

Call to order

The fifth meeting of the steering committee of Iran InterPore Chapter was held virtually on 10/19/2022.

Attendees

Attendees included [Dr. Vahid Niasar](#) (invited guest), [Dr. Hassan Mahani](#), [Dr. Alireza Bazargan](#), [Dr. Fahimeh Hooriabad Saboor](#), [Dr. Ehsan Nikooee](#), and [Dr. Hamed Sadeghi](#).

Members not in attendance

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Action items

1. The minutes of the forth steering committee meeting were approved and finalized.
2. [Dr. Vahid Niasar](#) accepted the invitation of Iran InterPore Chapter humbly to share thought with the steering committee of Iran Chapter his invaluable experience in the establishment and promotion of the UK InterPore Chapter over the years.
3. He shortlisted the three missions of the UK InterPore Chapter as:
 - Introduction and promotion of this new society to interested parties of a wide range from university scholars to industrial companies;
 - Search and nomination of top scholars for the wide variety of InterPore awards;
 - Enhance the number of institutional members.
4. Afterwards, he proposed a series of constructive suggestions for Iran Chapter to follow including:
 - Organizing the annual Iran InterPore National Conferences to be hosted by interested universities or academic institutions. The nomination of the host should be decided by the steering committee in addition to the conference registration fee, while the host can be beneficiary of any income through attracting sponsors or exhibitors;
 - Convincing national universities or industrial companies to apply for the Institutional Membership of the InterPore. If successful, several students or professors may be beneficiary of conference grants or research awards of the international society through official membership of their institution;

- Internationalizing the scientific activities of Iranian scholars being affiliated with national universities or institutions through co-organizing lectures or workshops with the society headquarter;
 - Nomination of top research scholars in Iran, working in a relatively wide range of topics related to porous media for InterPore awards;
 - Encouraging students to become familiar with the importance of porous media related disciplines through organizing some innovative scientific competition on a national scale;
 - Co-organizing some activities such as conferences, workshops or mini-symposium with the UK InterPore Chapter as a ground to facilitate internationalization;
 - Shortlisting a few number of top papers in annual national InterPore conferences to be considered for publication in relevant journals such as: [Transport in Porous Media](#), [SPE Journal](#), and [Journal of Porous Media](#).
5. Furthermore, he strongly suggested us to think about the establishment of the preliminary statute of the Iran Chapter. He also recommended to clarify several issues in advance including Chair election, key roles in the Chapter, recruitment of steering committee members, conditions of membership termination.
 6. Dr. Mahani approved to submit the application form on behalf of Sharif University of Technology and Iran InterPore Chapter to request for hosting a webinar virtually delivered by the Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecturer 2023, [Professor Adrian Bejan](#) from Duke University. The completed form should be sent to [Sandra Bartsch](#) and it is preferred if iran_chapter@interpore.org is carbon copied.
 7. Following item # 6, Dr. Nikooee also approved to host the Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecturer 2022, [Professor Jacques M. Huyghe](#) from University of Limerick, Ireland on behalf of Shiraz University and Iran InterPore Chapter. Similar procedures should be followed with immediate action.
 8. Respected attendees voted for the lecture Option B to be delivered by [Professor Jacques M. Huyghe](#) entitled:
[The heart: the only pump the failure of which cannot be assessed through stress analysis](#)
 9. It was suggested to invite some additional steering committee members from a proposed potential list including: [Dr. Mojdeh Sajjadi](#), [Dr. Saeed Sadeghnezhad](#), [Dr. Samira Payan](#), and [Dr. Ghajar](#). The priority of contact will be discussed in the next meeting.

Discussion

1. After raising several issues and concerns regarding the promotion procedure of the Iran Chapter by Dr. Mahani, Dr. Bazargan, Dr. Saboor, Dr. Nikooee, and Dr. Sadeghi, the invited guest Dr. Niasar opened the discussion in this regard.
2. Given the connection problem with WhatsApp, it was suggested to form the official virtual group in Bale or Session.

Announcements

1. The next committee meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 16 at 17:00. All committee members are invited to proactively attend it.
2. Dr. Mahani announced that it is possible to interested members to subscribe for receiving the bi-weekly InterPore Newsletter through sending a request to its Editor. It was also suggested to inform some events of Iran Chapter in advance to be officially announced through this on-line platform.

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