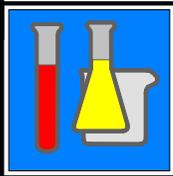




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President's Letter

Dear TSOP members,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the recent joint 29th TSOP – 64th ICCP meeting last September in Beijing (China) was a great success. The scientific content of presentations and discussions in TSOP's technical sessions, as always, were of very high quality. The three day field trip to the Yunnan Province (South China) gave us the opportunity of visiting many interesting places. The short course on mineral and inorganic matter offered by Colin Ward (theoretical part) and Kuili Jin (practical aspects) was very instructive. Our heartfelt thanks go to Shifeng Dai, Kuili Jin and their team for organizing this Annual TSOP Meeting. Also our thanks go to the State Key Laboratory of Coal Resources, from China University of Mining and Technology of Beijing.

During the TSOP Business Luncheon, TSOP presented the Ralph Gray and Dal Swaine Awards (as announced in the previous TSOP newsletter issue, Vol. 29, No. 3, September 2012) for the best refereed publications in the field of Coal and Organic Petrology and in Organic and Inorganic Geochemistry and Mineralogy respectively. Colin Ward was the recipient of the 2012 John Castaño Honorary Membership Award (the highest honor of the TSOP); Rachel Walker and Bill Huggett were the awardees with the Distinguished Service Award in appreciation of their dedication and work for the Society over the years; and Rita Susilawati was the recipient of the William Spackman Award (Graduate Student Research Grant). Moreover, we awarded three Best Student Presentations (one oral and two poster presentations) that are detailed in this issue, and the Longest Traveler Award (Tatiana Juliao from Colombia). All these Awards are the opportunity to acknowledge the work and efforts of the people who have contributed, in different ways, to the Society and to the science it represents.

A quick update on future TSOP meetings: The 2013 TSOP meeting will be organized by Magdalena Misz-Kennan (our new TSOP Councilor for the period 2012-2014) in Sosnowiec, Poland. Some

information about the meeting is included in this issue and it will be soon uploaded into the TSOP website. Do not forget that, again, this TSOP meeting will be held jointly with the ICCP. In 2014 Kady Pinetown and Colin Ward are holding the TSOP meeting in Sydney (Australia), and currently we are negotiating with Tim Moore the exact place in Indonesia for the 2015 meeting. In 2016, it is expected to have the TSOP meeting back in USA. As usual detailed information will be published in the TSOP Newsletter.

I want to inform you that The Atlas on Dispersed Organic Matter that is being developed by TSOP and the ICCP as a joint activity is expected to be completed soon and released in 2013.

As always, I look forward to your support in the coming year in the areas needed the most, particularly your support for the 2013 TSOP Meeting in Poland, and your active participation in the council and various TSOP committees mainly because next year will be a year with elections by which many Council positions will be renewed. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, suggestions, or advices.

Wishing you Merry Christmas, and all the best for a healthy and successful New Year 2013 to you, and your families.

With best regards
Isabel Suárez-Ruiz
TSOP President
mailto:isruiz@incar.csic.es



Supporting TSOP and paying your share

Wow, another year has gone by already! It's that time again when we remind all our great TSOP members that **dues payments are due BEFORE January 1st**. For those who have forgotten you don't have to wait for a reminder you can now pay online with or without a login.

Many members are now choosing to pay their dues online at www.tsop.org/dues. The form is easy to follow and allows various payment methods including checks (mostly for US members), money orders, bank transfer and credit/debit/bank card. PayPal provides a secure site for entering your card information and there is NO need to have or create an account. PayPal is the largest online payment provider and it stakes its reputation on providing a safe, secure and hassle free means of paying online. They may suggest that you create an account but you can easily just say no thanks.

TSOP funding is dependent upon dues payments of its members, so please check to ensure you are up to date. If you are not sure what your dues status is, please check online at www.tsop.org/mbrsonly or contact the Treasurer at mavery@nrcan.gc.ca. Don't forget, you can escape the hassle of yearly dues payments and save money and time by taking advantage of our popular **5 years for the price of 4** discount.

Since setting up our system we have received many dues payments through PayPal without any major complaints.

Thanks for supporting TSOP and its work in promoting organic petrology and related sciences.

Mike Avery, TSOP Treasurer



Member Activities

(This section is for members to let the TSOP crowd know what they are up to. Meetings attended, papers published, research activities and more!)

