



Minutes of the 24th Committee meeting

26 April 2022 - Seville

Attendees:

- Mario Minale
- Christian Clasen
- Ruth Cardinaels
- Nathalie German
- Giovanni Ianniruberto
- Oliver Harlen
- Manlio Tassieri
- Corneliu Balan
- Martin Zatloukal
- Astrid Ahlinder (on behalf of Mats Standing)
- Evelyne van Ruymbeke
- Dimitris Vlassopoulos
- Philippe Coussot
- Olli-Ville Laukkanen
- Guy Della Valle (on behalf of Rudy Valette)
- Claudia Carotenuto
- Moshe Gottlieb
- Peter Fischer
- Antonio Guerrero
- Anke Lindner

Topic 1 – chairman and secretary

Chairman Mario Minale (MM)

Secretary Anke Lindner (AL)

Topic 2 – Reports by president

Introduction of the ExComm members:

- Mario Minale – president
- Christian Clasen - Vice President
- Peter Fischer - Past President
- Bettina Wolf – Treasurer (excused)
- Anke Lindner – Secretary
- Evelyne van Ruymbeke - Member-at-Large
- Monica Oliveira - Member-at-Large (excused)
- Philippe Coussot - European Editor (ex officio)

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Weissenberg committee: The committee is always formed by the last three awardees, we thank Philippe Coussot for his service and welcome the new member Jeff Morris (this year's awardee)

Election committee: It has been decided that the former past president becomes chair of the election committee, so Mats Stadings is actually the president and Peter Fischer will become the new president next year.

Ad hoc working groups introduced (see presentation)

Urgent change of charity location!

Summary of things that have been done:

Improvement of the mailing system (mailchimp), now accessible to Peter and Mario, also the secretary will get access. It contains a list of regular members of society, and it is now very easy to send mails to all members

The Weissenberg award will now be given every year even at ICR (this is already granted for the ICR in Athens and needs final agreement with the other ICRs)

Location for AERC meeting 2024 already decided, will take place in Leeds

The call for AERC 2025 has been launched, with a deadline for proposals this summer and a decision to be taken in autumn. A reminder e-mail will be sent. The French society of rheology has already expressed interest to host AERC in Lyon.

Topic 3 - approval of the minutes of the 22nd and 23rd Committee Meeting

Minutes approved

Topic 4 - EYRS 2023

Claudia Carotenuto presents a proposal on behalf of three organizers (Claudia Carotenuto, Francesca R. Lupi, Rossana Pasquino) and the Italian society of rheology. The three coordinators already organized an Italian version of such a meeting with very positive feedback.

The date will be set to end of April, beginning of May to be some months before the ICR. 3 sessions are planned with several talks in a row and then at the end questions under the moderation of a senior person/mentor, who is supposed to manage and to give advice. Sessions might be in parallel, depending on the number of attendees (80-90 expected). This first meeting is planned to be online, but this could evolve in the future.

It was suggested that the organizers could contact Khalid Lamnawar who organized a European in person young rheologists conference in France in the summer of 2021.



Some questions about the adequation of an online meeting were asked. For the moment it is preferable to keep it like this, due to the low costs and making it easier to find a date. This can evolve following the experience with this first meeting.

All in favor of the proposal.

Topic 5- Report from Editor Rheologica Acta (Philippe Coussot)

Report since Philippe took over from Jan Vermant. Lynn Walker has also resigned and has been replaced by Giovanni Ianniruberto (Naples).

There have been some changes to the editorial board (some departures, some arrivals) following complex discussions to have a good representation of topics, countries etc. The number of members of the board has slightly increased and could potentially increase even a bit more.

For detailed statistics see slides joined. Rheologica Acta would like to increase paper submissions and thinks about possibilities to encourage more submissions. Possible strategies are special issues (as early career issue), featured articles, review papers, invited papers etc.

At some stage the Weissenberg award lecture was published in Rheo Acta, but lately the awardees did not always want to do so. They could still be encouraged to publish their lecture in the future.

The publication award will be announced during the Sevilla AERC meeting.

The organizers of the JNNFM seminar series have reached out to Rheologica Acta and they are discussing the future of the seminar series together.

Topic 6 – report of the treasurer (Bettina Wolf)

Details can be found in the joint report. Finances are healthy, but the set-up (some money in the UK, some in Switzerland), no access for the president of the society etc. is not timely anymore and needs to be thought over. Mario hopes to solve this issue during his term.

Budget approved

Topic 7 – update on ICR (Dimitris Vlassopolous)

All is going well with ICR, the webpage is up and running and can be visited. 800 participants are needed for break even.

It has been discussed on how to increase Eastern participation. There are many members from eastern countries in the database (added by Peter, but not members) can be activated and an email can be sent to them.

Abstract submission will open right after Chicago and close in January.



Topic 8 – Update on AERC 2024 Leeds (Oliver Harlen)

AERC 2024 Leeds 9th – 12th of April (easter is very early in 2024). The reception will take place on Tuesday evening with the conference ending Friday, as the University is not open at the weekend so the short course will be organized on Monday, Tuesday. The date in Leeds has been pushed from 2022 to 2024 due to the pandemic.

Rob Poole, Daniel Read and Oliver Harlen are the organizing committee. The University of Leeds will host the conference, with access to an amphitheater for 500 people (if necessary, overflow with video possible). From the lecture theatre block of the University 5 to 6 can be picked as needed. There is also onsite accommodation (for students). All hybrid facilities are there (due to online teaching) streaming is possible and wheelchair accessibility will be granted. The welcome reception will be held in Parkinson court (nice big space with high ceiling.) Discussions on the gala dinner are ongoing. An option would be the York national railway museum, including the royale carriage, however it is 40 mins away. There are also some venues in Leeds, but it is hard to find something that can host more than 500 people. The city of Leeds is well connected and there are many hotels as Leeds is a big city.

The inscription fee has not been set yet, but as the University is the host, this will hopefully reduce cost. It was suggested to make sure the conference dinner is included for everybody and that there are no differences between students and non-students with respect to the dinner.


The organizers are strongly encouraged to use the webpage of the European Society of Rheology to handle inscriptions and paper submissions. They can get information from Peter Fischer about the details.

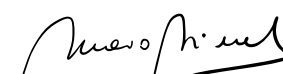
Topic 9 final report of AERC in Sevilla (Antonio)

The conference is going very well, 410 registrations (90% from Europe). The number of student attendees has increased. For more details see slides joined.

Topic 10 – other topics

Nothing to discuss


The secretary


The president