



Minutes of the 25th ESR committee meeting

ICR Athens Wednesday, 02 August 2022; 08:30 10:00

Attendees (Delegates and presidents of national societies, Representatives of the individual members, Organizers of the AERCs , ICR and EYRS, ESR ExCom members, Guests)

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| • Mario Minale | President and Italian Society of Rheology |
| • Christian Clasen | Vice-President |
| • Anke Lindner | Secretary |
| • Claudia Carotenuto | EYRS organization |
| • Mats Stading | Nordic Society of Rheology |
| • Jörg Läger | Representative of the individual members |
| • Monica Oliveira | Member at large |
| • Antonio Guerrero | Spanish Group of Rheology |
| • Moshe Gottlieb | Israel Society of Rheology |
| • Khalid Lamnawar | AERC meeting Lyon 2025 |
| • Nadia El Kissi | AERC meeting Lyon 2025 |
| • Corneliu Balan | Romanian Society of Rheology |
| • Oliver Harlen | AERC meeting Leeds 2024 |
| • Daniel Read | AERC meeting Leeds 2024 |
| • Evelyne van Ruymbeke | Member at large |
| • Giovanni Ianniruberto | EIC Rheologica Acta |
| • Philippe Coussot | EIC Rheologica Acta |
| • Rudy Valette | French Group of Rheology |
| • Rossana Pasquino | EYRS organization |
| • Francisco Galindo Rosales | Portuguese Society of Rheology |
| • Lidija Slemenik Perse | Slovenian Society of Rheology |
| • Peter Fischer | Past-President and Swiss Society of Rheology |
| • Martin Zatloukal | Czech Group of Rheology |
| • Ulrich Handge | German Society of Rheology |
| • Nathalie Germann | Representative of the individual members |
| • Stefano Guido | Representative of the individual members |
| • Manlio Tassieri | Representative of the individual members |

Topic 1. Chairman (Mario Minale) and secretary (Anke Lindner) for the meeting

Approved.

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**Topic 2.** Reports by President, Past President, Secretary, Members-at-Large.

Reminder on the different committees and committee members (see presentation).

Main points of what has been done during the last year (for details see presentation):

- A new euro-currency bank account must be opened (and moved out of UK). Most likely it will be moved to Switzerland. The Charity will stay registered in UK if this is compatible with the official account being in Switzerland. **This is still under discussion but should be done soon.**
- A new yearly award has been introduced, the Oldroyd early career award. It went to Duncan Hewitt for 2023. A new statue has been designed and ordered (5 of them) to be given out with the awards.
- The first young rheologist conference took place and is planned to take place every two years.
- ESR gave a poster prize for the 1st time at ICR.
- **AERC 2026 call will be opened very soon.**
- The 2023 Weissenberg award went to Pier Luca Maffettone.

Topic 3. Approval of the minutes of the 25th and ESR Committee Meeting

Approved.

Topic 4. Final report on EYRS 2023: European Young Rheologists Symposium 2023 (CC, FL, RP, MV)

Claudia Carotenuto presented the EYRS meeting that took place online on Teams in May 2023 for 2 days. It was a success with 73 speakers from 21 countries and 24 more senior chairs. The program was organized in 3 sessions. The presentation mode was to give 4 talks (as the Faraday discussions) without interruption and then questions were asked and moderated by the chair. It was encouraged to show results but also to voice doubts, stimulating lively and long discussions. A prize was given to the 3 best speakers, which consisted in the registration fees for an international rheology conference.

Some discussion concerned the online vs in person format, that despite the missing social interactions made a wide participation of interactional speakers possible and attracted many international more senior chairs.

The first EYRS, organized by a young and very dynamic team of Italian rheologists clearly was a success and is encouraging the society to keep continuing organizing this event every two years. The budget was positive (+1426 Euros). It was highlighted that good mentors are key to the success of the meeting.

A call for the next EYRS should go out soon, together with a decision on how exactly to continue (online vs in person, date etc).

**Topic 5.** Report of European Editor Rheologica Acta (Philippe Coussot)

Rheologica Acta saw a decrease in h-factor and submission numbers over the last years and just went down from a Q2 to a Q3 journal. JoR and JNNFM are both still in the Q2 sector (see presentation for details).

Some measures have been taken to attract good papers and citations, as for example a special issue on “Machine Learning” or for early career researchers. A best paper award is given every year. A feature article “Rheology of non-Brownian suspensions: a rough contact story” by E. Lemaire has been published but was not mentioned as such on the web (this will be fixed for future feature articles). Also, Rheo Acta is participating in the new monthly seminar series by JNNFM-JOR-RA.

