



2026 **WMC**  
International Water Mist Conference



# 25<sup>th</sup> International Water Mist Conference

Prague, Czech Republic

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026

The Grand International Hotel Prague



## PROGRAMME

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### Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026

<b>15.00</b>	IWMA annual Member Meeting (welcome coffee at 14.30)
<b>19.00</b>	IWMA annual Member Meeting dinner (IWMA Members and invited guests)

### Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2026\*

<b>8.00</b>	Registration and start of day 1
<b>9.00</b>	<b>Welcoming address and industry review 2026</b> Max Lakkonen, IWMA President / IFAB, Germany
<b>9.30</b>	<b>Keynote</b> František Kregl, President of PCFP (Professed Chamber of Fire Protection Czech Republic)

#### Session 1 – Research and Future Perspectives in Water Mist

Moderator: Kemal Arsava

<b>9.50</b>	<b>Presentation of the Ragnar Wighus Award Winner 2026</b> (the name of the winner will be announced on 15th June)
<b>10.10</b>	<b>Ragnar Wighus Award (Presentation)</b> (the title of the presentation will be announced on 15th June)
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Towards modelling the interaction of under-ventilated fire with water mist – Case: Notre Dame</b> Benjamin Truchot, Ineris, France
<b>10.50</b>	Q&A
<b>11.00</b>	Coffee break (networking & exhibition)
<b>11.30</b>	<b>SafeBESS Research Project</b> Kristian Hox, RISE Norway
<b>11.50</b>	<b>An experimental investigation of high-pressure water mist system for suppressing hydrocarbon pool fires in confined spaces</b> Debasish Chowdhury, Victoria University, Australia
<b>12.10</b>	<b>Water mist performance for electric vehicle fires in parking garages: A CFD-based assessment</b> Patricio Valdés Gacitúa, MAPA Fire Engineering, Chile
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Water mist turbines: Extending the capabilities of water mist systems</b> Francesco Fritz, EMI Controls, Italy
<b>12.50</b>	Q&A
<b>13:00</b>	Lunch break (networking & exhibition)

#### Session 2 – Water Mist Standards, Components and Applications

Moderator: Lee Haines

<b>14.15</b>	<b>EN 14972 – Status 2026 and new applications</b> Luciano Nigro, Jensen Hughes, Italy
<b>14.35</b>	<b>FM developments and updates</b> Jonathan Carpenter, FM Approvals, USA
<b>14.55</b>	<b>New IWMA Water Mist Competence Scheme</b> Guy Briscoe, iCO Products, UK
<b>15.15</b>	<b>Preventative maintenance with test programme to secure water mist performance during the lifecycle</b> Sami Autero, Marioff Corporation, Finland

15.35	Q&A
15.45	Coffee Break (networking & exhibition)
16.15	<b>Project-based expansion of the application of water mist installations outside DIOM with laboratory and onsite tests</b> Alicia Knijnenburg and Jaap Wijnia, Peutz Consult, Netherlands
16.35	<b>HC2/HC3 approval as a new chapter in water mist market development</b> Gniewosz Siemiątkowski, VID Firekill, Denmark
16.55	Q&A
17.00	<b>Panel Discussion: Annex A – Risk or opportunity for the water mist industry</b> Moderator: Max Lakkonen
17.45	<b>Closing of day 1</b>
18.00	<b>Reception in the exhibition area (all participants are invited!)</b>

### Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026\*

9.00	Opening and start of day 2
<b>Session 3 – Water Mist in the modern World</b> Moderator: Ann Micheli	
9.00	<b>Industrial oil fryer protection with water mist</b> Dirk Laibach, Johnson Controls International, Germany
9.30	<b>Classic luxury, modern safety: Ultra Fog on the Orient Express</b> Massimo Farnesi, Ultra Fog, Italy
10.00	<b>State of the art fire protection for the iconic Centre of Islamic Civilization in Tashkent</b> Rüdiger Kopp, Fogtec, Germany
10.30	Coffee break (networking & exhibition)
11.00	<b>Water mist fire protection system for the protection of turbo compressor and oil management in industrial premises</b> Pavel Hospodka, KLIKA_BP Gas Systems, Czech Republic
11.30	<b>Example of integration of a high-pressure water mist system in a wooden high-rise building</b> Michael Bindreiter, Aquasys, Austria
12.00	<b>Firetest 2026 – Results &amp; Water Mist Fire Suppression for photovoltaic systems in Slovakia</b> Simona Kalinovská, 3MON, Slovakia
12.30	Closing international part and transition to workshop
12.45	Lunch break (networking & exhibition)
<b>Session 4 – Workshop: Design and Application of Water Mist Systems</b>	
14.00	<b>Classification and design principles for water mist systems</b>
14.20	<b>Application standards and ad-hoc testing</b>
14.40	<b>DIOMs and other applicable documents</b>
15.00	<b>Hydraulic design and pipe options</b>
15.20	Coffee break
15.50	<b>Design example – OH1</b>
16.10	<b>Design example – data centre protection</b>
16.30	<b>Commissioning and maintenance</b>

\*The conference programme is preliminary and potentially subject to change. IWMA reserves the right to make further changes to the programme without prior notice.

