

## Call to order

The seventh meeting of the steering committee of Iran InterPore Chapter was held virtually on 02/15/2023.

## Invited guest

Professor Majid Hassanizadeh.

## Attendees

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

## Members not in attendance

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

## Action items

1. The minutes of the seventh steering committee meeting were revised, approved and finalized.
2. After a warm welcome to the invited guest, [Professor Majid Hassanizadeh](#) and the new member, [Dr. Jafar Qajar](#), all respected attendees introduced themselves and their field of expertise related to the InterPore briefly.
3. Afterwards, the committee members raised their concerns and questions regarding membership, financial issues, different types of membership, eligibility of InterPore grants, etc. from [Professor Majid Hassanizadeh](#). After listening to all the questions, he patiently addressed all the questions as follows:
  - I. Prof. Hassanizadeh clarified that no rule was set by InterPore regarding the registration of National Chapters as juridical person. Therefore, any individual chapter has its own right to decide regarding this issue. For example, the French Chapter has been registered legally but the majority of Chapters has not been.
  - II. He revealed that many Chapters do not have a registered bank account because they mostly ask the InterPore to handle the registration for any kind of events including national meetings, webinars, courses, conferences, etc. The general rule is that InterPore charges the corresponding Chapter for a 10% service charge and the rest

- can be deposited in the Chapter account by the InterPore treasurer for future expenses of that Chapter. In this regard, he emphasized that a rough amount of 3000 EUR is deposited in the InterPore account for safekeeping on behalf of Iran remained from a previously organized international workshop organized by this Chapter dates back to 2008. Therefore, it can be spent on some awards, lecture fees, etc.
- III. Afterwards, he explained various types of individual, institutional or group from LMI countries membership. He thought application for a batch/group membership might be the best option for applicants from Iran Chapter as there may not be enough applicants from a single institute to apply for the institutional membership. The membership fee for a group of 15 and 35 people is 300 and 600 EUR currently. The long-term membership fees are even more affordable. Further details can be found at: <https://www.interpore.org/membership/membership-fees/>
  - IV. As per the positive feedback of some respected members about the efficiency of Whova event App. during the pandemic period, Prof. Hassanizadeh also emphasized that there is still a chance to attend the InterPore Annual Meeting online with a reduced registration fee. He suggested that interested members can book a couple of classrooms in a university so that they can attend the 8 parallel sessions virtually but there is no chance of live presentation in the online registration. Despite this possibility, he declared that 854 out of 1004 submitted abstracts were showed interest in participation in-person.
  - V. Prof. Hassanizadeh eventually encouraged all of us to actively promote the events organized by Iran Chapter so that our chapter will be hopefully eligible to apply and may receive the National Chapter Award of the InterPore. He also suggested to distribute the activities between the members to facilitate this ambitious goal.
4. Ehsan Nikooee agreed to create a questionnaire and distribute it in our social network to find out the number of people interested in the InterPore membership. The corresponding fee depending on the maximum applicants should be calculated and collected afterwards.

## Discussion

1. A couple of members including Dr. Qajar, Dr. Sajjadi and Dr. Mahani volunteered to collect the membership fees and to deliver the payment to the InterPore Executive Officer- [Karolin Weber](#), so that the list of membership applicants from Iran will be registered.
2. It was suggested to assign respected members in charge of website, social channels, scientific events, agenda and minutes, grant and award application, etc. on a volunteer basis in the next meeting.
3. It was suggested to propose and discuss our Chapter program for the next year.

## Announcements

1. Hassan Mahani announced that the timetable and the program of the workshop series of Iran Chapter has been finalized to be delivered in: "*International conference on artificial intelligence, data science and digital transformation in the oil and gas industry*" organized by Iran University of Science and Technology for Feb. 20, from 8:30 to 13:00 (5:00 to 9:30 UTC). His proactive suggestion has received positive responses from [Dr. Ghadiri](#), [Dr. Qajar](#), and [Dr. Sadeghnejad](#) whom has had a close collaboration with the Conference Chair, [Dr. Hosseini-Nasab](#) over the last month. Dr. Mahani also added that a team of 10 helpers from Sharif University makes this scientific event happen. The contribution and hard effort of all of them were greatly acknowledged. It was accordingly suggested to announce the workshops through our social channel and website and all respected members were asked to help promoting it.
2. Ehsan Nikoeee announced the final program of 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. All members were requested to attend and to distribute the flyer.
3. The next committee meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 15 at 17:00. All committee members are invited to proactively attend it.

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Drafted by Hamed Sadeghi

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