A manuscript was recently accepted for publication in AAPG Bulletin by TSOP members Justin Birdwell (U.S. Geological Survey) and J.D. Mao (Old Dominion University) based on research that was first presented at the 2011 TSOP Annual Meeting in Halifax. The paper will be available in print in early 2013:

Cao X., Birdwell J.E., Chappell M., Li Y., Pignatello J.J., Mao J.D., *Characterization of oil shale, isolated kerogen, and post-pyrolysis residues using advanced 13C solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance*, Accepted 2012.

This October, TSOP member Justin Birdwell served as co-chair (with Jerry Boak) of the 32nd Oil Shale Symposium at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO. This is Justin's third year as an organizer of the meeting which typically receives ~100 abstract submissions for oral and poster presentations on oil shale topics ranging from industrial projects to geochemistry and attracts around 300 attendees.

2012 TSOP-ICCP Meeting Photos available on Skydrive

Shifeng Dai has generously created a Skydrive account and uploaded a number of photos from the 2012 TSOP-ICCP annual meeting in Beijing for all members to enjoy. To access the images, please log in the website www.skydrive.com:

User name: iccptsop2012@hotmail.com
Password: Nopassword

There you can find various photos of the meeting.

The John Castaño Honorary Membership Award, 2013

Call for Nominations

Deadline: May 31, 2013



Members are invited to nominate candidates for the 2013 John Castaño Honorary Membership Award, the highest honour that TSOP bestows. The successful candidate will receive a lifelong membership in the Society.

This award is named for John R. Castaño, a founding member of TSOP, who was inaugural Vice-President and President of TSOP in 1986. Based largely in Houston during the latter part of a long and distinguished career in source rock geochemistry and petrology with Shell Oil, he was extremely active in TSOP and received the Honorary Member Award in 1985, in recognition of his outstanding professional achievements in research, training young scientists and promoting the fostering the goals of the society. After his death in 1997, the Honorary Member Award was renamed the **John Castaño Honorary Membership Award** in his honor.

This Award is open to any geoscientist who has contributed to advancement of Organic Petrology and Geochemistry by distinguishing themselves in one or more of the following categories: research, teaching or outstanding contributions to the Society. Members considering nominating a candidate should consult the TSOP website for specifics regarding qualifications and former recipients. Nominees can be members, former members or non-members of TSOP.

Nominees must be sponsored by a TSOP member by

submitting a letter of nomination stating why the candidate should be considered for the award; the nomination letter must be accompanied by a) *nominee's resume or curriculum Vitae*; and b) supporting *letters of recommendation* from other colleagues or scientists. *Emphasis should be placed on the significance of the nominee's work.*

Nominations and all supporting documents should be submitted to the Chair of the Honorary Member Award Committee: *Dr. Judith Potter, JP PetroGraphics, 90 Patterson Close SW, Calgary Alberta, Canada T3H 3K2; E-mail: jpp@sitogeo.com* and must be received on or before May 31, 2013. They will be reviewed by the Castaño Award Committee and the results announced at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Sosnowiec, Poland.

The Selection Committee will review the value of the nominee's contributions to research, service and education, based 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 significance 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. Judith Potter
TSOP Vice-President, 2011-13
Chair of the Honorary Member Selection Committee

New TSOP Members

Paula Alexandra Gonçalves



Ms. Gonçalves earned her MS in 2006 from the University of Azores for a study in volcanology. Currently she is pursuing PhD studies in organic petrology and geochemistry under the supervision of Dr. Deolinda Flores at the University of Porto, Portugal. Her research is focused on the study of Jurassic sedimentary successions of the Lusitanian basin, Portugal.

Dr. Andrew Mort



Dr. Mort received his PhD in petroleum geochemistry in 2004 from IFP/Université d'Orléans. His research focused on nanostructure and thermal maturity of pyrobitumens via optical microscopy and microbeam techniques applied to the characterization of petroleum systems in deep settings. Following seven years of petroleum systems analysis and basin modelling in the oil and gas industry as a consultant, he has returned to

research with a renewed interest in organic petrology spurred by the resurgence of the field in the context of unconventional resource assessment.

Danielle Kondla



Ms. Kondla is pursuing a BSc in geology at the University of Calgary where her senior thesis investigates the organic petrology of the Jurassic Nordegg Member of the Fernie Formation, an important source rock in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin.

