

Rules for the websites of InterPore National Chapters

National Chapter Websites within the InterPore website: Why do we need rules for this?

InterPore offers National Chapters the opportunity to place an individual webpage within the InterPore website at

<https://www.interpore.org/activities/national-chapters/national-chapters-2>

Each national chapter gets its own submenu item on the left, which will open a new page, such as:

<https://www.interpore.org/activities/national-chapters/mexico>

<https://www.interpore.org/activities/national-chapters/netherlands>

The necessity to set rules for the national chapter websites is that they appear on the InterPore website. Thus, they need to be consistent to some degree among each other, and they need to comply in look and feel with the overall InterPore website.

Shared responsibility for National Chapter Websites

Each national chapter has administrator rights for their respective area. They are granted upon request by the InterPore Webmaster. Each national chapter must have a person who is in charge of generating and maintaining the contents of the page.

Past experience has shown that one must be educated in Joomla quite deeply in order to generate a good-looking page. Also, it requires even more training to be able to make the look consistent with the overall InterPore website. Therefore, the Communications Committee and the InterPore Webmaster have to be notified whenever changes are done, and both have the right to modify the layout in order to ensure that the principles provided below are in action.

How to handle Joomla Articles and headings for National Chapters

The InterPore website often suffers from having too many large headings with the thick grey underline all within a single page. Therefore, the following rules are necessary:

- The entire webpage for each national chapter must be a single article, not a collection of articles (because each new article in the collection triggers a new underlined heading)
- The first thing that shows up on any page is the title of the Joomla article. The article title HAS to be the name of the national chapter. The article title is automatically a level “h1” heading with a thick grey underline.
- After that, no more underlined headings may be used. That means, heading level “h2” is not allowed because it also triggers underlines. All further headings must be “h3” or lower.

Mandatory and free contents for each National Chapter Website

In order to install a certain consistency among the websites of all national chapters, there is a list of required contents. Each one starts with an “h3” heading:

- Overview: this is a very brief teaser text for the national chapter's website, and then enumerates the following contents, with links to respective anchors on the page below. The order may be chosen individually:
- Recent news
- Mission and activities
- Steering committee members

Beyond that, the national chapters have the freedom to have their own contents, under the condition that they have again “h3” headings, and are linked in the enumeration together with the required contents.