

ANNOUNCEMENT

The “Ragnar Wighus Award 2025”

Since 2016, the International Water Mist Association (IWMA) bestows an award to promote young talents. The title of this award is “Ragnar Wighus Award”. In 2025, the award will go to the author of the best Ph.D. thesis:

“Ragnar Wighus Award / Ph.D.”

The prize is awarded once a year. The prize itself includes:

- an invitation to the annual international water mist conference (24th International Water Mist Conference in Manchester, UK, on 24th and 25th September 2025)
- a slot to present the thesis
- travel and accommodation expenses*
- a prize money of 1,000.00 €

Please note: One year the best master thesis will be honored, the following year the person having handed in the best Ph.D. thesis will be rewarded.

Deadline to hand in your submission will be: 31st March 2025

In 2025, the best Ph.D. thesis dealing with water mist will be rewarded!

For further details on the rules and regulations please turn to the dept. of fire safety at your university or write to:

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*Travel costs to be approved by the IWMA board of directors or travel will be arranged by IWMA!

The Rules:

- All students whose Ph.D. thesis contains research on water mist technology may take part in the competition.
- The Ph.D. theses handed in should carry the date of the year of the conference or the year before that (2024 or 2025). In case of Ph.D. theses, also submissions carrying the date of the year before that (2023) may be handed in. Submissions must be in English!
- One submission per university is allowed. A responsible professor or a body of expert teachers may evaluate the Ph.D. theses first and then decide which one shall be handed in.
- To start with, an abstract or a brief summary of the Ph.D. thesis shall be handed in. The IWMA Scientific Council will then establish a list of the three most promising abstracts and ask for the complete theses on 30th April. (The complete thesis may be handed in at the same time and / or together with the abstract of summary)
- The abstract or summary shall be handed in no later than 31st March of the year in question or before the date specified.
- Between 1st April and 30th April, the IWMA Scientific Council will evaluate the abstracts or summaries.
- On 30th April 2025, the three students with the most promising abstracts or summaries will be asked to hand in their complete Ph.D. theses. (if they have not already done so).
- On 30th May 2025, the winner will be notified. On 3rd June 2025 an official announcement will be made (on the IWMA webpage, on social media and via a press release). There is a certain chance that a relevant publication will ask for an interview.
- The sole body which will decide if the prize will be awarded and if so which the winning Ph.D. thesis is, shall be the IWMA Scientific Council only. There will be no legal recourse to obtain this award.
- Members present and past of the IWMA Board of Directors and the IWMA Scientific Council may not apply for the award.

The members of the IWMA Scientific Council are:

- Bogdan Raciega / Baltic Fire Laboratory (chair of the IWMA Scientific Council)
- Dr. Kemal Sarp Arsava / RISE Norway
- Magnus Arvidson / RISE Sweden
- Arnaud Breton / CNPP, France
- Dr. Siaka Dembele / Kingston University, UK