

#IWMC2025 highlights

The 24th International Water Mist Conference will take place in Manchester, UK, on 24th and 25th September and is organised by IWMA, the International Water Mist Association.

“The programme has attracted more attendees than in previous years”, said Bettina McDowell, CEO at IWMA. “We have reduced the time for the speakers from 30 to 20 minutes, as we wanted to fit in more presentations and thus make the event more informative and at the same time livelier”, she explained.

“I think we have done rather well, because we have managed to create an event with many highlights” McDowell added.

One of them is the bestowal of the Ragnar Wighus Award 2025. The name of this year’s winner is Azad Hamzehpour. He has finished his Ph.D. thesis at the Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy, under the supervision of Prof. Vittorio Verda and Prof. Romano Borchiellini. As it is tradition, Hamzehpour has been invited to the conference where he will get the



opportunity to introduce his thesis titled *Experimental and Simulation Analysis of Water Mist Systems for shielded Fire Applications* to an audience of experts.

On being informed about having been chosen as the winner, Hamzehpour said: “I’m deeply honored to receive this award for my Ph.D. thesis. It’s incredibly rewarding to have my work recognised in this way, and I’m grateful to my supervisors and colleagues for their support throughout the journey.

This recognition inspires me to continue pursuing research that contributes to meaningful advances in the field.”

Another highlight is the publication of the *IWMA Water Mist Guide*. IWMA President Max Lakkonen (IFAB) calls it a “generic reference document that we believe could be of broad interest to really tell generic facts about the technology.” The guide will be published on the IWMA webpage as well as in Wikipedia. www.iwma.net