

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.cit.kuleuven.ac.be/cit/ltrk/bgr.html)

British Society of Rheology

[www.innfm.swan.ac.uk/bsr](http://www.innfm.swan.ac.uk/bsr)

Bulgarian Society of Rheology

Chinese Society of Rheology

[www.rheology.org.cn/](http://www.rheology.org.cn/)

Czech Group of Rheology

Dutch Rheological Society

[www.mate.tue.nl/nrv](http://www.mate.tue.nl/nrv)

European Society of Rheology

[www.rheology-esr.org/](http://www.rheology-esr.org/)

French Group of Rheology

[www.univ-lemans.fr/sciences/wgfr](http://www.univ-lemans.fr/sciences/wgfr)

German Society of Rheology

[www.drg.bam.de/](http://www.drg.bam.de/)

Hellenic Society of Rheology

<http://esperia.iesl.forth.gr/~hsr/HSR.html>

Israel Society of Rheology

Italian Society of Rheology

[www.sir-reologia.com/](http://www.sir-reologia.com/)

Japanese Society of Rheology

[cmasuko2.yz.yamagata-u.ac.jp/SRJ/SRJ.html](http://cmasuko2.yz.yamagata-u.ac.jp/SRJ/SRJ.html)

Nordic Rheology Society

[www.nordicrheologyociety.org](http://www.nordicrheologyociety.org)

Polish Society of Engineering Rheology

Portuguese Society of Rheology

Romanian Society of Rheology

[www.reologie.ro](http://www.reologie.ro)

Slovene Society of Rheology

Society of Rheology (USA)

[www.rheology.org](http://www.rheology.org)

Spanish Group of Rheology

[reologia.us.es/index.html](http://reologia.us.es/index.html)

Swiss Group of Rheology

[www.AR.ethz.ch/FR/](http://www.AR.ethz.ch/FR/)

Vinogradov Society of Rheology

[www.ips.ac.ru/rheo](http://www.ips.ac.ru/rheo)

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## International Committee on Rheology (ICR)

### ■ The Secretary's Report 2012

This report on the status of rheological activity worldwide is compiled in preparation for the XVI<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Rheology, which will take place at Lisbon August 5–10, 2012. The International Committee on Rheology (ICR) was founded in 1953 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Rheology in Oxford, UK. The members of the ICR are the National or Transnational Rheology Groups represented by delegates. The officers of the ICR are the Chairman and the Secretary. By tradition, the Chairman is one of the key organizers of the most recent International Congress on Rheology, who serves from the conclusion of that Congress until the conclusion of the next succeeding Congress. The current Chairman is Prof. Gerald (Gerry) G. Fuller, Stanford, USA, co-chair of the XV<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Rheology, which took place at Monterey, USA, in 2008.

According to its by-laws, the purpose of the ICR is to represent the interests of organized groups of rheologists and of individual rheologists throughout the world with respect to the international aspects of exchange of information, dissemination of knowledge, and the development of the science of rheology. In pursuit of these goals it decides on the location and approximate time for the quadrennial International Congresses on Rheology and special international meetings between such Congresses, assists the host group in the planning and organization of such Congresses or meetings by providing information, assistance on publicity, encourages the information of national societies or groups concerned with rheology by providing interested individuals with information and contacts, and undertakes to establish and maintain contact with other international bodies as needed to further the interests of rheologists and the science of rheology.

The science of rheology is well-represented throughout the world. The major rheology meetings in North America, Europe, and Asia continue to attract greater numbers of registrants. The 2008 Congress at Monterey attracted more than 1000 participants from around the globe, making it the largest such Congress on record, and we look forward to an equally successful International Congress in Lisbon in 2012. This healthy growth in the rheological community reflects the vital position of our science in addressing world-wide technological challenges in energy, the environment, and manufacturing.

As developing countries grow their economies, opportunities to establish societies of rheology and rheology user groups emerge. A principal purpose of the International Committee on Rheology is to offer support to such activities. By a donation of the Korean Society of Rheology, a permanent website of the ICR with important information and direct links to all member society could be established at <http://www.icr.tu-berlin.de>. The Society of Rheology has also responded to this charge, and offered support for funding outreach activities that show the promise of establishing viable societies and groups of rheology throughout the world.

In this respect, the past four years have seen several important developments. The Southern African Society of Rheology established in 2006 and having organized a number of important meetings, was voted into membership in 2008. In 2009, the Romanian Society of Rheology was established and after its successful inaugural meeting organized by Prof. Corneliu Balan of Bucharest, was voted into ICR membership. Recent expansion of the Brazilian economy has led to a subsequent increased need of rheological research and development. On the initiative of Professor Paulo Mendes of Rio de Janeiro, and helped by the enthusiastic support of the current ICR chairman, a Brazilian Society of Rheology was established in 2010, and became a member of the ICR. Most recently, at the Complex Fluids Symposium at IIT-Guwahati, India, in January 2012, the Indian Society of Rheology, which was inactive for several years, was re-initiated. President is Dr. Ashish Lele. Presently, there are close to 130 members of the complex fluids community in India, and the Society intends to work towards improving the industry-academia connect in India in the area of rheology and complex fluids. This will be partly done by organizing at least two training programs every year on the principles and applications of rheology to several focus segments of Indian industry such as plastics, paints, food, personal care products and mining.

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The current roster of active member societies of the ICR is given in the following, together with the foundation date:

1. The Society of Rheology (USA)	1929
2. The British Society of Rheology	1940
3. Nederlandse Reologische Vereniging	1950
4. Deutsche Rheologische Gesellschaft	1951
5. Nordic (formerly Swedish) Society of Rheology	1956
6. Australian Society of Rheology	1959
7. Arbeitsgruppe Rheologische Gesellschaft Österreich. Chemiker	1959
8. Groupe Français de Rhéologie	1964
9. Rheology Group of the Czechoslovak Chemical Society	1970
10. Societa Italiana de Reologia	1971
11. The Society of Rheology, Japan	1973
12. Belgian Group of Rheology	1974
13. Sociedad Mexicana de Reologia	1975
14. Israël Society of Rheology	1980
15. Grupo Espanol de Reologia	1981
16. Canadian Rheology Group/Groupe Canadien de Rhéologie	1982
17. Indian Society of Rheology	1983
18. Chinese Society of Rheology	1985
19. Slovene Society of Rheology	1987
20. Korean Society of Rheology	1989
21. Swiss Group of Rheology	1990
22. Vinogradov Society of Rheology	1991
23. Hellenic Society of Rheology	1998
24. Portuguese Society of Rheology	1998
25. Southern African Society of Rheology	2006
26. Romanian Society of Rheology	2009
27. Brazilian Society of Rheology	2010

With 27 active member societies organized by honorary members of boards and officers, with a total of some 6000 individual members, with important international journals dedicated to the science of rheology, the field can be considered being in a healthy state.

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