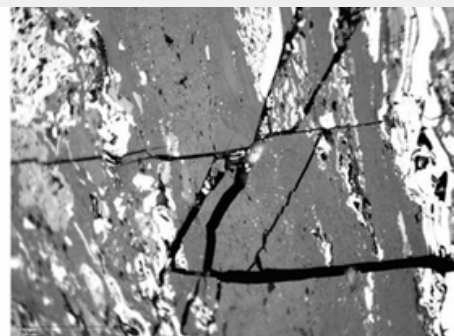


So please email peter.crosdale@energyrc.com.au or better still come to Porto and we can have pistols at dawn over it.
Peter Crosdale



Bad polish

Rub with
→
cat's ear



Great polish

PHD THESIS ABSTRACT

Macromolecular structural characterization of Highveld coals (South Africa), with a consideration of the influence of the depositional environment on coal beneficiation

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Understanding the macromolecular structure of coal is essential for predicting its behaviour during industrial use. In South Africa, coal remains a primary energy source, but the depletion of older mines requires evaluation of new coal resources. This study investigates five run-of-mine (ROM) coals from the No. 4 Seam in the Highveld Coalfield, density-fractionated at 1.7 and 1.9 RD to assess quality and structural variations.

Coal quality and composition were analyzed using organic petrography (macerals and microlithotypes), proximate and ultimate analysis, and X-Ray Diffraction (XRD). Macromolecular structure was examined using Raman Spectroscopy, XRD, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), and Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR), while combustion behaviour was assessed using thermogravimetric analysis (TGA).

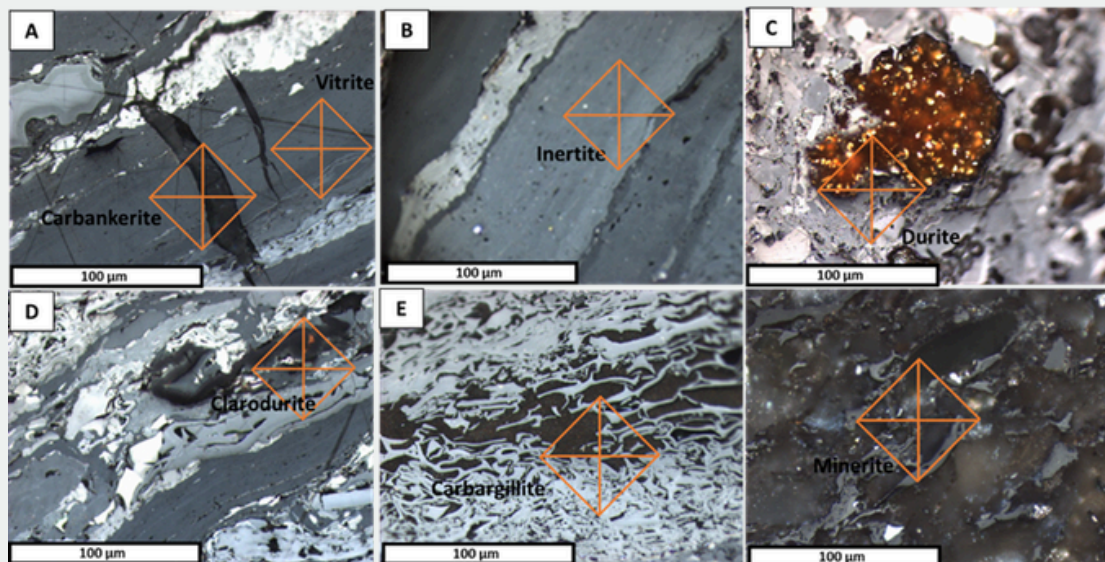
The ROM (parent samples) coals are medium-rank D/C bituminous (%RoV: 0.57–0.60%) and inertinite-rich, dominated by semifusinite and inertodetrinite. The H/C and O/C atomic ratios indicate Type II–III kerogen of terrestrial origin. Ash yield correlates with inertodetrinite, suggesting periodic flooding in palaeomires. The 1.7 g/cm³ float fractions (F1.7) are enriched in reactive macerals (28.6–61.2 vol.%), while the 1.9 g/cm³ fractions (F1.9) contain more inert macerals, especially inertodetrinite associated with minerals. Parent and F1.9 samples are dominated by inertite, whereas F1.7 samples are enriched in vitrite and mixed macerals. Some S1.7 sink samples show high volatile matter and calorific values, meeting specifications for certain power stations.

Raman analysis shows narrower G-bands in inertinite-rich samples (parent and F1.9 samples), indicating higher structural order than F1.7 samples. XRD results show larger interlayer spacing (*d*₀₀₂) in F1.7 and greater crystallite height (*L*_c) in F1.9. NMR indicates higher aromaticity (*fa*) in ROM and F1.9 samples. Although some fusinite-rich F1.7 samples show elevated *fa*, values remain lower than F1.9 samples, suggesting inertodetrinite contributes more to aromaticity.

FTIR results indicate longer aliphatic chains in F1.7 samples, particularly those low in vitrinite, while higher vitrinite samples show more branching (CH₃). Some F1.9 samples show longer chains due to durite (alginite therein), but overall exhibit shorter chains and higher aromaticity, degree of condensation (DOC), and aromaticity index (I). TGA results show F1.7 samples burn longer and at lower temperatures due to higher CH₂/CH₃ ratios, while F1.9 and ROM samples burn faster at higher temperatures, reflecting their higher aromaticity and structural maturity.

Coals from the same seam show significant chemo-structural and petrographic variability, producing different qualities at similar density cuts. At 1.7 RD, products are suitable for liquefaction or carbonization, while 1.9 RD fractions are more suited for gasification and carbonization. However, most ROM coals (except high-ash samples HCM and HSF) already meet gasification and carbonization requirements, indicating beneficiation may be unnecessary unless export-grade quality is required. These results highlight the need to revise density cut strategies, as a single-cut approach is unsuitable for the No. 4 Seam in the Highveld Coalfield.

CAPTION: Examples of microlithotypes observed in samples



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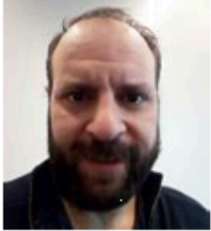

Dr Walter Pickel, an ICCP Council member and committee member for several decades, convenor of several ICCP working groups, ICCP course presenter, author of key petrographic papers, and Thiessen medalist 2015. You are still sorely missed, Walter.



A live link for paying your dues can be found here:

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