

The KAUST Workshop on Porous Media and 1<sup>st</sup> InterPore Saudi Chapter Annual Meeting was successfully held in King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia, during Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. More than 60 attendees joined our conference physically, from various institutions and companies all around Saudi Arabia, including KAUST, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Mineral (KFUPM), Saudi Aramco, King Khalid University (KKU), and many others. Additional more than 60 attendees joined our conference virtually via Zoom from all around the world. We invited a representative from InterPore Headquarter, Prof. Majid Hassanizadeh, and representatives from other national chapters, including Prof. Moran Wang and Prof. Yongfei Yang, to join our meeting. The meeting is fully sponsored by KAUST, and the organizing committee is chaired by Prof. Shuyu Sun, founding president of the Saudi Chapter. Prof. Majid Hassanizadeh and Prof. Abbas Firoozabadi chaired an advisory committee to suggest on the format and general operations.

The conference was opened by Prof. Shuyu Sun on the morning of November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am, followed by a warm welcoming speech delivered from Prof. Tony Chan, the President of KAUST. Prof. Majid gave the first plenary speech, starting with an introduction on the InterPore, national chapters and the 2022 annual meeting to be held in UAE. Six themed sessions were organized, namely Mathematics in Porous media, Structures in Porous Media, Women in Porous Media Research, Industrial Interest in Porous Media Research, Advances in Porous Media research and Young Talents in Porous Media Research, moderated by distinguished scholars in different affiliations in Saudi Arabia, including KAUST, KFUPM and Saudi Aramco respectively. An e-poster session was also organized during all the three days.

An independent committee was established, consisting four judges external to KAUST and led by Prof. Majid Hassanizadeh, to evaluate all the posters and select 3 best poster awards. The best presentation award, the best student award, the workshop rosette award and the chapter rosette award were nominated and elected by the chapter steering committee. All the awards were announced and awarded in the closing ceremony, moderated by Prof. Shuyu Sun at 12:20pm, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Founding president, Prof. Shuyu Sun, convened the InterPore Saudi Chapter Steering Committee meeting during the workshop, in the afternoon of Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, also in a hybrid format. The committee members were updated according to the change of some previous member's affiliations, and the new managing team discussed on a number of topics including:

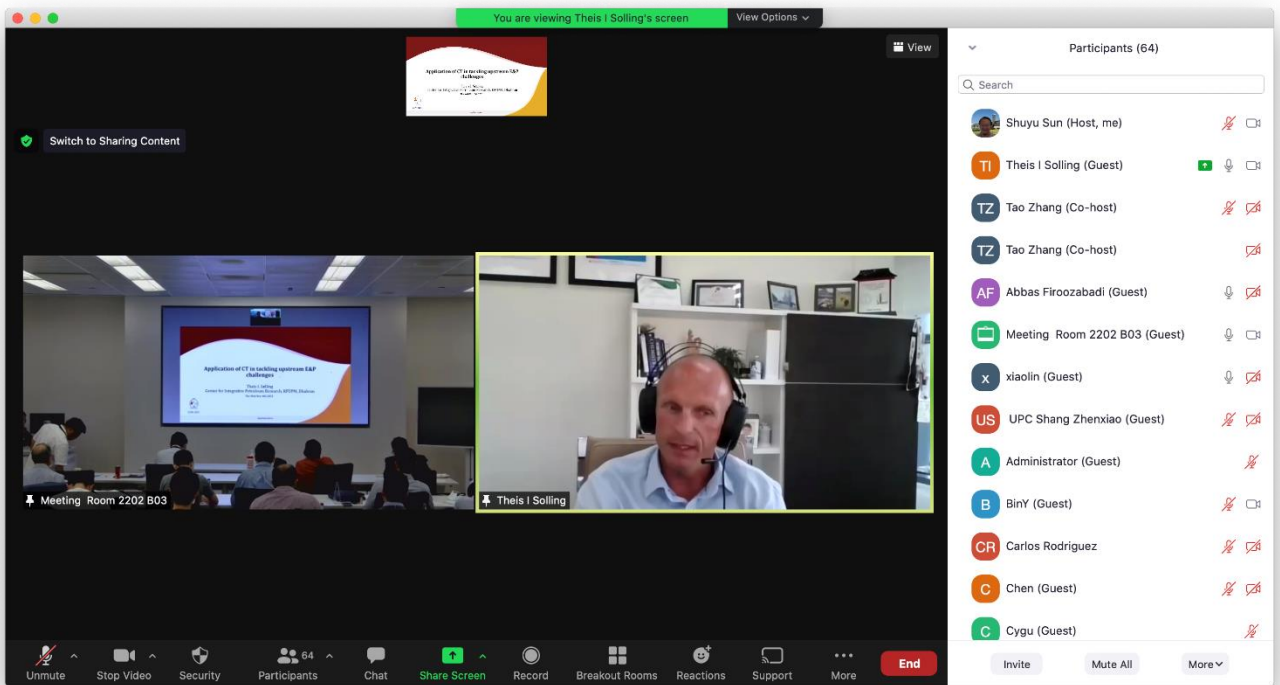
- 1) Chapter Awards.
- 2) Holding Annual or Bi-Annual meetings (i.e., a meeting every two years).
- 3) Forming a dedicated special issue in a high-level journal (to publish our research and conference proceedings related to the Chapter).
- 4) Inviting representatives from the surrounding Gulf countries.
- 5) Establishing a monthly research seminar dedicated for this chapter.