Dr. Calum Macaulay



Dr. Macaulay investigates the sedimentary petrology of inorganic and organic materials in unconventional mudstone reservoirs at Shell International E&P in Houston. He has extensive experience in industry and academia after receiving his undergraduate degree in 1985 from the University of Aberdeen and a PhD in sandstone diagenesis in 1990 from the University of Strathclyde.

Petrographic atlas and maps of sedimentary organic matter in Russia - a review

Neely Bostick

Last year the journal *Lithology and Mineral Resources*¹ contained a long review of the 600-page *Petrological Atlas of Fossil Organic Matter of Russia*.²

The diverse topics in this work include petrographic methods, microphoto atlas, distribution, properties, typification, industrial pollution, and relationship to sources of oil and gas, with three national maps of coal, oil and gas, and total energy resources of Russia. At least twenty authors contributed to this work. Mrs. I. B. Volkova was the technical editor and a main author, shortly before her death.

The publisher's notice in the *Atlas* indicates that the edition numbered 500 copies, but our library search devices located just one in North America, which I borrowed briefly. There is good indication that the *Atlas*, with a folio of three maps, is still available from VSEGEI, the All Russian Geological Research Institute in Saint Petersburg³, or from importers⁴.

This volume stands out because it includes English translations of the captions of all 167 plates of photos, most of which contain eight figures. In addition the *Atlas* is summarized in an English introduction and an English conclusion, plus English tables of contents and figures. Therefore, this *Atlas* makes somewhat available to the non-Russian reader much of the information and illustrations compiled from 1955 to 1967 in the nine "blue" coal atlases for different basins or stratigraphic terrains of the Soviet Union, plus two later atlases. In addition there is much information about dispersed organic matter, especially in relation to formation of oil and gas.

A good half of the microphotos are in color – a clue to any petrologist that many show thin sections, rather than polished sections which dominate other petrological literature, and some are mounts of individual organic grains. Thus, with the English

captions, these microphotos give a look at microscopy of coals and dispersed organic matter not available elsewhere. In many countries, use of thin sections would be considered "old fashioned", but they give a valid view of coal, though not easily analyzed quantitatively or statistically to represent a coal seam or a ship load of coal.

I looked through the volume to see whether it might give information about some special analyses of coal or dispersed organic matter that were once common in Russian literature - for instance reflectance of vitrinite in air or refractive index of dispersed organic grains. Such historical traces seem to be absent. Likewise, without an index I could not spot the terms semivitrinite or mixtinite. However, there is a page describing coal "reductivity", which has been the basis of much dispute in Russian literature about the industrial properties of coal. Similar distinction in the U.S., say between "reduced" coals of the Illinois Basin and coals of Appalachia has hardly surfaced. Naturally, there is a section on shungites - characteristically Russian deposits. And inertinite-rich coals, mostly of Jurassic age, are prominent in the figures and technical information.

The three maps published in a folio with the *Atlas* are: 1) **Coal presence, quality and resources in Russia**, 2) **Oil and gas presence in Russia on a lithogeodynamic base**, 3) **Fuel and energy resources of Russia** (including uranium, geothermal, oil shale and peat). These maps are described, rather extolled, in the Conclusion to the *Atlas* and also in the review in *Lithology*. I have neither the knowledge nor economic incentive to analyze the crowded details of these complex, multi-factor maps which show an 8,000 km stretch of geology and analytical data in one meter on the table in front of me. I hope that when specialists in oil and gas, coal, oil shale and the less-treated energy resources analyze these maps they will benefit from the compressed "grand view" they give.

By today's book and map prices, the *Atlas* may be a bargain volume. In the past much of Russian coal literature has not been translated, probably because of thinking "we will never import their coal". Nowadays coal is moving around the world as never before and the pressures to use coal in the most efficient and least damaging ways are increasing. This volume is already in English in part, and it seems possible that translation of the remaining text and figures will be made available by the English-tongued world. I urge you to read more information, especially about the maps, in the recent review in *Lithology* cited at the head of this note.

¹ English edition: *Lithology and Mineral Resources*, 2011, Vol. 46, No. 1, pp. 96-98; available from internet sources.

