



## **PRESS INFORMATION**

### **IWMA announces 2019 Winner of the “Young Talent Award / Ph.D.”**

**Hamburg, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.** The winner of this year’s “IWMA Young Talent Award / Ph.D.” is Dr. Topi Matti Sikanen. The title of his winning Ph.D. thesis is: “Simulation of Transport, Evaporation and Combustion of Liquids in large-scale Fire Incidents”.

In 2008, Dr. Sikanen started working for VTT, the Technical Research Centre of Finland, with a special focus on fire safety related topics. He defended his thesis in January 2018 at Aalto University. He says: “My research interests have been numerical simulation of fire phenomena, especially high-speed sprays and pool fires.” Dr. Sikanen currently works as a consultant for Fire Safety Design and Consultants Markku Kauriala Ltd.

“The audience in Berlin at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Water Mist Conference, which will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October this year, can look forward to the presentation of Dr. Sikanen’s thesis. As this year’s winner of the IWMA Young Talent Award he is invited to the conference as one of the speakers”, says IWMA General Manager Bettina McDowell.

Next year the award will once again go to the best master thesis. Submissions are to be handed in before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Details can be found on the IWMA webpage.

First runner-up this year was Dr. Iqbal Mahmud. The title of his thesis: Simulation of the Suppression of Fires using Water Mist”.

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