

## **Candidate for President-Elect**

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### **Volunteer experience**

- InterPore member since 2008
- Elected Chair of InterPore Council, two terms (2019-2021 and 2021-23)
- Elected member of InterPore Council, two terms (2015-19 and 2019-2023)
- Co-founder and chair of InterPore UK Chapter (since 2015)
- Associate Editor of Journal of Petroleum Science and Engineering (since 2015)
- Governor of Ashdene Primary School (since 2021)
- Editorial Board of Student Journal of Water Engineering, KNT University of Technology (1998-2002)

### **Name a key issue that InterPore will face during your term of office. What are the key factors InterPore will have to consider and how will you lead InterPore and its membership in addressing that issue?**

If elected as the president-elect, I will aim to address various aspects covering the remit of InterPore and further development required within the society. This requires collective support and feedback from all InterPore members. The high-level objectives I will be seeking as the President-Elect cover:

- National chapters play a crucial role to identify researchers who benefit from the society and will bridge the international society to the national level. Increasing the number of national chapters by providing stronger support for national chapters will help make InterPore a stronger society.
- InterPore has spent a significant effort to increase the “diversity, equity and inclusiveness” within this society. It is my immediate aim to continue supporting the DEI values and activities across all layers of members and leadership,
- Increasing the interaction between industry and academia, which will help to develop the InterPore research remits and identify and establish expert committees to further support the education as well as mini-symposiums.
- Energy transition is a challenge, society is facing with. InterPore can play a significant role to demonstrate key achievements of researchers in this area by stronger visibility in the annual conferences and further support for educational resources.
- Continuity in leadership is essential to have a successful and growing society. To address this, it is essential to develop mechanisms to involve talented young researchers in the operational activities of InterPore. This will foster the development of the future leaders in InterPore.