

## CONSTITUTION of the Asia Pacific Society of Rheology (APSR)

The General Assembly adopted this constitution in Kobe on July 24, 2025, during the A-PRCR 2025 meeting, with the founding societies comprising The Australian Society of Rheology, The Canadian Society of Rheology, The Chinese Society of Rheology, The Indian Society of Rheology, The Society of Rheology, Japan, and The Korean Society of Rheology.

### Definition

Membership in the Asia Pacific Society of Rheology (referred to as "The Society") is open to all national societies and groups dedicated to rheology in Asia and the Pacific Rim (referred to as "Rheology Groups") that belong to the International Committee on Rheology. The Society may terminate membership if financial obligations or other duties are not fulfilled. A Rheology Group may choose to revoke their membership only at the end of a calendar year. In the event of the dissolution of The Society, any remaining assets of The Society will go to the International Committee of Rheology.

### The aims of The Society

1. Encourage collaboration in rheology among the Asia Pacific and international communities.
2. Promote rheology at national and international levels, including seeking funding for research, education, and training.
3. Oversee the organization of the Asia Pacific Rheology Conference and delegate its organization to a Rheology Group.
4. Gather information about conferences and other rheological activities and share it through a website and other appropriate channels.
5. Explore the possibility of publishing materials and consider how Rheology Groups and their members can access them.

### Committee

The Committee will comprise one Representative from each Rheology Group that is part of The Society. The Representatives for the Rheology Groups will be appointed in any way the Rheology Groups choose, without restrictions imposed by The Society. The Committee will convene at each Asia Pacific Rheology Conference, International Congress on Rheology, and other necessary occasions. Decisions of the Committee will be made, whenever possible, through a consensus. If a vote is required, it shall be decided by a qualified majority. This is defined as more than half of those eligible to vote. Decisions may be taken following a postal ballot, with communications to the Secretary by electronic mail.

## Officers

The Committee elects Officers, who are not necessarily elected from among the Representatives. The Officers consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They are elected for a two-year term and form the Executive Committee. The appointment of Secretary and Treasurer shall be possible for three successive terms (up to 6 years), and the date of the appointment for these two officers will be staggered to ensure the continuity of the management. The Executive Committee is expected to meet at least once a year (including online) to implement the policies and decisions of The Society as stipulated in this constitution. Officers typically begin and end their terms at the Asia-Pacific Rheology Conference or the International Conference on Rheology (ICR). The committee may appoint additional Officers as needed. Officers may hold multiple positions concurrently, except for the President.

## Dues

The activities of The Society are supported by registration fees collected at conferences organized by The Society, such as the Asia-Pacific Conference on Rheology and other conferences. The amount is decided on a case-by-case basis through consultation between The Committee and the organizing committee of each conference.

## Amendments

The APSR constitution may change in order to better serve the aims of The Society. Any Rheology Groups may propose amendments by writing to The Officers. All amendments to the constitution shall be approved by a qualified majority vote of The Committee.

## Compliance Clause

Any matters not specified in this constitution shall be governed by the regulations of the International Committee on Rheology (ICR).