



Minutes of the 18th ESR Committee Meeting Wednesday April 18th, 2018 - Sorrento

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Representatives of Individual Members:

Christian Clasen; Philippe Coussot; Suzanne Fielding; Gianni Ianniruberto; Paula Moldenaers; Evelyne Van Ruymbeke; Thomas Schweizer; Norbert Willenbacher.

Members of the Executive Council

Topic 1. Election of Chairman and Secretary for the meeting

Peter Fischer and Michel Cloitre are the Chairman and the Secretary of the meeting.

Topic 2. Approval of the minutes of the 17th Committee Meeting

The minutes of the 17th Committee Meeting as e-mailed by the ESR president are approved.

Topic 3. Reports by President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, Members-at-Large, European Editor

President:

Peter Fischer presents the agenda of the Committee Meeting: a) decisions concerning the AERC 2021, 2022 and the ICR 2023; b) some propositions for changes in the ESR Constitution that needs discussion and votes. An important vote will take place to decide the location of the ICR 2023. The voters will be the delegates of the National Societies and of the representatives of the individual members. PF indicates that it is important to avoid conflicts of interest, some potential voters being parts of a proposal. Rules will be edited by the ESR.

PF also transmits the application from the Polish Society for becoming a member of the ESR. The application is approved.

Treasurer:

The report prepared by Bettina Wolf is attached to the minutes

European Editor:

The report prepared by Jan Vermant is attached to the minutes.

Topic 4. Update on the AERC 2018

The Committee agrees to skip the presentation since the conference is already ongoing.

Topic 5. Update on the preparation for the AERC 2019

Igor Emri reports on the preparation of the AERC 2019. His presentation is attached to the minutes.

Topic 6. Proposals for AERC 2021, AERC 2022, and ICR 2023

The bids (Sevilla and Leeds) for 2021 and 2022 are presented to the Committee Meeting members. The respective organizers justify the dates that are proposed (Seville: April 7-9; Leeds: 13-16 April) by different local constraints (vacation, teaching periods). Votes are organized to approve the bids and decide which location (Seville or Leeds) will be chosen for 2021. The results of the votes are the following: for 2021, 22 votes are in favor of

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Seville; 2 in favor of Leeds; for 2022, the bid of Leeds is approved at unanimity.

There are two competing bids for the ICR 2023 (Athens and Lyon). There are successively presented (Athens first by Dimitris Vlassopoulos; Lyon by Rudy Valette). A vote is organized to select one bid. The results of the vote are the following: 22 are in favor of Athens, 2 for Lyon. The ICR 2023 will take place in Athens.

The different bids are described in the attached pdf documents.

Topic 7. Proposals for changes in ESR constitutions, by-laws, and procedures

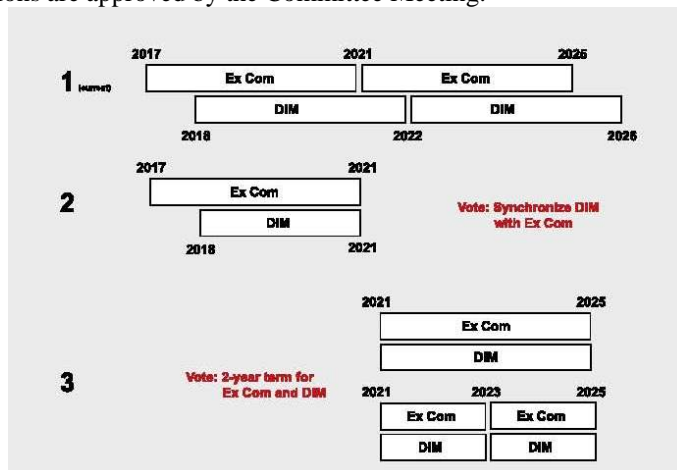
1) Introducing the position of a Vice President

Peter Fischer submits the proposition to create the position of a Vice-President. The VP will be trained by the President during his/her term and will replace the President at the end of his/her term. The proposition is approved by the Committee Meeting.

2) Synchronize and shorten the call of duty for ExCom and Delegates of Individual Members (DIM)

The goal is to synchronize the terms of the EXCom and the DIM to improve the efficiency of the Society (see diagram below). Since a VP will be appointed, it is proposed that the terms of all positions will be for two years. The term of the Vice-President will begin in 2019. The Nomination Committee will make a search for candidates.

Both propositions are approved by the Committee Meeting.



3) Introducing the annual Weissenberg Award (instead of every two years)

The proposition is adopted.

4) Charity and physical address of ESR

Tim Phillips acts as the scrutinizer and is the independent person for approval. The physical address for the charity is Bettina Wolf's address. The ExCom proposes to search for that another institution with European status avoiding any constraint on the treasurer and allowing bank transfer in Euros, which will be less expensive. No comments or observations are made.

5) Membership of retired rheologists

The Committee Meeting is informed that student fees will apply to retired members.

6) Constitution of an ad-hoc committee to review ESR by-laws

The proposition is adopted.

Topic 8. Update on Website

The following additions will be made:

- a "become member" application for those who apply as individual members,
- a webpage with list of Weissenberg Awardees including links or downloads to Rheologica Acta,
- a webpage listing the Weissenberg papers,
- a webpage with list of AERC reports,

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- a webpage with list of ESR Committee meeting minutes.
The member list will be updated.

Topic 9. Nomination and voting procedure of DIM

It is decided that the criterion must be the number of members not the number of delegates. The number of DIM will be based on the number of members in 2018 (one DIM for 50 members). A call for nominations will be made to all members and submission of proposal (CV and short nomination letter) to the Nomination Committee until 05/15/2018. The Nominations Committee will review the proposals before 06/15/2018. The vote will be taken place in the period 06/16/2018 – 07/15/2018. The principle of plurality vote is adopted.

The composition of the Nomination Committee (2017-2021) is the following:
Helen Wilson (Chair); Philippe Coussot; Norbert Willenbacher; Christian Clasen.

Attached Materials:

Report of Treasurer
Report of European Editor of Rheologica Acta
Update on the preparation of AERC 2019
Bids for AERC 2021 and 2022 (Sevilla and Leeds)
Bids for ICR 2023 (Athens and Lyon)