BY-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL

COMMITTEE ON RHEOLOGY

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1. PURPOSE

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 this goal it will:

A. Decide on the location and approximate time for periodic International Congresses on Rheology and special international meetings between such Congresses.

B. Entertain invitations from groups or individuals to host such Congresses or meetings, and decide in each case which invitation to accept.

C. Assist the host group in the planning and organization of such Congresses or meetings by providing information, assistance on publicity, etc.

D. Undertake such activities concerned with nomenclature, standards, documentation, etc. as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

E. When appropriate, encourage the information of national societies or groups concerned with rheology by providing interested individuals with information and contacts.

F. Undertake to establish and maintain contact with other international bodies as needed to further the interests of rheologists and the science of rheology.

2. MEMBERS

A. The members of the ICR shall be the societies and groups listed here, plus additional societies and groups admitted as provided in 2B below:

The Society of Rheology (U.S.A.)
Groupe Français de Rhéologie (France)
British Society of Rheology (U.K.)
Deutsche Rheologische Gesellschaft (Fed. Rep. of Germany)
Deutsche Rheologen-Vereinigung (Fed. Rep. of Germany)

(combined with DRG, April 28, 1975)
Nederlandse Reologische Vereniging (Netherlands)
Committee on Rheology of the Society of Polymer Science (Japan)
Committee on Rheology of the Society of Materials Science (Japan)
(membership assumed by Society of Rheology, Japan, May 21, 1973)
Sektion Rheologie, Verein _sterreichischer Chemiker (Austria)
(name changed to Arbeitsgruppe Rheologie 1974)
British Society of Rheology in Australia (now the Australian Society of Rheology, 1983)
Reologisektionen inom Svenska Nationalkommitten f r Mekanik (Sweden) (now the Nordic Society of Rheology, 1992)

B. Other societies or groups may be admitted by a favorable vote of 2/3 of the Delegates defined in 3. The criterion used in judging the suitability of a group for membership shall be a membership large and active enough to make it reasonable for the group to host an international Congress or meeting on rheology.

C. The most recent Past Chairman living shall be an ex-officio member of the ICR without vote.

D. Associate Members (without vote) may be elected at any time by the Committee. Such Associate Members shall be individuals resident in a country without a member organization of the ICR who will contribute to achieving the objectives of the ICR. The term of each Associate Member shall be established by the Committee at the time of its election.

E. Honorary Members (without vote) may be elected by the Committee at any time. They shall be individuals who have been particularly influential in the formation or development of the ICR. Such elections shall be for life.

F. Observers may be invited to any meeting of the ICR by the Chairman.

3. DELEGATES AND VOTING

A. Each member society or group shall be represented by a single Delegate EXCEPT THAT there shall be no more than one Delegate to the ICR from any one country. In case two or more groups in a single country are members, they shall jointly designate a single Delegate. Delegates shall be certified to the Secretary of the ICR by the Secretary or other appropriate officer of the member group. The term of each delegate shall commence on receipt of such certification by the Secretary, and continue until a successor is certified in the same manner.
[The Bureau of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics shall be entitled to name a representative to ICR who will have the same voting privileges as a Delegate of a member of ICR. (Amendment adopted by all eleven

members, November 1972-March 1973. Effective upon Affiliation with IUTAM, September 10, 1974)].

B. All questions except admission of new members or Congress site selection or amendment of these By-Laws shall be decided by a majority of the Delegates present at a meeting of the ICR called by the Chairman provided a quorum of 2/3 of the Delegates is present, OR by a mail ballot, in which case a majority of *all* Delegates shall be required. A Delegate may designate an alternate for any given meeting by written notice delivered to the Secretary at or before the meeting *unless* the Delegate's organization has specifically reserved to itself the power to appoint the alternate.

C. Selection of the site of an International Congress shall be decided by a majority vote of three regional unions. The three regions shall be the Americas, Europe/Africa and Asia/Australia, and each regional union shall represent the member societies and groups in that region. Normally the Congress site shall rotate in turn around the three regions. A proposal to hold a Congress shall reach the Secretary no later than six months before the ICR meets to select the site.

4. OFFICERS

The officers of the ICR shall be a Chairman and a Secretary elected by the Delegates at the time of each periodic Congress to serve from the conclusion of that Congress until the conclusion of the next succeeding Congress.

The Chairman, of the time of his or her election, shall be a member of one of the member groups of the ICR. The Secretary need not be a member of a member group or a Delegate or an Associate Member. The Chairman and Secretary may, at the option of their respective member groups, also serve as the Delegates of those groups during their terms. If not so selected, they shall not have a vote except that the Chairman shall resolve any tie vote.

In the case of disability or death of the Chairman, the most recent Past Chairman living (an ex-officio member) shall assume the duties of Chairman until the Chairman can resume the duties of office or until the Delegates select a successor. In the case of disability of the Secretary, the Chairman shall name a successor to serve until the Secretary can resume the duties of office or until the end of the Secretary’s term.

5. DUES

No dues or assessments shall be levied by the ICR on its member groups or Associate Members, and the ICR shall not make any commitments which would imply such liability.

6. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by any Delegate or Associate Member by submitting the proposed amendment in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary shall transmit copies of the proposed amendment to all Delegates, with information copies to Associate Members. Delegates shall vote, within three months, on the question of a formal submission of the proposed amendment to the member groups. If a majority of Delegates approve such submission, the proposal shall be submitted to the member groups through their Delegates. A 2/3 vote of the member groups, transmitted to the Secretary by their Delegates, shall be required for adoption of the amendment. In case two or more groups in a single country are members, they shall jointly cast a single vote and shall be counted as a single member in calculating the number of votes required for a 2/3 majority.

7. ADOPTION OF THESE BY-LAWS

These By-Laws shall be deemed adopted and in effect on receipt by the Secretary of the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the member groups as listed in 2A, EXCEPT THAT no group in this list which has not voted to accept these By-Laws shall be deemed a member unless and until it has signified to the Secretary that it will accept such membership.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ACCEPTED PER 2B

Group of Rheology of the Czechoslovak Chemical Society, November 1970.
Societa Italiana di Reologia, May 1971
Belgian Group of Rheology, May 1976
Sociedad Mexicana de Reologia, January 1980
Israel Society of Rheology, September 1980
Associacion Argentina de Reologia, October 1984 (inactive)
Canadian Rheology Group, October 1984
Indian Society of Rheology, October 1984 (inactive)
Grupo Espanol de Reologia, October 1984
Chinese Society of Rheology, March 1988
Slovene Society of Rheology, March 1988
Soviet Society of Rheology, July 1991
(now the Vinogradov Society of Rheology, 1992)
Swiss Group on Rheology, August 1994
Hellenic Society of Rheology, July 1998
Italian Society of Rheology, June 1999
(new organization after original 1971 Society disbanded in 1996)
Portuguese Society of Rheology, August 2000
Southern African Society of Rheology, August 2008
Romanian Society of Rheology, October 2009
Brazilian Society of Rheology, October 2010