

Request for Bids: Hosting InterPore2027 in South or North America

InterPore2027 is slated to take place in a country within South or North America during the week commencing May 10, 2027. The event is anticipated to span over a duration of either 4 or 5 days.

Bids should provide the following required information:

1. **Location and Accessibility:** Clearly specify the location of the proposed venue and highlight its accessibility for attendees, including proximity to transportation hubs and major airports.
2. **Facilities and Amenities:** Outline the facilities available at the venue, ensuring they meet the needs specified below. This should include details on meeting rooms, exhibition spaces, catering services, technological infrastructure, and any additional amenities offered.

The minimum requirements for various spaces are:

- One main lecture hall for 800-1000 participants (PAX), needed for plenary lectures
- 2-3 rooms each for 250-300 PAX (for invited talks)
- Additionally, at least 5-6 rooms for about 100-150 PAX (we plan to have 8 parallel sessions)
Note: The walking time between the lecture rooms should be at most 2-3 minutes.
- One room or space in a foyer for registration on the Sunday afternoon before the start of the conference, and during the first couple of days of the conference
- Two small rooms for 15-20 persons, needed for meetings of the Executive Committee, Council meetings, etc., as well as for the VIP members of the Society
- One large space, ca 1000 m², needed for the poster session, exhibition booths, and coffee breaks. This should be a single space, e.g., large foyer or large room, or in the worst case two merged rooms, or a room merged with a foyer. This space ideally should be next to at least some of the lecture rooms. In the worst-case walking from a lecture room to this space shouldn't take more than 3-4 min.

The availability of on-site catering service or food courts nearby should also be noted.

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3. **Accommodation:** Provide information on nearby accommodation options, including hotels of various categories, guesthouses, and any special arrangements or discounts that can be potentially negotiated for InterPore attendees.
4. **Cost Considerations:** Present a transparent breakdown of anticipated costs associated with hosting InterPore2027, including venue rental fees, catering expenses, audio-visual equipment rentals, and any other relevant expenditures. Highlight any cost-saving measures or incentives offered.
5. **Local Organizing Committee:** Provide information on the availability of a group of porous media researchers who are ready to serve on a local organizing committee. At a minimum, one organizer should be identified. In exceptional cases, InterPore can help to identify potential local organizers.

We encourage all interested parties to submit their bids by the specified deadline.

Deadline for Bid Submission: 01 October 2024

Submissions should be sent Oleg Iliev (oleg.iliev@itwm.fraunhofer.de) with a copy to Karolin Weber (karolin.weber@interpore.org).

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