

## Call to order

The kick-off meeting of the new steering committee of Iran Chapter was held virtually on 4/6/2022.

## Attendees

Attendees included [Dr. Amin Aminian](#), [Dr. Behnaz Bakhshandeh](#), [Dr. Alireza Bazargan](#), [Dr. Hossein Ghadiri](#), [Dr. Hassan Mahani](#), [Dr. Hamid Moghimi](#), [Dr. Ehsan Nikooee](#), [Ms. Shabnam Taghipour](#), and [Dr. Hamed Sadeghi](#).

## Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included [Dr. Fahimeh Hooriabad Saboor](#).

## Action items

1. Hamed Sadeghi gave a brief introduction on the new policy promoted by the international society on reconstruction of InterPore national chapters. The ambitious goal is to form a steering committee from a variety of expertise and scientific fields including geoscience, biology, and technical aspects of porous media. Following a contact from the managing director of InterPore, Dr. Majid Hassanizadeh, a search committee was formed by Hamed Sadeghi to contact relevant scholars for their potential admission. Eventually, a list of 10 enthusiastic members from various disciplines was confirmed, considering both gender and geographical equality as much as possible. A summary is given in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1. Summary of steering committee members of Iran Chapter**

Title	First Name	Last Name	Gender	Carrier scope	Relevant field to InterPore	Organization	City
Dr	Ehsan	Nikooee	Male	Academia	Soil / Rock mirostructure	Shiraz University	Shiraz
Dr	Behnaz	Bakhshandeh	Female	Academia	Tissue Engineering; Medical biotechnology	University of Tehran	Tehran
Dr	Hassan	Mahani	Male	Academia	Pore Scale Physics; Enhanced oil recovery; Interfacial Phenomena	Sharif University of Tehran Technology	Tehran
Dr	Hamid	Moghimi	Male	Academia	Environmental Biotechnology	University of Tehran	Tehran
Dr	Fahimeh	Hooriabad Saboor	Female	Academia	Nanostructured materials	University of Ardebil Mohaghegh Ardabili	Ardebil
Dr	Alireza	Bazargan	Male	Academia / Industry	Carbon nanotubes; Desalination technology	Pyramoon Water and Energy Engineering; University of Tehran	Tehran
Dr	Amin	Aminian	Male	Academia / Industry	Resin-based composites; Clinical application of dental composites	Orthodontics; Kerman University of Medical Sciences	Kerman

Table 1. Cont'd

Title	First Name	Last Name	Gender	Carrier scope	Relevant field	to Organization	City
Dr	Hossein	Ghadiri	Male	Academia / Industry	Micro-CT; Computed tomography	Behin Imaging Technologies Development Company; Tehran University of Medical Sciences	Negareh Tehran
Ms	Shabnam	Taghipour	Female	Academia	Nanotechnology; Environmental remediation	The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology; Sharif University of Technology	Tabriz
Dr	Hamed	Sadeghi	Male	Academia	Soil microstructure; Plant-soil-bacteria interactions	Sharif University of Technology	Tehran

2. The attendees briefly introduced themselves and briefed others on their most relevant contributions to both technical and scientific fields related to porous media.
3. Hassan Mahani and Ehsan Nikooee suggested to contact the previous committee members and seek if they are still interested in acting as committee members. Following their constructive suggestion, all members were kindly asked to contact previous members if possible. Hamed Sadeghi also mentioned that he contacted two well-reputed scholars in the fields of geoscience, Dr. Behzad Ataie-Ashtiani and Dr. Shahab Ayatollahi. Despite their seniority in porous media, they both declined to joint purely because they prefer young generation to take the lead.
4. Hamed Sadeghi disseminated the latest "*Guidelines for creating and managing the InterPore National Chapters*" received from Stéphanie Lantin, the InterPore Customer Relation Officer. He kindly asked all the members to read through the guidelines for discussion on the next meeting.
5. Ehsan Nikooee suggested to think about the chapter goals and to define the agenda of committee meetings to reach those goals. He also emphasized on specific definition and setting of micro- and macro-goals to achieve our ambitious goals in short- and long-term, respectively. The continuous discussion about this task was postponed to several sessions in future meetings.
6. Following the item # 5, it was suggested that interested members in subcategories of "*Geoscience*", "*Biology and medical science*", "*Chemical and environmental engineering*", and "*Industry*" announce their nomination to take the lead during the next meeting. Other members also are welcome to nominate their colleague in a specific category. During the discussion, Hossein Ghadiri suggested to form a new subcategory of "*Imaging technology in porous media*". He was also humble enough to admit taking the lead of this sub-committee.
7. Behnaz Bakhshandeh suggested to specify different research approaches and scientific fields so that future collaborations with people from various disciplines will be facilitated.

She proposed joint drafting of book/book chapter's proposals in collaboration with other members for international publishers to consider.

8. Hassan Mahani emphasized on the vital importance of sponsorship. He suggested to invite key industrial people to join the steering committee so that the chapter can count on their financial support in future. He also mentioned that some budget should have been deposited in the Iran Chapter account. This budget can be requested for organizing conferences and workshops. Alireza Bazargan also mentioned the possibility of attracting sponsors from both government and private companies. Meanwhile, all members were asked to encourage both types of private and government firms to support the Iran Chapter financially.
9. Ehsan Nikooee suggested to establish an online quarterly newsletter highlighting the activities of Iran Chapter. He was also keen to see if there is such an on-line space provided by the InterPore to the National Chapters so that Iran Chapter will also be consistent with others.

## Discussion

It was suggested to decide about the frequency and time of regular committee meetings via a survey in the WhatsApp forum. All the members were invited to join the discussion forum of the Steering Committee of Iran Chapter via the link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EZ2bwbeC7rFJFvo95JRjkl>

## Announcements

1. Ehsan Nikooee announced the scientific webinar of [Dr. Rainer Helmig](#) organized jointly by Shiraz University and the Iran Chapter of InterPore. All committee members were invited to attend and to encourage their students and colleagues to participate in the webinar entitled: "*From the brain to the fuel cell-Porous media are everywhere*". The webinar was held successfully on Monday, April 11.
2. Hamed Sadeghi announced the Porous Media Tea Time Talks organized by the InterPore Young Academy. The general content was disseminated and all the members received a copy of the invitation email from Dr. Didier Lasseux. The committee members were asked to nominate young scholars to be introduced to the Young Academy, hoping that Iran Chapter could also participate in this event.