



## **Minutes of the 21th Committee meeting**

21 June 2021

Introduction to meeting by MM, reminder on who are the delegates who are the representatives of the national societies.

**Topic 1.** Chairman (MM) and secretary (AL) for the meeting

approved

**Topic 2.** Approval of the minutes of the 20th ESR Committee Meeting

approved

**Topic 3.** Reports by President, Past President, Secretary, Members-at-Large

Collaboration with SoR continues and the conference web site is still available to us. The Bingham Award Ceremony will be held during ICRs hosted in Europe (and possibly also other ICRs).

Two new members at large have been elected and joined the ExCom.

Evelyne van Ruymbeke (Member at Large), re-elected

Monica Oliveira (Member at Large)

Mario Minale took over as president of the ESR,

Christian Clasen has been elected as the Vice-president.

Peter Fischer thus became past president.

We thank the past past president Mats Stading.

There is a new European Editor of Rheologica Acta, Philippe Coussot.

We thank Jan Vermant for his service.

The new Weissenberg committee is composed of:

Philippe Coussot (Chair, 2017 until April 2022)

Jan Vermant (2019 - 2024)

Michel Cloitre (2021 - 2025)

The last three Weissenberg awardees are the members of the Committee

The election committee is composed of (2021 - 2023)

Mats Stading (Chair)

Helen Wilson

Norbert Willenbacher

Teresa Cidade

The ExCom committee proposes that the past past president automatically becomes chair of the election Committee for a 2-year term.

The committee approves the proposal

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An ad hoc working group had been formed to work on the review of the bylaws and will take up working again in the near future.

**Ad hoc working group on Review and Addition of by-laws (MM, AL, EvR, PF)**

- Review existing procedures
- Procedure for committee members stepping down during their turn
- Multiple nomination in ExCom, DIM, DNS
- Voting procedures
- Terms and duration of boards
- Annual Weissenberg award
- Change of charity registration

Another ad hoc committee has been formed to work on the Weissenberg nomination.

**Ad hoc working group on Weissenberg nomination procedure (DV, PC, JV, PF)**

- Nomination and evaluation procedure
- Award ceremony during AERCs

**Topic 4. Updates on AERC 2022 (AG)**

The following next meetings are already scheduled:

**2022:** AERC 2022 in Seville

**2023:** ICR in Athens

**2024:** AERC 2024 in Leeds

**2025:** In 2022 the call for proposals will be issued

Update on AERC in Sevilla (see slides)

Discussion on potential effect of pandemic on conference, for the moment, planning an on site meeting, with possible online version for the poster session.

Date 26-28 April 2022

Invites speakers are confirmed: Annie Colin and Gareth McKinley

Co-chairs for the sessions decided, but need to be confirmed

6 or 8 parallel sessions will be planned (Gives 250 slots for oral presentations + 6 keynotes). The time for lunch will be expanded, to avoid to large crowds.

It is planned to stream the plenaries, but there will not be the possibility to present online.

Rheology course (planned before the conference) still needs be to be confirmed. The webpage will be launched in a few days. Social program is about to be developed.



In September (before the 26<sup>th</sup> of September as this is the cancellation deadline) a committee meeting needs to be held to decide on the format for the conference.

#### **Topic 5. Weissenberg Award 2023**

The SoR has decided from now on to award the Bingham and Metzner awards every year (also the year of ICR), as the winter meeting of SoR will not be held any more. The European ICR would also like to award the Weissenberg award in Athens.

The suggestion is to also award the Weissenberg award every year and to open to candidates from countries all over the world.

Voted: **YES**

New rules will be written down and published soon, deadline for nominations will be January 16<sup>th</sup> and the award will be given in Sevilla.

#### **Topic 6. Updates on IRC 2023 (JV; DV)**

It has been brought to our attention that there are other international conferences on rheology with the same acronym (in London) the same year, that look very shady, Jerry will write to them with a lawyer to clear up potential confusion.

Update on ICR local and technical organization

Local: site is launched (two month ago)

International advisory board has been formed (1/3 Europe, 1/3 Asia, 1/3 North America), taking care of a good mix of topics and also to include some new topics

Preparation of technical program has started, agreement with SoR to award Bingham medal and Metzner early career award at ICR, and also the European Weissenberg award

The program will be announced in the autumn.

Preparations are all on track.

#### **Topic 7. Elections 2021**

An election committee is working on clearer rules for the election procedure (see slides)

The timeline for the election of the representatives is given on the slides

#### **Topic 8. Account and budget (BW)**

See treasury report

#### **Topic 9. Final report on AERC 2021 (RK; MS; PF)**

Virtual AERC was a success with nearly 500 participants and a pan-European organization committee. The budget was equilibrated (even a small win was made), see presentation.