Prof. Majid Hassanizadeh, also joined the steering committee meeting as an external advisor and supervisor, and introduced on the InterPore policies and experience of other national

chapters. At the end, the chapter is planning to have a small gathering at Abu-Dhabi during the Annual Interpore Conference.



Prof. Majid introducing InterPore 2022 Annual Meeting



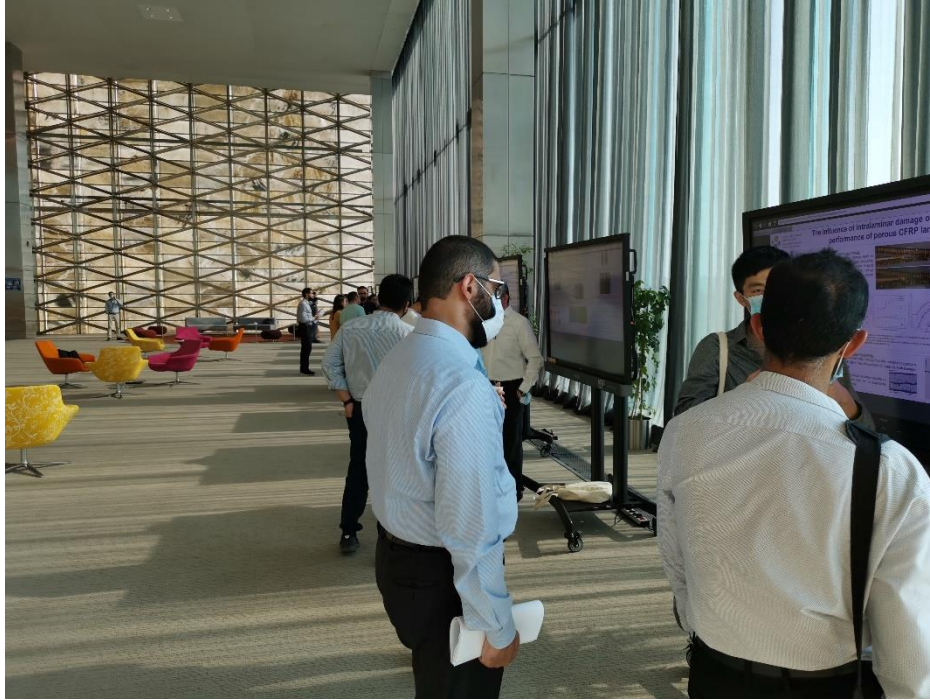
Screenshot of Virtual Attendees



Photo of the Mathematics Session



Photo of the Female Session



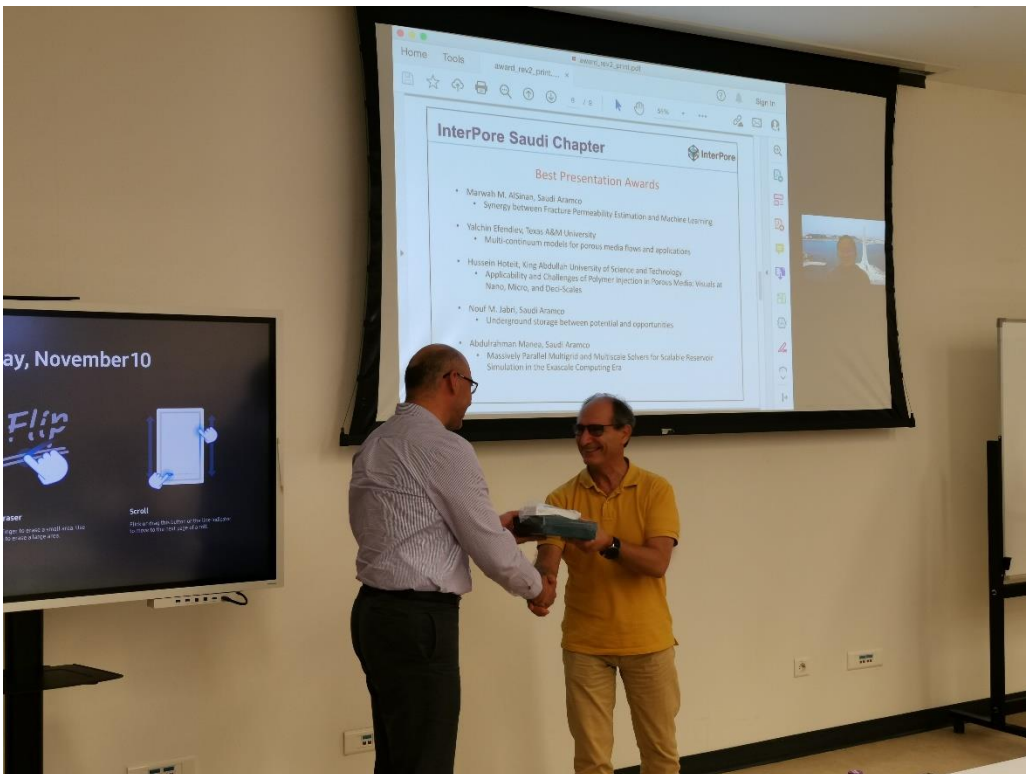
Poster Session



Steering Committee Meeting



Photo of the Young Talents Session



Prof. Majid presents workshop awards to the awardees