



Asia Pacific Society of Rheology

The Opal Medal (2026) Laureate

Dr. Jun Dong Park

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The Asia Pacific Society of Rheology is delighted to announce the award of the inaugural (2026) Opal Medal to **Dr. Jun Dong Park**. Dr. Park is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul.

The award is in recognition of Dr. Park's outstanding contributions to nonlinear rheology and structure-property relations, e.g., for colloidal gels. The award committee was impressed by the coherence of Dr. Park's work across scales and methods, with particle-level dynamics, bulk rheology, and applications in processing (e.g., Li-ion battery electrode slurries) all addressed. Through these various methods of study, Dr. Park has provided mechanistic insight into the basis of rheological properties and a methodological framework for coupling methods to establish such insights.

The APSR Executive congratulates Dr. Park, and we sincerely thank the Award committee, consisting of Professors Jeff Morris (chair), Hiroshi Watanabe, Evelyne Van Ruymbeke, and Ravi Jagadeeshan, for their difficult task of selecting amongst a strong group of nominees. Dr. Park's nomination was submitted by Professor Jaewook Nam of Seoul National University.

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