

ANNOUNCEMENT

The “Ragnar Wighus Award 2026”

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 2026, the award will go to the author of the best master thesis:

“Ragnar Wighus Award / Master”

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

- an invitation to the annual international water mist conference (25th International Water Mist Conference in Prague, Czech Republic, on 7th and 8th October 2026)
- 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 for the 2026 prize will be: 31st March 2026

In 2026, the best master 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 master / Ph.D. thesis contains research on water mist technology may take part in the competition.
- The master / Ph.D. thesis handed in should carry the date of the year of the conference or the year before that. In case of the Ph.D. theses, submissions dated from the previous year may also be accepted. Submissions must be in English!
- One submission per university is allowed. A responsible professor or a body of expert teachers may evaluate the master / Ph.D. theses first and then decide which master / Ph.D. thesis shall be handed in.
- First of all, an abstract or brief summary of the thesis may be handed in. The IWMA Scientific Council will then establish a list of the three most promising abstracts. The students on that list will be asked to hand in the complete master / Ph.D. thesis. (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 2026, the three students with the most promising abstracts or summaries will be asked to hand in their complete master / Ph.D. theses. (if they have not already done so).
- On 29th May 2026, the winner will be notified and on 3rd June 2026 the official announcement will be made (IWMA webpage, social media, press release).
- The sole body which will decide if the prize will be awarded and if so which the winning master / Ph.D. thesis is, shall be the IWMA Scientific Council only. There will be no legal recourse to obtain this award.

The members of the IWMA Scientific Council are:

- Kemal Sarp Arsava / Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Magnus Arvidson / RISE Sweden
- Are Brandt / Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Arnaud Breton / CNPP, France
- Siaka Dembele / Kingston University, UK
- Xiangjiang Zhou / FM, USA