² The Editor-in-Chief is listed as O. V. Petrov; executive editor was I. B. Volkova (she was a primary author); first author is V. I. Vyalov. The title is **Petrologicheskii atlas iskopaemogo organicheskogo veshchestva rossii**.

³ The publisher http://www.vsegei.tk/ru/services/catalog/printed_prod/ lists it for 3,000 rubles (~US\$100) for established buyers.

⁴ One importer www.eastview.com lists it (No. 776169B) at US\$300.

The 30th Annual Meeting of The Society for Organic Petrology

September 1-4, 2013 Sosnowiec, Poland

The 30th Annual Meeting of The Society for Organic Petrology will take place in Sosnowiec (Poland) from September 1 – 4, 2013. The hosting institution, the University of Silesia, Faculty of Earth Sciences, is located in Sosnowiec in the Upper Silesian Coal Basin in Southern Poland. This will be the first TSOP Meeting in Poland.

The Meeting venue, the Faculty of Earth Sciences, University of Silesia is located at Będzińska 60 Street, 41-200 Sosnowiec, Poland. The meeting will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (August 25-31, 2013).

The University of Silesia was established in 1968. Currently, about 40000 students study there. It employs about 2000 academic teachers. The Faculty of Earth Sciences was established in Katowice in 1974 before moving, in 1977, to Sosnowiec. In recent years, the faculty has been extended and new buildings constructed. A geological museum located in the Faculty contains a large collection of rocks and minerals as well as an exhibition of dinosaur fossils and models. The faculty is making significant contributions in glaciology, paleontology, mineralogy and petrology, and in industrial- and environments aspects of coal geology.

A large theatre which can hold up to 500 people, but which can be configured in various ways for smaller numbers, will be used for the meeting. Many rooms and spaces suitable for coffee breaks, council meetings, posters, etc., are nearby.

Program. The program for the meeting includes technical sessions, a short course on the application of organic petrology and geochemistry to environmental studies and a field excursion. The topics of the technical sessions will be:

- coal petrology, mineralogy and geochemistry
- coal geology, utilization and environment
- coal-bed methane: geology, evaluation and utilization
- shale gas and shale oil: geology, extraction and utilization
- analytical techniques in coal and organic petrology and geochemistry

	Sunday 01.09.	Monday 02.09.	Tuesday 03.09.	Wednesday 04.09.
8.30-9.00			Registration	
9.00-9.30	Field trip	Short course	TSOP Welcome	TSOP Technical Session
9.30-10.00			Coffee break	Coffee break
10.00-10.30			TSOP Technical Session	TSOP Technical Session
10.30-11.00			TSOP Business Lunch	Lunch break
11.00-11.30			TSOP Technical Session	TSOP Technical Session
11.30-12.00		TSOP Council Meeting	Coffee break	Coffee break
12.00-12.30			TSOP Technical Session	TSOP Technical Session
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13.00-13.30		Registration and Ice-breaking party	TSOP Council Meeting	
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The 30th TSOP Annual Meeting registration form can be found online at the webpage of the meeting <http://prac.us.edu.pl/~iccop-tsop-2013/> as well as in this newsletter. Please send completed registration forms to:

dr hab. Magdalena Misz-Kennan at magdalena.misz@us.edu.pl or iccop-tsop-2013@us.edu.pl

Deadline for registration: **May 31, 2013.**

Call for abstracts:

The abstracts should be maximum of two pages long (including tables, figures, and references), written in Times New Roman 12, spacing 1.15. The title should be written in Times New Roman 12 Bold and the names of the authors and their affiliations in Times New Roman 10. Include the contact details (phone number and e-mail) of the corresponding author.

Deadline for sending abstracts: **May 31, 2013.**

Selected papers will be published in a special volume of the International Journal of Coal Geology.

Deadline for submitting papers: **December 31, 2013.**

The maximum size for posters is A0 (841 x 1189 mm). Materials for attaching posters to display boards will be provided by the organizers.

Travel information

It is suggested that participants coming to the meetings use Katowice Airport, located 36 km from Katowice. An alternative is Kraków airport, about 80 km from Katowice. Both airports have connections with all major airports in Europe.

