



# InterPore

**JOURNAL**

# Introduction

- The *International Society for Porous Media (InterPore)* is a non-profit organization founded in **2008**
- Diverse community — spanning academia, industry, and a wide range of disciplines
- Porous media are everywhere – in nature and industry alike (soils, aquifers, plants, concrete, membranes, fuel cells, tissues, etc.)
- Created to connect diverse experts who face similar scientific challenges – modeling, imaging & characterizing porous systems
- Today, 3000+ members worldwide share knowledge through our annual conference, national chapters & educational offerings
- However, no single place to share and publish our work.

# Introduction

## BEFORE 2022

- Recognized need for a journal covering all porous media research
- Discussions on whether to launch a society-owned journal in-house, or via a publisher
- High publisher costs vs. limited in-house expertise delayed action

## 2023

- Question was revisited, I entered the equation
- Decision was made to **launch in-house**, ensuring community ownership and control
- July 2023 **Official launch** of the *InterPore Journal*

## 2024

- First issue published in April, followed by two additional issues

## 2025

- Three issues published, fourth planned for end of November

# Model & Governance

## OWNERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

- Owned and managed by InterPore
- Supported by InterPore Foundation and the InterPore Executive Office
- Overseen by the Executive Council
- Governed by the Editor-in-Chief and 12 Editors
- Fully open-access, scholar-led, and non-commercial

## FUNDING MODEL

- Operates on a **cost-recovery basis** (no profit motive)
- **Prior to 2025:** No APC
- **Starting in 2025:** Minimum APC of €500 to €1000

# Model & Governance

## APC WAIVER FUND

- InterPore Foundation tops up the fund to €20,000 each year, unused funds reset annually for transparency
- 20% of every paid APC contributes to the Waiver Fund
- Automatic waivers/discounts for authors from low- and lower-middle-income countries
- Full or partial waivers available upon request for others in genuine need

# Scope & Impact

## SCOPE

- Welcome contributions from all fields dealing with porous media
- Open to InterPore members and non-members worldwide
- Accept a wide range of article types

## IMPACT

- Six issues published since launch (first issue in April 2024)
- Support early-career researchers with Invited Student Paper Award

# Challenges & Lessons Learned

## CHALLENGES

- **Limited financial resources:** balancing needs with what is possible
- **Limited time resources:** deciding what to prioritize can be difficult
- **Attracting authors** to a new, unindexed journal takes time & trust
- **Institutional pressure** toward high-impact journals is a hurdle
- **Independent publishing** means learning by doing - overwhelming & empowering

## LESSONS

- **One step at a time**, but don't be afraid to jump!
- **Ask for help** and make use of the community around you
- **Things don't always go as planned** — adaptability is key
- Building a reputable, community-led journal is a **long-term investment**

# Looking Ahead

- Apply for indexing with DOAJ, Scopus & Web of Science
- Continue building a strong, consistent publication record
- Grow submissions through outreach & special issues
- Support authors with transparent review & responsive editorial service
- Reinvest APC income to strengthen journal infrastructure and visibility
- Continuous review & refinement of processes and website content
- Explore partnerships beyond InterPore
- Seek support networks



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