

The Society's Site

Announcements of the Individual European

National Rheological Societies

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The international bimonthly journal Applied Rheology offers all European rheological societies an extended platform for communication with their members and other rheologists.

Two special issues of Applied Rheology each year provide a number of pages dedicated to announcements from rheological societies. These may be a meeting announcement for the members of your society, an activity supported by your society, address changes, etc. In addition there will be also some space reserved for individual announcements. The motivation behind this offer is to collect the announcements that are usually transmitted to us by individual members of the national societies or conference organizers and then printed throughout the year in Applied Rheology.

Strict deadlines for providing information to be printed in these special issues are February 1st and August 1st, respectively. We are able to offer sending these special issues – which as usual contain scientific contributions, patents, conference calendar and conference reports, buyers guide, news – to all members of your community at a very reduced rate, or even without extra charge, depending on the current agreement between your society and Applied Rheology.

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Rheological Societies or Groups and their Home Page (if existing):

Austrian Group of Rheology
Belgian Group of Rheology
www.cit.kuleuven.ac.be/cit/ltrk/bgr.html
British Society of Rheology
www.ncl.ac.uk/rheology/bsr/index.html
Bulgarian Society of Rheology
Czech Group of Rheology
Dutch Rheological Society
www.mate.tue.nl/nrv/index.html
European Society of Rheology
www.ncl.ac.uk/rheology/esr/
French Group of Rheology
www.univ-lemans.fr/sciences/wgfr
German Society of Rheology
www.drg.bam.de/
Hellenic Society of Rheology
esperia.iesl.forth.gr/~hsr/HSRwebpage.html
Israel Society of Rheology

Italian Group of Rheology
www.dicamp.univ.trieste.it/sir/
Japanese Society of Rheology
cmasuko2.yz.yamagata-u.ac.jp/SRJ/SRJ.html
Nordic Rheology Society
www.sik.se/nrs/
Polish Society of Engineering Rheology
Portuguese Society of Rheology
Romanian Society of Rheology
Slovene Society of Rheology
Society of Rheology (USA)
www.rheology.org
Spanish Group of Rheology
reologia.us.es/index.html
Swiss Group of Rheology
www.AR.ethz.ch/FR/
Vinogradov Society of Rheology
rheo.ips.ac.ru/

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Nordic Rheology Conference 2001 Trondheim, June 13-15

The Nordic Rheology Society cordially invites all those interested in rheology to the 10th consecutive annual course and conference. Following the tradition, this anniversary conference will cover all aspects of rheology and this year, special focus has been placed on 'The rheology of mixed systems'. This theme is supposed to cover both liquid (e.g. dispersions/emulsions) as well as solid (e.g. composites/mixed gel) systems. Mixed systems of polymers from natural origin (proteins/polysaccharides) as well as those from synthetically derived polymers will be discussed.

The topics will be covered by plenary lectures by invited speakers introducing each session and by contributed papers; both oral and posters. The official language of the conference will be English. The conference will be held at the Gløshaugen campus of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU); a 20 min. walk or a 5 min. bus ride from downtown Trondheim. Accommodation will be arranged at centrally located hotels. A second circular containing more details will be distributed around February 15 next year.

TOPICS:

The conference will cover all aspects of rheology. A special topic will be the 'Rheology of mixed systems'. Call for papers: Oral as well as poster presentations in all areas of rheology are welcome to the conference. A one-page abstract should be sent to the organising committee by January 15, 2001.

RHEOLOGY COURSE, WEDNESDAY JUNE 13:

The aim of the course is to I) give an introduction to rheology and its terminology, II) show the variety of applications, and III) present some basic rheological concepts on the rheology of mixed systems. The course will be held by invited speakers one day ahead of the conference, and as of today, the list of lecturers features Dr. Leszek Utracki (NRC, Canada), Dr. Edwin Morris (University College Cork, Ireland) and Dr. Bjørn Torger Stokke (NTNU, Norway). Hopefully, this course will also give participants with varying backgrounds a nice introduction to and an improved scientific benefit from the following conference.

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CONFERENCE FEES:

The conference fee includes the Annual Transactions of the Nordic Rheology Society, conference dinner, lunches, refreshments, welcome reception and lecture notes for the rheology course:
NRS members: NOK 2000, Non members: NOK 2500,
Students: NOK 1000, Course fee: NOK 1000
and NRS Membership fee: NOK 250.

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10 Years of the NRS

Next year, 2001, will see the 10th Anniversary of the NRS. It was back in 1991 that the then Swedish rheological society expanded to become the Nordic rheology society and encompass the rest of the Nordic countries under its fold. The aim of the society since has been to act as a forum to bring rheologists from all walks of research together and allow them to discuss and collaborate. Membership of the society is made up from many varied backgrounds, including; chemists, engineers, biochemists, physicists to name but four.

For those of us with long memories, myself not included, Volume 1 of the transactions came out in 1993 at the Gothenburg meeting which was actually the second meeting of the NRS. Since then, every meeting has produced a transactions which has included all the papers that have been presented at conferences. A theme of the conferences has been held every year, usually influenced heavily by the location, but as always papers and contributions are accepted from any field of rheology. This trend is certainly set to continue with the forthcoming conference for 2001 in Trondheim.

Not only has the last decade seen great leaps in technology regarding rheological instrumentation, but communication has improved at a tremendous level – sometimes faster than we can cope with. However, embracing this new technology the Society has its own dedicated internet site; <http://www.nordicrheologysociety.org> where information from general rheology to specific member interests are covered. The site also supplies links to journals and purveyors of rheological equipment. Indeed details of the next conference are already posted on the site, with the prospect of registering online to occur soon.

From a personal point, I joined the society in 1996. Having attended all meetings since I can say that as a relative baby of the society and a non Nordic national I have found the society very welcoming. Regarding the aim to act as a forum for the Nordic rheologists I think the society excels here. I now have a contact network that covers the Nordic countries and includes colleagues and friends from other backgrounds that I would otherwise not have met.

As we approach the second decade of the society then, I hope the successes of the last decade will be built upon. I look forward to meeting and hearing more internationally renowned speakers at our conferences, but above all being a part of a growing dynamic society. Let us all step boldly into the next 10 years and work to make them as successful as the first.

Niall W.G.Young

Rheology Awards

NRS may present two awards a year and all members of NRS are encouraged to propose nominees. The 'Carl Klason Rheology Award' and the 'Young Rheologists Award' are given to persons active in the Nordic countries. The Carl Klason Rheology Award has been given to Leif Bohlin, Ole Hassager, Annika Sahlström, Birger Drake, Søren Hvidt and Ole Kramer.

The Carl Klason Rheology Award amounting to 5000 DKK may be given to a person who either:

- a. has made outstanding contributions to the basic understanding of rheological phenomena or to the application of rheology, or
- b. has made outstanding contributions to the progress of rheology in one or more of the Nordic countries.

The Young Rheologists Award with 3000 DKK may be given to a young person who has made outstanding work in basic or applied rheology at the graduate or postgraduate level.

The current members of the Award Committee are: Anne-Marie Hermansson, SIK, Göteborg, Kurt-Ingar Draget, NTNU, Trondheim, Ole Hassager, DTU, Lyngby

A letter describing the nominee and a motivation can be sent to the NRS secretary or president at any time.

Student Travel Grants

Students participating in the Nordic Rheology Conference are encouraged to apply for a travel grant from NRS. The grant amounts to 2000 DKK and is only available for undergraduate and graduate students. An application should be sent to the NRS secretary or president together with a declaration of student status.

Peter Szabo