Participants can travel to their hotels direct from the airports using public transport (buses from Katowice airport, buses and trains from Kraków) or taxis/mini buses. Details of the various services are given on the airport websites. The cost of a taxi from Katowice Airport to Katowice is 100 zł (about 25 Euro) and from Kraków Airport to Katowice is

about 320 zł (about 80 Euro). Both of these airports have official taxi companies. Participants coming from neighbouring countries can arrive by train to the new modern station in Katowice city centre.

Conference fees

Conference fees must be paid in Polish currency, i.e., in zlotys (1zł = 100 grosz). Currently 1 US\$ equals 3.2 zł and 1 Euro equals 4.2 zł. Money can be changed in banks but it is very common in Poland to use exchanges (in Polish: kantor) that are to be found in many places in both Katowice and Sosnowiec.

	Before June 30, 2013	After June 30, 2013
TSOP Members	680 zł	830 zł
Students	400 zł	450 zł
Non-TSOP Members	880 zł	980 zł
Conference dinner	150 zł	150 zł
Short course: Application of organic petrology and geochemistry to environmental studies		
TSOP Members	150 zł	
Students	80 zł	
Non-TSOP Members	150 zł	(same as for TSOP members)
Field trip	250 zł	

Payment should be sent to the appropriate university account below:

Non-Polish participants

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74 1050 1214 1000 0007 0000 7909

Please identify the payment as for **ICCP TSOP 2013.**

Accommodation

As there are no hotels within walking distance from the Faculty, it is suggested that participants book their own hotel accommodation in one or other of the hotels listed below, all of which are within walking distance of each other in the centre of Katowice. As the hotels are located a few kilometres from the Faculty of Earth Sciences, buses will be arranged to bring participants to and from Katowice each day. In addition, there are several public-service bus routes that link Sosnowiec and Katowice. The bus stop is located just outside the Faculty of Earth Sciences.

All the hotel rooms have internet, TV, bathroom etc. Special prices have been negotiated for our meeting. When booking, participants should mention that they are taking part in the Joint ICCP and TSOP Meeting. Hotels can be paid in zlotys, euros or dollars. Credit cards are accepted.

Hotel Qubus Prestige Katowice, ul.

Uniwersytecka 13, 40-007 Katowice

Tel: (+48 32) 601 0 100

fax: (+48 32) 601 0 200

marketing_katowice@qubushotel.com

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http://www.qubushotel.com/hotele.php?id_h=10&lang=2

Single room 280zł (65 Euro) per day

Double room 330zł (77 Euro)

Junior Suite 400zł (93 Euro)

Hotel Angelo, ul.

Sokolska 24, 40-086 Katowice

Tel: (+48 32) 783 81 00

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sales.assistant@angelo-katowice.com

<http://www.vi-hotels.com/en/angelo-katowice/>

Single room 320 zł (74 Euro)

Double room 387 zł (90 Euro)

Hotel Novotel Katowice Centrum, al.

Roździeńskiego 16, 40-202 Katowice

Tel: (+48 32) 2004444

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H3377-SL@accor.com

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3377-novotel-katowice-centrum/index.shtml>

Single room 219 zł (51 Euro)

Double room 249 zł (58 Euro)

Superior:

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Double room 289 zł (68 Euro)

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Dworcowa 9, 40-012 Katowice

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Double room (single use) 535 - 635 zł (124-148 Euro)

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Junior Suite 740 - 840 zł (172-195 Euro)

Apartment 960 - 1200 zł (223-279 Euro)

