

Protocol of the Annual Meeting of PGS Rheology Group on October 12, 1999, at ETH Zurich

For the annual meeting 12 members of the Rheology Group were present, in addition to the executive committee which consisted of Dr. D. Hajdistamov, Dr. A. Luciani and Prof. E.J. Windhab. Prof. H.C. Oettinger was excused.

E. Windhab welcomed the attendees and presented the agenda for the meeting:

1. Report on the activities of the Rheology Group from 10/98 to 10/99.
2. Financial report of the Rheology Group per 10/1/99
3. Update of the Bulletin published by the British Society of Rheology
4. Events in 2000

1.

The reporting on the activities in 1999 was done by E. Windhab and A. Luciani. The Spring '99 meeting at Nestlé Research Centre in Lausanne with over 100 participants and an excellent scientific program was a full success. E. Windhab thanked A. Luciani and Dr. Ian Roberts of Nestlé again for the proficient organisation of this event.

Also, this fall meeting, which ended just before the annual meeting of the Rheology Group, was successful with approx. 40 participants and a high-quality program of scientific presentations and posters.

E. Windhab informed that in 1999 the Italian colleagues received their membership in the European Society of Rheology.

2.

The financial report for the period 10/98 to 10/99 shows a positive development due to the high numbers of participants of the Spring '99 meeting in Lausanne. The total income in these 12 months amounted up to Sfr. 3'536,60. Total expenditures of Sfr. 2'768,85 occurred in the same time period, which leaves a positive balance of Sfr. 767,75. Thus the total amount of funds available now to the Rheology Group is Sfr. 4'812,80.

3.

The British Society of Rheology informs that their bulleting will now be published three times/year (i.e. 4/15, 8/15, 12/15). The annual subscription fee for national rheological societies has been raised to £5.00 per member.

If the national rheological societies are interested in a subscription under the newly announced conditions, £5.00 per registered member have to be paid in advance.

As an alternative the bulletin can be downloaded electronically and copies for members can be printed as needed. The clear majority of the members voted for ordering the bulletin from the British Society of Rheology.

4.

E. Windhab announced three important up-coming events in 2000:

- a) 12 – 16/3/2000 Second International Symposium on Food Rheology and Structure
At ETH Zurich, organized by the ETH Institute of Food Science in collaboration with the Swiss F.I.T. Rheo-Center.

- b) 14 – 18/8/2000 Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamics and Complex Fluids
Summer School at Oxford (Cabrul College).
Prof. H.C. Oettinger will be among the lecturers.

- c) 20 – 25/8/2000 Eighth International Congress on Rheology
Cambridge, UK

There were no further issues posted under “varia”. Prof. E. Windhab closed the meeting at approx. 1600h.

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Prof. Dr.-Ing. E.J. Windhab