

Call to order

The seventh meeting of the steering committee of Iran InterPore Chapter was held virtually on 01/11/2023.

Attendees

Attendees included [Dr. Hassan Mahani](#), [Dr. Hossein Ghadiri](#), [Dr. Fahimeh Hooriabad Saboor](#), [Dr. Ehsan Nikooee](#), [Dr. Mozhdeh Sajjadi](#), [Dr. Saeid Sadeghnejad](#), and [Dr. Hamed Sadeghi](#).

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included [Dr. Alireza Bazargan](#), [Dr. Amin Aminian](#), [Dr. Behnaz Bakhshandeh](#), and [Dr. Hamid Moghimi](#).

Action items

1. The minutes of the sixth steering committee meeting were revised, approved and finalized.
2. After a warm welcome to the new members, [Dr. Mozhdeh Sajjadi](#), and [Dr. Saeid Sadeghnejad](#), they briefly introduced themselves focusing on their specific scientific fields related to the porous media. A copy of guideline for establishment of national chapters was announced to be sent to new members.
3. Ehsan Nikooee suggested to invite [Dr. Jafar Qajar](#) from Shiraz University as a new steering committee member. His suggestion was approved and it was decided to keep the number of committee members as optimum as possible although there is no strict rule in the documented guideline for national chapters.
4. Following the [action item # 3](#), Hassan Mahani suggested to create and promote scientific, executive and technical subcommittees so that a larger number of national experts in various areas can contribute to the promotion of our society. Accordingly, Mozhdeh Sajjadi suggested to include a category for energy-related problems. Therefore, there was a general consensus to modify the previously approved scientific category of “Geoscience” to the new “[Geoscience & Geoenergy](#)”.
5. Hassan Mahani suggested to organize a series of workshop in the “[International conference on artificial intelligence, data science and digital transformation in the oil and gas industry](#)” organized by Iran University of Science and Technology. Hossein Ghadiri was the first one respond to his suggestion positively. Other members including Saeid Sadeghnejad and Jafar Qajar also suggested their topics for this workshop.

Discussion

1. Saeid Sadeghnejad suggested to pay an institutional membership to the InterPore on behalf of Iran Chapter so that interested scholars from Iran can apply for some conference and research grants provided.
2. There was an interactive discussion about the registration of Iran InterPore Chapter as a juridical person, opening a bank account, financial issues, the legal linkage between a national chapter and the headquarter, etc. Accordingly, it was suggested to invite Professor Majid Hassanizadeh to address the key concerns of committee members.
3. It was suggested to substitute members who has not participated in two third of meetings during the last year. Final decision about the first series of respected members are going to be decided three months later effective from this meeting.

Announcements

1. [Professor Majid Hassanizadeh](#) has humbly accepted our invitation to participate in the next committee members' session.
2. Hamed Sadeghi announced the webinar by [Professor Maša Prodanović](#) entitled "[Flow and transport coefficients in porous media: from direct simulation to automated prediction](#)" Organized by InterPore Academy to be held free of charge on January 10, 2023, at 4pm CET (9am CST).
3. Ehsan Nikoee has followed up 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. [Professor Jacques M. Huyghe](#) was requested to give his lecture entitled: *The heart: the only pump the failure of which cannot be assessed through stress analysis* on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 18:30 Tehran time zone. Further announcement upon final approval of the lecturer will be provided.
4. The next committee meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 15 at 17:30. All committee members are invited to proactively attend it.