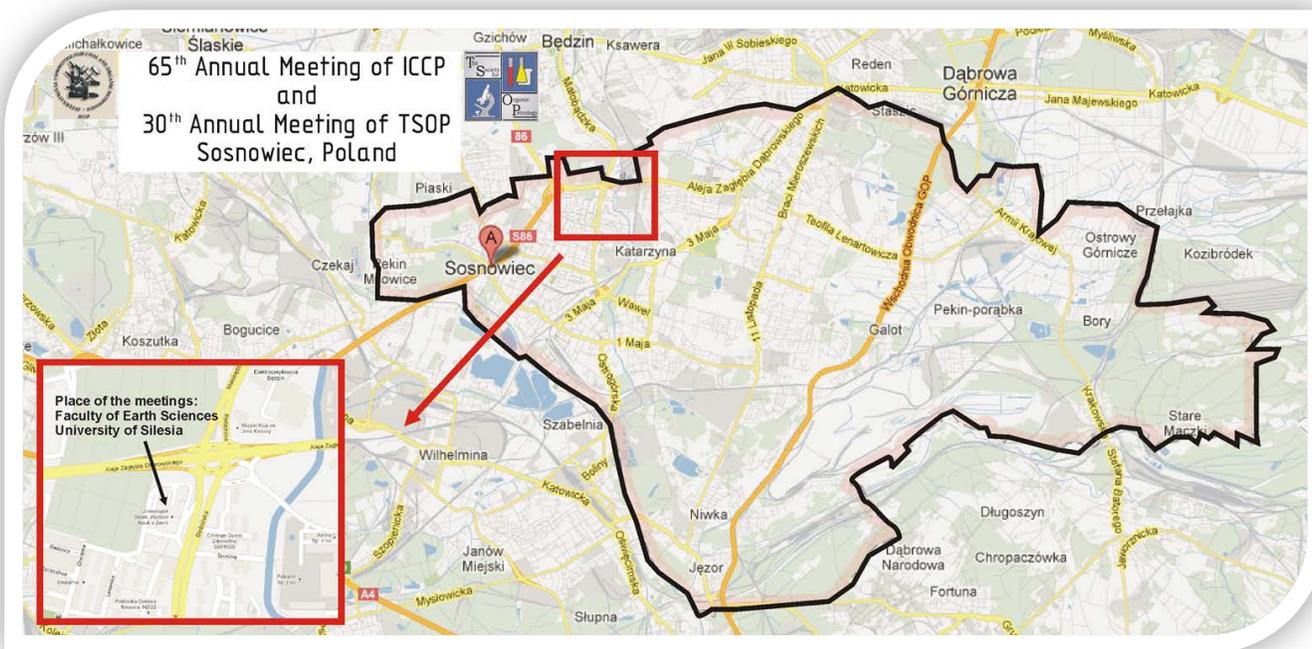
There will also be rooms available in student residences located in close proximity (2-3 minutes' walk) to the Faculty of Earth Sciences. The cost of the rooms is 40 zł (about 10 Euro). Breakfasts are not supplied. There are several shops nearby (within 100 m of the residences). Participants who may wish to use these rooms should contact Krzysztof Szopa - kszopa@us.edu.pl

The website of the meeting <http://prac.us.edu.pl/~iccop-tsop-2013/> will contain the most up-to-date information about the meeting. It will also contain information about interesting places to visit in Poland. The link to the webpage will be available on the TSOP website.



Above: Main entrance to the Faculty of Earth Sciences

At left: Faculty of Earth Sciences, University of Silesia, Sosnowiec.



The location of the Faculty of Earth Sciences, University of Silesia, Sosnowiec.



Registration Form & Registration Pricing Information
For 65th Annual Meeting of ICCP & 30th Annual Meeting of TSOP



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Accompanying member's full name

Relation with ICCP attendee.....

Special dietary and other requirements

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For TSOP attendee

TSOP member..... TSOP non-member..... STUDENT.....

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2012 TSOP Beijing Meeting Awards

John Castaño Honorary Member Award 2012

The 2012 recipient of the John Castaño Honorary Member Award is Prof. Colin R. Ward, Professorial Visiting Fellow, School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales, Sydney NSW 2052, Australia. Dr. Ward was present to receive the Award in person at the Business Luncheon/Annual Meeting, September 23, 2012, China University of Mining and Technology, Beijing, China.



Dr Colin Ward being presented the Castaño Award by TSOP Vice President Judith Potter
Photo courtesy of Shifeng Dai.



Best Oral presentation (student):

Mineralogy and geochemistry of sulphur rich-coals from the Songzao Coalfield, SW China.

Authored by: Lei Zhao, Colin Ward, David French & Ian Gram.

Presented by: Lei Zhao (student).

Pictured at left is Lei Zhao and TSOP President Isabel Suarez-Ruiz.
Photo courtesy of Judith Potter.

1) Best Poster presentation (student):

Mineralogical and geochemical compositions of the Late Permian coal in the Huayingshan Coalfield, Chongqing, China: Influence of volcanic ashes and hydrothermal fluids.

Authored by: Luo Yanbing, Shifeng Dai, Beibei Zhang, Huang Kang

Presented by: Luo Yanbing

2) Best Poster presentation (student):

Structural characteristics and molecular representations of bark liptobiolite of Permian from China.

