Looking ahead towards IWMC2024

The 23rd International Water Mist Conference will take place in Antwerp, Belgium, on 18th and 19th September 2024. The conference venue will be The Radisson Blu Astrid Hotel in the centre of the Belgian capital. Organizer of the event is – as always – the International Water Mist Association (IWMA).

Bettina McDowell, IWMA general manager, says: "This is the first time we will be in Belgium with our event, and we are very excited."

The schedule, thus the most important key dates, has been published. The call for papers will be published on 15th January. The deadline to hand in abstracts is 15th May. Exhibition space can be booked from 15th January onwards. The conference webpage will go live on 15th May. IWMA will publish the conference programme on 1st August and the early bird period will end on 14th August.

Bettina McDowell comments: "We expect over 100 delegates especially from the Benelux countries but also from much further away. And we plan to set up an interesting and informative agenda for them, again with some out of the box presentations and – if it makes sense – a panel discussion."

The submitted abstracts will be evaluated by the IWMA Scientific Council under the auspices of the new council chair Max Lakkonen (IFAB). The IWMA Scientific Council will also assess the applications for the "Ragnar Wighus Award". In 2024, this award will go to the author of the best master thesis dealing with water mist. The winner will be invited to the conference to introduce the winning thesis. The award also entails a prize money of 1,000.00 Euros.

Deadline to hand in synopses is 29th March 2024. The rules to enter the competition can be downloaded from the IWMA webpage.

On the day before the conference, the members of the association will come together to elect a new chairman. Are Wendelborg Brandt, who currently holds this position, will have to step down after two terms. He was elected in 2018, then re-lected in 2021. This means that a new chairwoman or chairman will open and close the event.