Welcome to the student activities at InterPore!

In response to the excellent participation in the previous years, the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) will organize a set of activities during the 2018 InterPore meeting in New Orleans. There will be a career event, a fun interactive game and a social night out. The SAC activities are open to participants from all career stages, from the early student to the experienced researcher/professor, and they form the perfect setting for you to get to know the international porous media community better and expand your professional and personal network. Come along!

**Interactive game: Stress Nexus Challenge (room 396 — May 15th — 18:45 to 21:15)**

Come play the Stress Nexus Challenge! During this game we will tackle the dilemmas that shape the future of energy, water and food. We play a world where we can experiment with innovative and collaborative approaches to make our society as resilient as possible. In that way, you learn to understand these systems and your role within them. Only a limited number of spots are available, so come early to secure a spot! Food and refreshments will be served to the participants.

**Social night out! (The Rusty Nail — May 15th — 21:30 to ...)**

Experience from the previous years shows that a good informal night out is the best way to build new links between researchers (and strengthen the old ones too). So, quite simply, we will go to the bar! The place of choice is The Rusty Nail (map in the program). I heard rumors about free beers (coupons distributed at the entrance of the bar, bring your InterPore conference badge).

**Career development event (New Orleans Theater — May 16th — 17:15 to 18:40)**

Many students struggle with the decision of which career path to follow after the PhD. Should I pursue an academic career or search for possibilities in the industry/governmental agencies? What are the pros (and cons) of each career path? How does the life-after-PhD feels like? To help shed light into these big questions, the SAC has invited 4 established professionals to share their personal views and experiences. In this session we will NOT hear about their latest research results but instead about their different professional pathways and the important choices they had to take along the way.

Career development event speakers:

- **Martin Blunt**  
  Imperial College London, UK

- **Sarah Codd**  
  Montana State University, USA

- **Alex Hansen**  
  Porous Media Laboratory, Norway

- **Veronika Schleper**  
  Robert Bosch GmbH, Germany

Would you like to join the SAC and make InterPore 2019 even better? Send a message to sac@interpore.org