Authored by: Guo Ya'nan, Yuegang Tang

Presented by: Guo Ya'nan



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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2013

April:

22-25th, 2013: World of Coal Ash, Lexington, Kentucky, USA. www.worldofcoalash.org
Organized by the American Coal Ash Association and University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research. Conference topics include: regulatory initiatives, new and emerging technologies, case studies, applications and more.

May:

19-22nd, 2013: AAPG 2013 Annual Convention & Exhibition, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA. www.aapg.org

August:

August 25-30: Goldschmidt 2013, Florence, Italy. Theme 12: Earth Resources: Energy, including fossil fuels. www.goldschmidt.info/2013

August 31st - September 4th, 2013: **TSOP meeting, Sosnowiec, Poland**, will be hosted by the Faculty of Earth Sciences at the University of Silesia. After the ICCP meeting, there will be field trips on August 31st and September 1st for both TSOP and ICCP attendees, followed by three days of TSOP technical sessions on September 2nd – 4th. Stay tuned to www.tsop.org and <http://prac.us.edu.pl/~iccop-tsop-2013/> for more details.

September:

September 15-20, 2013: 26th IMOG - International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry, Costa Adeje,

Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain. <http://www.imog2013.org/>. The guiding principle of the IMOG meetings is to encourage presentation, communication and discussion of research results carried out in academia and industry in the fields of Organic Geochemistry with topics ranging from Petroleum Geochemistry to Biogeochemistry... The IMOG 2013 conference will be held in the “Magma Arte & Congresos”, an avant-garde and architectural concept that evokes the earth volcanic forces ultimate responsible for the creation of Canary Islands....” Abstract submission deadline is 1 February, 2013.

September 16 – 19, 2013: Pittsburgh Coal Conference, Beijing, China. www.engineering.pitt.edu/PCC/

September 30 - October 3, 2013: The International Conference on Coal Science and Technology, State College, Pennsylvania, USA. <http://www.iccst.info>
The International Conference on Coal Science and Technology will be one of the best coal conferences in 2013! This conference is held every 2 years in varying international locations (previously in Okinawa-Japan, Nottingham-England, Cape Town-South Africa, Oviedo-Spain). The 2013 ICCS&T conference will be in State College, Pennsylvania, USA (September 30th to October 3rd) and will attract a diverse international audience. More information can be obtained from the website. Important dates: **Deadline for short abstract submission: February 11, 2013.** Extended abstract submission: June 15, 2013
“We hope to see you at Penn State in 2013!” - Jonathan P. Mathews, Conference Chair

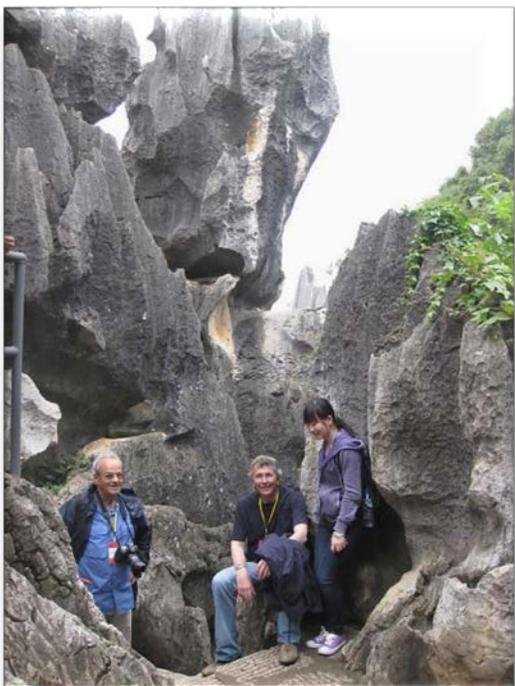
October:

October 27-30, 2013: Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, USA. www.geosociety.org



At left: TSOP 2012 Host Prof. Shifeng Dai using his TSOP Flag to round up the troops at the beginning of the field trip to Yunnan.

Below: TSOP Members gather in a swallow hole at the World Heritage Stone Forest.



At left: "Bugs in a Vug"- TSOP members Rudi Schwaab, Walter Pickel with Student Award winner, Xiao Lei.



Above: TSOP members examining the three meter face of the No. 3 seam at the Jinsuo Coal Mine.

All photos courtesy of Judith Potter.