Philippe Coussot’s main research activities are moving away from rheology, and he has decided to step down from the editorial position. Simon Rogers, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will replace Philippe as editor in chief. In this way there is again one editor from Europe and one from the USA. Together with Giovanni Ianniruberto they will continue to take measures to increase the attractiveness of the journal. Note that they also rely on the support of the community as far as submissions and referee reports are concerned.

Topic 6. Report of the Treasurer (Bettina Wolf)

Approved.

Topic 7. Updates on ICR 2023 (DV; JV)

Update on current ICR, all is running very smoothly with more than 900 participants. There were two very well attended short courses (~100 participants for one of them and ~25 for the other).

A plus of the current location is that the conference venue and accommodation for so many participants are geographically very close. This and having all the sessions at the same place seems crucial for the meeting to run smoothly. It was very hard for the organizers to keep the budget balanced, due to the strong increase in costs over the last years. It was possible to keep registration fees constant and to balance the budget finally. However, no commitment to other societies has been possible (meaning the ESR does not recover member fees, but this had been discussed before).

Topic 8. Updates on AERC 2024 (OH; DR, RP)

The preparation of the meeting in Leeds (9-12th April 2024) is going well. The website is up and running and contains already most of the relevant information. A new session topic has been proposed on “Georheology”. Seeing the number of papers at the ICR, it might be necessary to split “Industrial Rheology, sustainability and additive manufacturing” into two sessions.

Two plenary speakers (Anke Lindner and Randy Ewoldt) have been confirmed.



Both the Oldroyd awardee as well as the Weissenberg awardee will give a plenary lecture (the Oldroyd can be a bit shorter) and if possible, for both all expenses should be paid (ESR can help if this is a budget issue).

There will be a short course on rheoTool (maximum attendance 50), by Manuel Alves and Célio Fernandes, with practical applications.

The meeting will take place at the University of Leeds, which will keep the registration fees reasonable (400-450 Euros inscription fees).

Dates: abstract submission opens mid-September with a hard deadline 15th of December and abstract acceptance mid-January. Early bird registration will be in February. The timing is necessary as deposits will have to be paid.

Topic 9. Any other topic (all)

Austrian Society of Rheology ((*Österreichische Gesellschaft für Rheologie ÖGR*)).

The Austrian Working-group on Rheology, associated with the Austrian Chemical Society is member of ICR/ESR but has not been visible/active during the last 6 years. Together with Anton Paar (Jörg Läger) a new active Austrian Society of Rheology (*Österreichische Gesellschaft für Rheologie ÖGR*), with currently 50 members was founded in 2022 and would like to join ESR. The Austrian Working-group on Rheology and Austrian Society of Rheology agreed that the Austrian Society of Rheology will represent Austria in both ICR and ESR. Ursula Windberger, who is president and delegate, was not able to present ÖGR in Athens but Roberto Cerbino (University Vienna) presented the case during the ICR committee meeting on August 1. The ICR committee meeting unanimously accepted ÖGR as member society and agreed on the transfer from Austrian Working-group on Rheology to Austrian Society of Rheology. During the ESR committee meeting Peter Fischer briefly presented the case and asked for formal acceptance of ÖGR as ESR member society. The vote of the ESR committee was unanimous and thus the procedure for the transition from the Austrian Working-group on Rheology to Austrian Society of Rheology has been settled. It will be a smooth transition at the end of 2023 with the Austrian Society of Rheology becoming a society member of ESR.

Next AERCs

The preparation of the next AERC conference in Lyon 14-17 of April 2025 is very well on track (see slides for details), with Convention Centre already booked.

The call for AERC 2026 should be released in September.

**Topic 10.** Proclamation of the newly elected Officers. Change of PresidencyOfficers:

- Anke Lindner → vice-president
- Mónica Oliveira → secretary
- Bettina Wolf → treasurer
- Roland Kádár → member at large
- Manlio Tassieri → member at large

Members of the election Committee

- Nicolai Denkov
- Yannis Dimakopoulos
- Erin Koos

The new committees are composed of:

Executive Committee

Christian Clasen (President: 2023-2025)
Mario Minale (past President: 2023-2025)
Anke Lindner (vice President: 2023-2025)
Mónica Oliveira (secretary: 2023-2027)
Bettina Wolf (Treasurer: 2023-2027)
Roland Kádár (Member at large: 2023-2025)
Manlio Tassieri (Member at large: 2023-2025)
Giovanni Ianniruberto (Editor of Rheologica Acta)


Election Committee

Peter Fischer (Chair: 2023-2025)
Nicolai Denkov (2023-2025)
Yannis Dimakopoulos (2023-2025)
Erin Koos (2023-2025)

Attached

- Meeting presentation (including Rheo Acta)
- EYRS slides
- AERC Lyon presentation


The secretary


The president