



InterPore Foundation for Porous Media Science and Technology

2022 Annual Report

Letter from the Directors

We are glad that we successfully held the hybrid InterPore Conference in Abu Dhabi in 2022 although the COVID-19 epidemic is still ongoing. It was good to have the possibility for face to face communications, meeting old friends and making new ones through InterPore platform.

The InterPore Foundation completed its 6th year of operation after its formation in 2016 as a non-profit, non-governmental, independent organization, further extended its operations within its mission. The Foundation continues with its key activities which include to provide conference grants for students and young scientists from low-income countries as well as organize the awards for InterPore. InterPore Foundation was less affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the awards, in particular the Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lectureship Award, but also the PoreLab Award for Young Researchers were affected because of limitations on travel.

Because of the limitations in travel for the Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecturer, agreements were made with the sponsor of the award, Kimberly-Clark, to allow all awardees of the initially funded period to complete their lectures as planned, within the limitations of travel restrictions and other COVID-19 imposed limitations. In the first funded period, within all the limitations of COVID-19, [in total 6 lectureships](#) were completed. An agreement with Kimberly-Clark was made to renew the agreement for another 3-year period, which we are very grateful and thank the Kimberly-Clark cooperation wholeheartedly.

Along the same lines, the agreement with PoreLab for the Award for Young Researchers was updated to accommodate for some shortcomings in the initial agreement related either to COVID-induced travel restrictions or limitations with respect to mobility on the side of the recipients that typically occur at their career stage.

In 2022, we published the InterPore Foundation video pitch to introduce who we are and what we are doing. The main purpose is to attract publicity to receive more donations. The regular activities to finance awards for excellence and for honoring distinguished talented researchers were also carried out.



Activities in 2022 were:

- Handling Grants for the 2022 InterPore Annual Meeting
- Honorary Lifetime Membership Award
- InterPore – PoreLab Award for Young Researchers
- InterPore Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lectureship in Porous Media Science & Technology
- Rien van Genuchten Early-Career Award of Porous Media for a Green World
- InterPore Medal for Porous Media Research
- InterPore Award for Porous Media Research
- MDPI Energies Student Poster Award

The awards handled by InterPore Society:

- InterPore Time Capsule
- InterPore Meritorious Service Medal
- InterPore National Chapter Award
- InterPore Rosette

Overall, we've had a successful 2022 and are looking forward to an even better 2023 to increase our activities to support porous media research and outreach around the world, as well as having the honor to finance awards. We hope you'll join us on the journey!

With best regards,

[The InterPore Foundation Directors](#)



Awards Granted in 2022

- **Honorary Lifetime Membership Award**
Signe Kjelstrup
- **Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lectureship Award**
Adrian Bejan
- **InterPore Medal for Porous Media Research**
Masa Prodanovic
- **InterPore Award for Porous Media Research**
Sujit S. Datta
- **InterPore – PoreLab Award for Young Researchers**
Senyou An
- **Rien van Genuchten Early-Career Award of Porous Media for a Green World**
Siva Rama Satyam Bandaru
- **MDPI Energies Student Poster Award**
Beibei Gao – University of Virginia, USA
Kotone Sakemoto – Hokkaido University, Japan



2022 Financial Report

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| 2022 | | | |
| | Balance 31.12.2021 | 30 905,53 | EUR |
| | Total Income | 35 529,45 | EUR |
| | Total Spending | - 18 243,43 | EUR |
| | Balance 31.12.2022 | 48 191,55 | EUR |
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| | Income | | |
| | Donations from InterPore | 591,48 | EUR |
| | Donations Others | 1 964,07 | EUR |
| | Funding of awards | 32 973,90 | EUR |
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| | Spending | | |
| | Bank Charges | -314,90 | EUR |
| | Awards | -15 208,53 | EUR |
| | Conference & short course grants | -2 720,00 | EUR |

It is to be noted that the high balance on December 31, 2022 includes more than 46000 € already committed for the payment of various awards, leaving therefore 2160 € for other activities such as regular charges of the foundation and conference or short course grants.



Donors and Sponsors

A number of institutions have generously supported the Foundation in 2022 and we would like to thank them for helping to promote and sustain Porous Media research!



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