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#### *Quick note: Coronavirus*

The LOC Qingdao will provide a weekly update on the outbreak of the coronavirus including information specific to Qingdao on the [conference webpage](#).

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### **Awardees of the InterPore Awards 2020**

Our sincere congratulations go out to the following award recipients for their considerable achievements:

#### **Honorary Lifetime Membership Award**



**Harry Vereecken**  
*Forschungszentrum Jülich IBG-3, Germany*

Harry Vereecken received a Ph.D. in agricultural sciences from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium (1988). He obtained his habilitation in hydrogeology 1997 at Bonn University, Germany. Since 2000, he is full Professor at Bonn University, Faculty of Agriculture, and director of the Agrosphere Institute, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH. He is member of the Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften, scientific director of TERENO, a network of environmental observatories in Germany, chair of the International Soil Modeling Consortium (ISMC) and honorary professor at Tianjin University, China. He served as associate editor, co-editor and Editor-in-Chief of *Vadose Zone Journal*. His research interests include hydrology, hydrogeophysics, and soil science.

#### **InterPore Procter and Gamble Award for Thin and Swelling Porous Media**

**Amir Raouf**  
*Utrecht University, The Netherlands*



Amir Raof got his PhD in 2011 at Utrecht University where he developed a comprehensive pore-scale computational package, called PoreFlow. His research focuses on the upscaling of multi-phase flow and reactive transport through numerical simulations and pore-scale experiments related to natural and industrial porous media. He is the director of Multiscale Porous Media Lab at Utrecht University where he coordinates design and performance of microscopic experiments for small and thin porous media. He was awarded several national and international research grants, and, in education, he received the 2018 Teacher Talent Award of the Year by the Faculty of Geosciences at Utrecht University. Amir is also a selected member of [Utrecht Young Academy](#), aiming to exchange critical perspectives on academia, policy, and society in Utrecht and beyond.

### InterPore - PoreLab Award for Young Researchers



**Hamed Aslannejad**  
*Utrecht University, The Netherlands*

Hamed is a post-doc researcher at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. His current research concerns the interaction of water-based inks and paper in inkjet printing. Among other aspects, he investigates the motion of ink pigments into paper layers using pore-scale models. The research results will be used to develop a novel class of inks for high-quality inkjet printing. Hamed received his Ph.D. in January 2019, from Utrecht University with the distinction of cum laude (the highest distinction for a PhD degree in the Netherlands). His thesis was titled "Imbibition into a thin porous medium: an experimental and pore-scale modeling study of coated paper". Hamed has 18 publications with a total citation count of 115.

### InterPore Award for Excellence in Porous Media Research

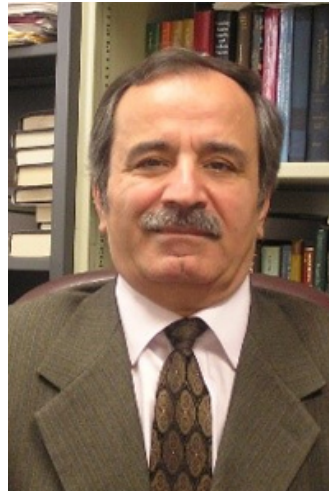
**Tanguy Le Borgne**  
*Université de Rennes 1, France*

Tanguy Le Borgne is Professor at the University of Rennes 1, France. His research focuses on the study of transport and reaction phenomena in heterogeneous porous and fractured media. He tackles these problems by blending theory, modeling and experiments performed over scales ranging from micromodels to field tests. He is coordinating the French national network of hydrogeological experimental sites (<http://hplus.ore.fr/en/>). He has published 87 articles in peer-reviewed international journals. After graduating jointly from the Nancy School of Mines and from a Master of Science in hydrology at Imperial College London in 2001, he obtained his PhD degree at the University of Rennes 1 in 2004. He was then a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Montpellier and at the Technical



University of Catalonia (UPC) in Barcelona, under a Marie Curie European research grant. He was appointed Associate Professor in 2007 and full Professor in 2015 at the University of Rennes 1. He was awarded a consolidator grant from the European Research Council (ERC) in 2015.

### Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lectureship Award



**Muhammad Sahimi**  
*University of Southern  
California, USA*

Muhammad Sahimi is Professor of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, and the NIOC Chair in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Tehran in 1977 and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1984, both in chemical engineering. He joined USC in 1984, and was the Chair of his Department from 1999-2005. His research interests include flow, transport, reaction, adsorption and

deformation in porous media, characterization of fracture network of rock, transport of fluid mixtures in membranes, and transport of fluids and macromolecules in nanostructured materials. He has published over 400 papers and 4 books, and has received several teaching and research awards, including the InterPore's Honorary Member Award for Lifetime Achievements.

### Call for Nominations for Rien van Genuchten Early-Career Award of Porous Media for a Green World

Nominations for this award are being accepted now. The awardee should be able to participate in Qingdao conference. Deadline for submission of complete nomination package is Monday, 16 March 2020. Please click [here](#) for detailed information on the award and the nomination requirements.



## Conference Grants

We are pleased to announce that InterPore Foundation for Porous Media Science and Technology (InterPore Foundation) is providing a limited number of conference grants for participants from academic institutions from countries with lower- or middle-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, as well as for students. It is important for students to gain experience and exposure, and build up a scientific network, by attending and presenting at international conferences. Also, given economic difficulties in some countries, we wish to help with making it possible for scientists from academic institutions in those countries to attend InterPore meetings.

To this end, InterPore Foundation has set up a limited number of conference grants, funded by generous donations from InterPore members. Conference grants include waiving the conference fee and – based on the eligibility of the grantee and availability of funding - a support for travel up to 500 Euros. A copy of the ticket should be provided along with rationale for travel support. The grantee may receive a reimbursement for the ticket price up to 500 Euros, based upon final approval of the InterPore Foundation.

To qualify for a conference grant, one must be an InterPore member, have one or more accepted abstracts, and give an oral or poster presentation. Students must be registered full-time with an academic institution. All applications must be submitted via email to [Dr. Karolin Weber](#) and include the documents mentioned below in PDF format.

### *For scientists from selected countries:*

- 🌐 A statement requesting the conference grant and providing the rationale for the request. The statement should include the title of presentation and the type of presentation (minisymposium, contributed lecture, or poster) and the name(s) and affiliations of co-authors.
- 🌐 Current curriculum vitae (CV) that includes recent publications. In addition, one may provide a URL for a working Web page that expands on the information in your CV.

### *For students:*

- 🌐 A statement requesting the travel award and providing the rationale for the request and the significance of attending the conference for your research. The statement should include the title of submitted abstract, name(s) and affiliations of co-authors, and the title of the minisymposium.
- 🌐 A current curriculum vitae (CV) that includes your contact information, the expected date (month/year) of the award of your PhD, the institution awarding your PhD, your advisor's name, and other relevant information including recent publications. In addition, you may provide a URL for a working Web page that expands on the information in your CV.
- 🌐 A letter of recommendation from your advisor, who should provide comments on your scholarly achievements, potential, and any special circumstances. You need to ask your advisor to send

the letter to Dr. Karolin Weber. You should submit your application early enough for your advisor to have time to submit the letter of recommendation before the deadline.

**Deadlines:**

The deadline for submitting an application is **Friday, 14 February**; however, you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The applications will be evaluated by the Conference Grant Committee, and successful applicants will be notified by Monday, 24 February.



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