A questionnaire indicated however clearly that people would prefer an in person meeting and would very much like to attend AERC in Seville next year. There was a slight preference for the avatar format of the conference compared to a Zoom meeting.

**Topic 10.** Report of European Editor Rheologica Acta (PC; JV)

Philippe Coussot is the new editor and presents numbers of the las year collected by Jan Vermant (see slides).

Philippe Coussot presents some new projects ideas, as impactful special issues or early career issues on topics as shear thickening, construction materials, engineering design and rheology.

A slight increase in the number of people in the editorial bord is planned.

**Topic 12.** Young rheologists event

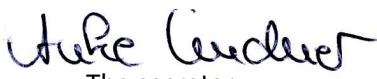
MM suggests to create a Young Rheologists event, every two years to allow your rheologistst to present their work more easily and also to build their network.

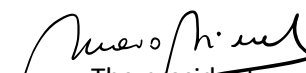
A number of possibilities have been discussed (virtual, in person, in parallel to the AERC meetings etc) and also to compare to already existing meetings, like the RRS of SoR or the Young Rheologists Days (sponsored by ESR and held in France in 2021).

The idea is received very positively but needs more discussion.

**Topic 13.** Any other topic (all)

There is a discussion on the participation of industrial partners at AERC conferences and how this can be quantified and encouraged.

  
The secretary

  
The president



## Provisional Treasurer's Report

*01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021*

This financial report covers the 12 months period from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. At the end of this financial year, the total fund of the Society stands at £ 40,565.53. Based on a sterling-euro transfer rate of 1.17 this equals € 47,461.67. The fund at the beginning of this financial year was £ 40,819.81 or € 47,759.18.

Member subscription of € 40 each was obtained from 7 members equating to € 280. There was no other income as this financial year as the AERC was postponed due to the global pandemic. No banking fees were incurred. Interest (gross) gained on the Business Instant Access account was £ 128.09. Charity Commission Annual return figures, for period 01 Jan - 31 Dec 2020, are income-receipts (£ 239.02), outgoings-payments (£ 621.39).

All financial dealings throughout the year have been conducted by direct bank transfer.

Accordingly, the position of the Society is commended to you as buoyant, covering the financial and organizational procedures outlined above.

Prof Bettina Wolf, ESR Treasurer

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### ESR Financial statement 01 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

	account	TSB Club Charity and Trust	TSB Business Instant Access	Paypal		Total
society financial year	opening balance 1/04/2020	£20,643.26	£20,097.57	£78.98		£40,819.81
	fees	£0.00				
	interest		£128.09			
	incomings (except interest)	£0.00	£0.00	£273.25		
	outgoings (except fee)	£621.39		£34.23		
	balance 31/03/2021	£20,021.87	£20,225.66	£318.00		£40,565.53
calendar year	opening balance 01/01/2020	£20,643.26	£20,047.87	£78.98		£40,770.11
	fees	£0.00				
	interest		£156.13			
	incomings (except interest)	£0.00	£0.00	£273.25		
	outgoings (except fee)	£621.39		£34.23		
	closing balance 31/12/2020	£20,021.87	£20,204.00	£318.00		£40,543.87

# Rheologica Acta

## European Editor Report To the European Society of Rheology

*2021*

Ph. Coussot

**SPRINGER NATURE**



## STATISTICS (2020 – Jan Vermant)

Manuscripts received (last 12 months, European editor only)

**70** new submissions

Avg time to final decision: 50 days

Accept Ratio (prior 12 months) : 31 / 70 ( 44 %)

### **Impact factor**

Journal of Rheology **3.7** (111 papers)

Rheologica Acta **2.6** (72 papers)

JNNFM **2.5** (120 papers)

Applied Rheology: **0.9** (13 papers)



# General information

**Editor change** - Ph. Coussot starting March 2021 - smooth transition with Jan

**Projects** (dreams?): decrease time to final decision, increase paper number, improve scientific level, increase number of “impactful” special issues (objective: 2 per year)

## *Ongoing*

**Renewal and complements of Editorial Board:** fair representation of fields of expertise, gender, countries, etc

**Early career issue – “Novel trends in rheology”** (2022) – Editorial board brainstorming

**Special issue “Engineering design and rheology”** (2022) – Guest editors: P.L. Maffettone and R. Ewoldt

**Other special issues (>2023):** to be explored

**Publication award...**