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Dear InterPore Friends,












This newsletter starts with a message to us from our Managing Director, Majid Hassanizadeh. We hope for better days soon! The Local Organization Committee of InterPore2020 has an update on COVID-19, information regarding the deadlines and some useful information regarding visas to visit China. And while Prof. Veerle Cnudde (the Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecturer 2020) is forced to postpone her global tour, plans can be made to host Prof. Muhammad Sahimi as KC Lecturer 2021.

Also check out the courses being organized and the research positions on offer.

Take care,

Matthijs de Winter
 Editor-in-Chief *InterPore News*

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Message to the InterPore Community

Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of InterPore, I would like to let you know that we are aware of the many hardships you are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are saddened by the loss of lives and the suffering that the people around the world are enduring. As part of our InterPore family, we would like you to know that our thoughts are with you and your loved ones. We are hoping that life will soon return to normal and that all of you can resume your important work as part of the recovery process.

We are grateful for your continued commitment and support and wish you all continued health and safety in the weeks to come.

Majid Hassanizadeh
Managing Director

Suspension of 2020 KC Distinguished Lecture Series

Due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been necessary to suspend Veerle Cnuddle's Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecture Series tour scheduled for the US in April. The Foundation and Veerle will be working together with the hosts to provide an alternative to the scheduled presentation. More details will follow soon. The affected visits include:

Event	Date
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	3 April
Oregon State University	6 April
Washington State University	9 April
University of Wyoming	13 April
Los Alamos National Laboratory	15 April
University of Texas at Austin	17 April

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Coronavirus update

China is happy to [report](#) that on 18 March, for the first time since December 2019, no new domestic cases of COVID-19 infections were found. Meanwhile, many countries worldwide are taking a massive blow by the virus. Despite the uncertainty, the LOC is busy with the preparation of InterPore2020.

Conference Grant Application

Please notice the updated deadline of **15 May** for InterPore2020 Conference Grant applications. More details, including eligibility requirements and application instructions can be found [here](#). For other updated conference deadlines (abstract, registration, etc), please visit the [website](#).

Qingdao's visa-free policy

Qingdao has a 144-hour visa-free transit policy for visitors coming from 53 designated countries. Under this policy, visitors holding valid travel documents are allowed to enter Qingdao and stay in the Shandong province without a Chinese visa for up to 144 hours (6 days). The visa-free policy provides greater convenience and more flexibility for short-term travelling, business trips and family visits in Qingdao. If you want to apply for the 144-hour transit visa exemption, there are certain requirements you have to meet.

1. The policy applies only to citizens from the 53 specified nations in Asia, Europe, America and Oceania. The detailed list of qualified countries can be found [here](#).
2. Foreigners must hold valid international travel documents (e.g. a passport). Other recognized travel documents to verify nationality and identity may also be used. Passports or other documents must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the end date of the stay in China.
3. Foreigners must hold a connecting ticket bound for a third country (in the region) within 144 hours.

Visa-free transit visitors must leave China via Qingdao airport to another country. **This must not be the same one from which you enter China.** For example, on the way back home (your own country), a stopover could be made in Seoul (South Korea) or Tokyo (Japan). This stopover usually does not have a big effect on travel costs and is often more or less the same price as a direct flight. Of course, you can also spend a few days to explore these places.



Call for nominations: 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 InterPore2020 in Qingdao.

Deadline for submission of complete nomination package is **Monday, 15 June 2020**. Please notice that this deadline was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please click [here](#) for detailed information on the award and the nomination requirements.

Apply for InterPore Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecturer 2021



The Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecturer Series in 2021 features

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sahimi
University of Southern California, USA

The title of the lecture is: *Porous Media, Small and Large: From Atomistic Modeling of Nano-porous Membranes to Modeling of Flow and Transport in Geological Formations.*

An abstract of the talk and a short biography of Prof. Dr. Sahimi can be found on our [website](#). Apply now to request and host the 2021 InterPore Kimberly-Clark Distinguished Lecture at your institute!



Three-day course on thermal energy and nanofluids

6-8 June 2020, Yalova, Turkey

Yalova University in collaboration with Ryerson University is organizing a three-day course on thermal energy storage and nanofluids. Speakers from all around the world will be delivering keynote lectures in different topics. More information can be found [here](#). The course is sponsored by the Turkish government.

WIT Short Course: Water Supply

27-29 October 2020, New Forest, UK

A short course on Water Supply is offered by Wessex Institute (UK), presented by professor Stefano Mambretti from the Politecnico di Milano (Italy). Prof Stefano Mambretti works in the field of Hydraulic engineering as a researcher, designer and consultant in many countries in Europe, South America, Africa and Asia. He has acted as co-chairman of many WIT conferences and is Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning*.

Further details of the meeting can be found [here](#).



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InterPore Members, do you want to promote your publication to the community? If so, please submit your highlight to newsletter@InterPore.org. Note that we will not review the entries nor does InterPore

endorse the published work. Furthermore, we publish on a “submitted first, published first” basis. The highlighted publication should be no older than 6 months (available online).

The highlight should be short (500 characters) and contain an illustration. Please note that we offer this opportunity exclusively to InterPore members. If you would like to become a member, please have a look [here](#).



RESEARCH Positions

-  Post-doctoral researcher, Numerical modelling of permafrost thermo-hydrological dynamics with OpenFOAM using High Performance Computing in the framework of the HiPerBorea project, GET Laboratory, Toulouse, France.pdf)
-  PhD position, Experimental and numerical modelling of fluid flows at various scales with applications in domains of porous media and geological processes, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway



INTERPORE Calendar

Date	Event
14-16 May 2020	The Hellenic National InterPore Chapter meeting (Athens, Greece)
30 August - 4 September 2020	The 12th annual InterPore meeting (Qingdao, China)
1-2 October 2020	The German Chapter meeting (Stuttgart, Germany)
26-28 October 2020	The French Chapter meeting (Strasbourg, France) (Flyer)
2 November 2020	The Benelux Chapter meeting (Enschede, The Netherlands)
23-25 November 2020	The Australian Chapter meeting (Perth, Australia)

Date	Event
31 May - 3 June 2021	The 13th annual InterPore meeting (Edinburgh, UK)
15-21 May 2022	The 14th annual InterPore meeting (Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA)



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