### Conference Location

The Grand Hotel International  
Koulova 1501/15 in 160 45 Prague 6, Czech Republic  
Phone: + 420 (0) 267 036 113

Conference room(s): Libuše + Bruncvík + Přemysl / Exhibition area: Neklan + Vlasta + Bivoj

Please go to [www.iwma.net/iwmc](http://www.iwma.net/iwmc) for further information!

#### Alternative Programme: Site Visit at the National Technical Library

The National Technical Library features an 18-year-old water mist installation. The library was the venue of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Water Mist Conference in Prague in 2010.

A guided tour will be offered for interested parties.

(Free registration through ticket shop on [www.iwma.net/iwmc](http://www.iwma.net/iwmc)!)

<b>14.15</b>	Set off for The National Technical Library
<b>14.30</b>	Arrival at The National Technical Library
<b>15.00</b>	End of site visit and return to the conference hotel
<b>15.30</b>	Arrival at the conference hotel

#### IWMA Family Dinner in the “Castle District of Prague” / Hradčany (self-payer event)

Join IWMA President Max Lakkonen and IWMA CEO Bettina McDowell for an evening out in a restaurant in the castle district of Prague (Hradčany) called “Kuchyn” where traditional Czech food is served.

Only a limited number of tickets are available in the ticket shop on [www.iwma.net/iwmc](http://www.iwma.net/iwmc)!

<b>18.30</b>	Shuttle to set off for the restaurant
<b>19.00</b>	Arrival at the restaurant
<b>22.00</b>	Shuttle to set off for the ride back to the conference hotel

**Accommodation:** Participants are responsible for their own hotel arrangements. However, IWMA has blocked rooms at The Grand Hotel International at a special rate for delegates. Please contact IWMA for booking code or go directly to [www.iwma.net/iwmc](http://www.iwma.net/iwmc) (“ACCOMMODATION - Book your room here”!)

**Tickets:** Please register online via [www.iwma.net/iwmc](http://www.iwma.net/iwmc) (“REGISTRATION - Buy your ticket here!”)

**Conference Fees:** Participants will be charged the following fees:

<b>Members of IWMA</b>	
Payment before 1 <sup>st</sup> August	630.00 €
Payment after 1 <sup>st</sup> August	700.00 €
<b>Non-Members</b>	
Payment before 1 <sup>st</sup> August	690.00 €
Payment after 1 <sup>st</sup> August	750.00 €
<b>Day 2 only (includes workshop)</b>	160.00 €
<b>Speakers (presentation only)</b>	450.00 €
<b>Speakers (presentation and paper)</b>	350.00 €
<b>IWMA Member Dinner (6<sup>th</sup> October)</b>	50.00 €
<b>IWMA Family Dinner (8<sup>th</sup> October)</b>	99.00 €

**Students:** IWMA offers a limited number of free tickets exclusively for students. Once these are taken, additional student tickets will be available at reduced rates, starting from €50.

**Groups:** Special group discounts are available. Please contact the IWMA head office for more information.

**Modes of Payment:** Tickets can be purchased using a (company) credit card, by invoice, or through other payment options shown during the registration process. For more details, please contact the conference secretariat.

**Further Information:**

Conference Reception and Exhibition: All participants are invited to the reception on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> October 18:00 at The Grand International Hotel.

The Conference Webpage: [www.iwma.net/iwmc](http://www.iwma.net/iwmc)

Conference Hashtag: #IWMC2026

Conference Material: The conference sessions / presentations will be made available after the conference under: <https://iwma.net/publications/conference-papers>

Sponsorship / Exhibition: Interested parties will have the opportunity to sponsor the event and / or take part in the exhibition. Please download the flyer from [www.iwma.net/iwmc](http://www.iwma.net/iwmc) (scroll down to „INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS“) or go to [www.iwma.net](http://www.iwma.net) and then „Events / IWMC 2026 and click „Read more“.

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