

# Policy Plan



**(Interpore Stichting voor Wetenschap en Technologie van Poreuze Materialen)**

## Chapter 1 - Duration

Date of policy plan      21.09.2017  
Duration of validity      21.09.2019 (2 years)

## Chapter 2 - Vision and mission

InterPore Foundation for Porous Media Science and Technology is a non-profit, non-governmental, independent, charitable organization. It was founded by the International Society for Porous Media in 2016.

Our vision:

InterPore Foundation is willing

- to actively support activities as well as fundamental and applied research in the field of porous media, to contribute to the advancement of innovative science and technology, in order to solve, more effectively, societal and technical problems in this field.

InterPore Foundation's mission is to:

- promote and support innovative research by increasing dialog between public and private scientific communities.
- facilitate the participation of promising young scientists in international scientific gatherings hosted by InterPore, and in this way to increase their visibility at the international level.
- support outstanding young scientists from countries with financial difficulties to join InterPore activities.
- support educational activities of InterPore society.
- finance awards for excellence and diversity in the broad field of porous media and for honoring distinguished talented researchers and lecturers.

InterPore Foundation is regulated by the by-law that can be downloaded at this link.

InterPore Foundation's long-term goal is to:

- raise public awareness of the importance of porous media for the society.

## Chapter 3 - Ambitions

In the next two years, the InterPore Foundation will become the primary channel to organize the outreach activities of the International Society for Porous Media (InterPore). That involves the sponsorship of awards, funding activities of InterPore and its national chapters that are in line with our mission and vision, and the raising of respective funding from individuals and organizations.

In line with InterPore Foundation mission, the various activities we sponsor are:

- Funding official InterPore awards<sup>1</sup> and educational activities,
- Honorary Lifetime Membership Award,
- Kimberly-Clark Lectures,
- Interpore prize for young scientists,
- Procter & Gamble Award for Porous Media Research,
- Procter & Gamble Student Award,
- Sponsoring students participation at InterPore conferences and national chapter meetings<sup>2</sup>,
- Sponsoring participation at InterPore conferences for researcher from countries with economic difficulties<sup>2</sup>,
- Sponsoring outreach activities in order to create public awareness of the importance of porous media for the society,
- Funding activities of national chapters that are in line with our mission.

Additionally as we are just in the early stages of forming the foundation, we are also intensively working on:

- finalizing the internal governance procedures,

Once the foundation is fully operational, we will report the results of our various activities.

#### **Chapter 4 - Strengths and Weaknesses**

The strength of the InterPore Foundation is its close ties to the International Society for Porous Media. This gives us a very detailed understanding of the subject of porous media, access to a rapidly growing community and understanding of the needs in terms of the interaction with the public, exactly which students from which countries require support to attend international symposia etc.

Weaknesses:

- InterPore Foundation is a very young foundation, which is still not internationally well known. InterPore Foundation still needs to increase its visibility as an international foundation.
- InterPore Foundation needs to enlarge its channels for receiving donations from individuals outside of the established porous media community and is still on the steep part of the learning curve when it comes to establishing correct procedures, and establishing a link with potential sponsors outside of the established porous media community, i.e. well known foundations that would potentially support its activities with donations.

#### **Chapter 5 - The strategic objective or roadmap**

InterPore Foundation's roadmap for the coming years consists of the following steps:

1. InterPore's decision to form a foundation - complete
2. Form a board of directors – complete  
The directors are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration.
3. Articulate mission and vision - complete
4. Formulate bylaws - complete
5. Register InterPore Foundation with the chamber of commerce in the Netherlands - complete

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<sup>1</sup> The Selection of the candidate is a task of the InterPore committees and must be approved by the InterPore Council. The Foundation will make sure that the activities are in agreement with the Foundation by-laws and properly funded.

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6. Register bank account with ABN AMRO bank in the Netherlands – complete.  
KvK number 67203108
7. Organize regular teleconferences with board of directors – in progress
8. Create website <https://www.interpore.org/foundation/foundation>  
in line with ANBI (charitable status) requirements - complete
9. Obtain VAT number which is required to register the foundation as “vendor” with large  
business and international companies, which is the mechanism through which these  
entities will transact donations to the InterPore Foundation - complete
10. Acquire funding – in progress  
funding received from InterPore society to fund the awards
11. Pay out award money to award recipients – in progress.  
Several ongoing awards and outstanding award payments were handled through InterPore  
Foundation.
12. Organize the funding for the Kimberly Clark Distinguished Lectureship award – in progress  
<https://www.interpore.org/prizes-and-awards/kimberly-clark-distinguished-lectureship>
13. Obtain ANBI i.e. charitable status in the Netherlands, to increase attractiveness for  
individuals to make donations and receive respective tax receipts.
14. Register the InterPore Foundation with international associations of foundations outside of  
the Netherlands to allow international organizations to make donations and receive tax  
deductible receipts outside of the Netherlands. – in progress