

Mexican Chapter of InterPore (MX-InterPore) Kick-off Meeting

Meeting Minute

Date: January 24th, 2014

Place: Tlayotli Auditorium, Geophysics Institute, UNAM*

Promoter Martín A. Díaz-Viera, Mexican Petroleum Institute
Committee: Abel Hernández-Ochoa, Electrical Research Institute
Graciela Herrera-Zamarrón, Geophysics Institute, UNAM
Eric Morales-Cacique, Geology Institute, UNAM

Attendance: 27 people (including students)

*) acronym in Spanish for National Autonomous University of Mexico

I. Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Professor Alberto Ochoa Conference
3. Discussion and vote on the mission, goals, activities and structure of the chapter
4. Election of chair, vice chair, and secretary
5. Date of next meeting

II. Mission and goals

In addition to the general Interpore mission statement, as published on the [InterPore website](#):

"InterPore is a non-profit-making independent scientific organization established in 2008. InterPore aims to advance and disseminate knowledge for the understanding, description, and modeling of natural and industrial porous media systems."

The main mission of the Mexican Chapter is to establish and act as a national platform for linking specialists from academia and industry working in areas related to porous media.

Particular goals:

- Provide a national forum to promote the exchange of ideas and experiences to improve research in porous media and its application
- Identify issues of national interest related to porous media in order to propose solutions
- Promote the importance of topics related to the study of porous media
- Stimulate the creation and strengthening of multidisciplinary research groups
- Identify sources of public and private funding for collaborative research among members of the Chapter
- Facilitate training and human resource development

III. Activities

- Conduct an annual meeting of Mexican Chapter
- Identify national companies whose processes involving porous media problems
- Make a register of specialists linked with porous media problems
- Promote roundtables to define strategic areas and issues of national interest
- Create a web page and establish mechanisms for contact and exchange
- Set on the Chapter's website a software and bibliography repository to share
- Invite people from industry to present the problems of interest
- Conduct workshops with the participation of members and guests

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- Use mass media and forums to inform about InterPore and its Mexican Chapter
- Organize short courses
- Make a list of courses related to porous media imparted in Mexican institutions

IV. Executive committee structure and member's role

- The executive committee is made up by a Chair, a vice Chair and a Secretary
- The vice president becomes president after two years
- Every two years elections for vice Chair and Secretary will be held
- The first executive committee shall be elected by direct vote of the meeting participants and are responsible for making a proposal for the first annual meeting.

Chair: Liaison with InterPore and establish direct contact with industry and sponsors

vice Chair: Coordination of activities

Secretary: Communication and meeting minutes

V. Election of Chair, vice chair and secretary

Chair: J. Alberto Ochoa-Tapia, Autonomous Metropolitan University

vice Chair: Graciela Herrera-Zamarrón, Geophysics Institute, UNAM

Secretary: Martín A. Díaz-Viera, Mexican Petroleum Institute

VI. Date of next meeting

October-September, 2014