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AASP - The Palynological Society

Participants explore a Paleocene-Eocene outcrop in Western Texas.

The whole point of this meeting between The Palynological Society (AASP-TPS), The Society for Organic Petrology (TSOP) and the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP) was to get people from closely related fields talking, especially students & young scientists: it worked! If you weren't able to make the meeting, you can check out the summary in the AASP-TPS newsletter. Over 170 scientists from the geological and botanical fields met to discuss advances in palynology, organic petrography and organic petrology, including a one day symposium on multi-modal characterization of source rocks, and source rock reservoirs. The planning committee hosted an event ripe for the scientists to socialize and network over food and drinks. While at the meeting, several awards were presented including the TSOP Best Student Paper Award and the AASP-TPS Distinguished Service Award.

The meeting was book ended by two field trips to outcrops and formations that demonstrated some of the major themes captured in the research presentations. The first was to the Eagle Ford Formation, a world-class unconventional source-rock play. The meeting closed with a field trip to Paleocene-Eocene outcrops located throughout West Texas whose time-correlative strata are important exploration targets in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico.

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