

## IWMA elects new Scientific Council chair

During their annual meeting, the members of the International Water Mist Association (IWMA) have elected a new chair. His name: Max Lakkonen, the Managing Director of IFAB – the Institute for Applied Fire Safety Research based in Berlin, Germany. He has been involved with IWMA since 2005 and he has been serving as IWMA's representative in the NFPA 750 technical committee since 2009.

The IWMA Scientific Council is a group of well experienced fire

protection scientists and engineers from testing laboratories, authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs), research institutes and universities around the world. It provides advisory input to IWMA on technical and scientific matters, evaluates the IWMA conference abstracts, applications for the IWMA Young Talent Award and offers guidance to the water mist industry. It also participates in research programmes and provides technical and scientific guidance to the fire protection industry,

especially when related to water mist systems or best practices.

Max Lakkonen says: "I am honoured to continue the excellent work of Bert Yu (FM Global), the former Chair of the Scientific Council. As the newly appointed Chair, my objective is to leverage my experience to enhance the water mist industry. Together, as a Scientific Council, we are committed to serving the fire protection industry in all matters related to water mist systems."