

Rules for Awarding Scientific Honors - Asia Pacific Society of Rheology (APSR)

1. Introduction

The Asia Pacific Society of Rheology (APSR) presents prestigious awards to acknowledge exceptional contributions to the field of rheology, usually on an annual basis, but in any event not more often. These highly esteemed awards honor innovative and distinguished scientific research conducted by persons primarily from the member countries of APSR who are also members of an associated rheology society.

2. Types of Awards

a. The APSR Jade Medal

The APSR Jade Medal recognizes the outstanding and innovative contributions made by APSR members to rheological research. Recipients are honored for their exceptional work, which has advanced the understanding of material behavior, flow, and deformation and has left a lasting impact on the field.

b. The APSR Opal Medal

The APSR Opal Medal acknowledges APSR members who have made significant contributions to the field of rheology through their research. This prestigious award recognizes scientific achievement and aims to inspire further advancements from promising researchers. The recipient must be within 12 years of Full-Time Equivalent since PhD completion.

c. The APSR Boger Medal

The APSR Boger Medal recognizes APSR members who have made outstanding achievements in applying fundamental research on rheology to industrial processes, materials, and design, and in addressing societal priorities and challenges in engineering or industrial rheology.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for APSR awards, candidates must:

- Be members of APSR societies in good standing.
- Have demonstrated outstanding research achievements in rheology.
- Show creativity, originality, and impact in their work.

4. Nomination and Selection Process

a. Nomination

- No member of the APSR executive committee should be eligible for nomination.
- Except for APSR executive committee members, any member of an APSR-associated rheology society is eligible to submit a nomination.
- The nomination should consist of a single file collating the following
 - i. A nomination letter of 3 pages or less, stating the award nominated for and explaining the reasons for the nomination, the nominee's research accomplishments, and their impact on the field.
 - ii. A resume of the nominees of no more than 10 pages.
 - iii. One additional supporting letter (2 pages or less).
 - iv. For the nomination to the Boger Medal, a letter from relevant industry partners is recommended. Additional documents are suggested to describe a) evidence of sustained collaboration with industry, government, or community partners, b) translation and adoption of research outcomes, c) patents, IP licenses, commercialization pathways, or investment outcomes, and/or d) recognition through awards, external advisory roles, or board memberships.

b. Selection Committee

- The President of APSR consults with the APSR executive committee to select the chair of the Awards Committee and other members. After an initial phase, the total number of members should be no less than five, with more than half from the Asia-Pacific region.
- No member of the APSR executive committee should serve on the awards committee.
- All members of the Awards Committee must declare any potential conflicts of interest prior to reviewing nominations. A conflict includes, but is not limited to, co-authorship within the past five years, current or recent collaboration, supervisory or familial relationships, or joint funding. Any affected member must recuse themselves from the evaluation and decision-making process for the relevant nomination.
- The APSR Awards Committee reviews nominations received by the deadline. The committee evaluates the quality, significance, and impact of the nominees' work and delivers its ranked recommendation for each award to the President of APSR.
- The President consults with the APSR executive committee to ratify the recommendations.
- Unsuccessful nominees will be considered again in the following year and the nominator may update their nomination materials.

5. Announcement and Presentation

The awardees are notified by the APSR President and normally are expected to attend the following APSR meeting to receive their award and make a plenary or keynote presentation. If attendance is not possible, the award may be presented at another relevant event.

6. Monetary Package

A monetary prize for each award, an amount determined by the Executive Committee, subject to the provision that this amount may not be adjusted more than twice in any five years, shall accompany the Medal.

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