

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF RHEOLOGY

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Details

Other names ESR

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN RHEOLOGY BY SUCH MEANS AS ARE CHARITABLE BY LAW.

Activities: The Aims of the European Society of Rheology are, to encourage European, and wider international, collaboration in all aspects of rheology. To promote rheology and be active at national and international level in seeking funds for rheological research, education and training. To act as a steering body for the European Rheology Conference.

Classification

- **How:** Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Austria
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Iceland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Scotland
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £16,206 | £1,797 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £20,586 | £1,153 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £1,129 | £878 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £481 | £35 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £429 | £655 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|
| Dr Christian Clasen | Chair | 2024-02-15 |
| Dr Anke Lindner | | 2024-02-15 |
| Dr Bettina Wolf | | 2017-04-07 |
| Dr Mario Minale | | 2019-04-15 |

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AERC Leeds, Wednesday, 10 April 2024; 17:00 18:30

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3 April 2024

Treasurer's Report

01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

This financial report covers the 12 months period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. At the end of this financial year, the total fund of the Society stands at £ 61,204.55. Based on a sterling-euro transfer rate of 1.17 this equals € 71,609.32. The fund at the beginning of this financial year was £ 41,437.14 or € 48,481.45.

Member subscription of € 40 each was obtained from 3 members equating to € 120. Other significant income was:

- £ 5,025.85 or € 6000 from Erasmus Conferences & Events SA, organisers of ICR 2023,
- £ 2,505.31 or € 3000 from Anton Paar for the Rheologica Acta award,
- £1,097.24 or € 1320.50 from the Italian Society of Rheology as proceeds from EYRS 2023,
- £10,671.19 or € 12860 from the Spanish Society of Rheology as the proceeds of AERC2022.

Banking fees of £ 30 were incurred, charged to resolve two incidences of fraud. We received transfer requests that were acted upon but then identified as fraud. All funds were redirected to our accounts. Interest (gross) gained on the Business Instant Access account was £ 369.56. Charity Commission Annual return figures, for period 01 Jan - 31 Dec 2023, are incoming payments totalling £ 29,115.54 and outgoing payments totalling £ 9,682.73.

All financial dealings throughout the year have been conducted by direct bank transfer.

Accordingly, the position of the Society is commended to you as buoyant, covering the financial and organizational procedures outlined above.

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