

Call to order

The second meeting of the steering committee of Iran InterPore Chapter was held virtually on 5/18/2022.

Attendees

Attendees included [Dr. Alireza Bazargan](#), [Dr. Hossein Ghadiri](#), [Dr. Fahimeh Hooriabad Saboor](#), [Dr. Hassan Mahani](#), [Dr. Hamid Moghimi](#), [Dr. Ehsan Nikooee](#), and [Dr. Hamed Sadeghi](#).

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included [Dr. Amin Aminian](#), [Dr. Behnaz Bakhshandeh](#), and [Ms. Shabnam Taghipour](#).

Action items

1. Hamed Sadeghi briefly reported the follow-up actions of the previous meeting held on April 6. The official logo of Iran Chapter according to the standard designation of InterPore National Chapters was designed by [Ehsan Nikooee](#) and was sent to all members for potential use in future. The general information about the Iran Chapter was sent to [Stéphanie Lantin](#) who is the Customer Relation Officer of InterPore. Accordingly, he has established the webpage of Iran InterPore Chapter in the following link:

<https://www.interpore.org/iran-interpore-chapter/>

2. The issuance of [Official Appointment Letters for Steering Committee Members](#) was followed up. Accordingly, the national chapter was requested to decide and clarify different positions. After a discussion, final decisions were made according to [Table 1](#).

Table 1. Title / Positions of the steering committee members

Title (Administrative)	First Name	Last Name	Organization
Chair	Hamed	Sadeghi	Sharif University of Technology
Vice-Chair	Hassan	Mahani	Sharif University of Technology
Communication Officer	Ehsan	Nikooee	Shiraz University
Treasurer	Fahimeh	Hooriabad Saboor	University of Mohaghegh Ardabili
	Behnaz	Bakhshandeh	University of Tehran
Chair of Scientific Committees	First Name	Last Name	Organization
Geoscience	Hassan	Mahani	Sharif University of Technology
Biology and medical science	Hamid	Moghimi	University of Tehran
Chemical and environmental engineering	Alireza	Bazargan	University of Tehran
Imaging technology in porous media	Hossein	Ghadiri	Tehran University of Medical Sciences

3. Hassan Mahani suggested that despite separating four distinct scientific sub-committees, the activity of all the members shall not be limited to a specific field of science. In other words, the national chapter, in accordance with the general policy of InterPore, should encourage and welcome all kinds of inter-disciplinary activities and collaborations.
4. Ehsan Nikooee gave a summary report on the two successful webinars of [Dr. Rainer Helmig](#) and [Dr. Seyed Ali Ghoreishian Amiri](#) jointly organized by Shiraz University and Iran InterPore Chapter. He also notified all the attendees of upcoming webinars delivered hopefully by [Dr. van Genuchten](#), [Dr. Hassanizadeh](#), [Dr. Kuhl](#) and so forth.
5. Hassan Mahani notified all the attendees of his participation (most probably in-person) in the 14th annual meeting of InterPore 2022 to be held at Khalifa University in Abu Dhabi. He emphasized on the high standard quality of these annually-repeating scientific events as his first priority should there be a chance to attend a conference. He briefly introduced the 24 mini-symposium scheduled for this year. He also pointed out the planned laboratory tour at Khalifa University.
6. Ehsan Nikooee suggested to plan for national version of scientific symposiums/workshops/conferences in advance. He exemplified the successful experience of France InterPore Chapter to serve as a role model for other chapters.
7. Alireza Bazargan briefly introduced his recent achievement in the publication of the book titled "[Photocatalytic Water and Wastewater Treatment](#)". He emphasized on the inevitable role of [Dr. Hooriabad Saboor](#) on drafting some chapters related to the nature of porous media as sorbent. In addition, he pointed out pros and cons of open-access publication and showed an interest humbly to help other members willing to collaborate with [IWA \(International Water Association\)](#), a renowned international publisher.
8. Hossein Ghadiri suggested that the use of micro-CT imaging technology should be promoted for in-depth investigation of porous media in a wide range of disciplines. He exemplified the regular workshops scheduled and announced by Behin Negareh Company for students and researchers. He also introduced two promising infrastructures of "[National Brain Mapping Laboratory \(NBML\)](#)" and "[The Preclinical Core Facility of Tehran University of Medical Sciences \(TPCF\)](#)" for interested members to make the best use of them. He pointed out his key administrative role at both laboratories.
9. According to the online survey conducted by Ehsan Nikooee, majority of the committee members suggested to have regular meetings every month. It was suggested to hold the meetings on the last Wednesday of each month of Jalali Calendar. The next meeting was then scheduled on Wednesday, June 15 at 17:30.

Discussion

Ehsan Nikooee suggested that it may be a good idea to establish a new committee for organizing the webinars and workshops in future. As per his suggestion, the committee members will share their thoughts on this issue at the next meeting.

Announcements

1. Hossein Ghadiri announced the scientific webinar of [Mohammad Reza Fouladi & Michel Pasandideh](#) organized by Behin Negareh Imaging Company. All committee members were invited to attend and to encourage their students and colleagues to participate in the webinar entitled: "*Micro-CT imaging and its applications in entomology*". The webinar was held successfully on Sunday, May 22.
2. Hassan Mahani announced the 14th annual meeting of InterPore 2022 to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in a hybrid mode. The event was organized successfully from May 30 to June 2.
3. Ehsan Nikoee announced the scientific webinar of [Dr. Martinus Th. van Genuchten](#) organized jointly by Shiraz University and the Iran Chapter of ISSMGE-TC106. All committee members were invited to attend and to encourage their students and colleagues to participate in the webinar entitled: "*Water, Water, Water ... Some Comments about Subsurface Water Flow and Contaminant Transport Processes*". The webinar was held successfully on Saturday, June 11.

Drafted by Hamed Sadeghi

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