

19th IWA World Conference on Anaerobic Digestion

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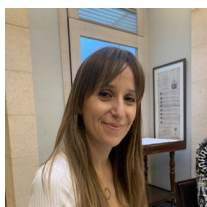
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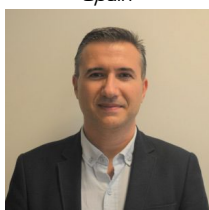
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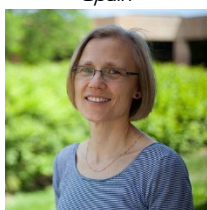
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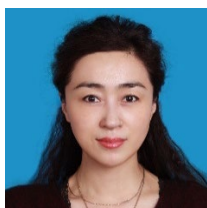
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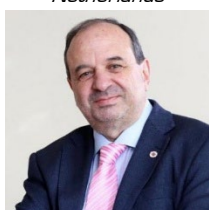
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We cordially invite you to participate in the 19th IWA World Conference on Anaerobic Digestion (IWA AD19), to be held in the vibrant city of València, Spain from June 9 to 13, 2026.

This event, organized by Universitat de València, will bring together leading experts, researchers, and industry professionals from around the globe to share and discuss the latest developments in anaerobic biotechnologies.

As one of the most significant international gatherings in the field, IWA AD19 will offer a dynamic program featuring keynote lectures by renowned experts, oral and poster presentations, thematic workshops, technical tours, exhibitions, and engaging networking and social events.

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange knowledge, network with global leaders, and discover cutting-edge solutions that are shaping the future of anaerobic biotechnology.

València was chosen as the host city for IWA AD19 because it offers an outstanding blend of world-class research institutions, sustainable infrastructure, and a thriving, innovative ecosystem. Home to renowned universities and research centers specializing in environmental engineering, biotechnology, and renewable energy, València provides an inspiring environment for pioneering advancements in anaerobic biotechnology and circular economy practices.

We encourage you to submit your abstract and join us in València to share your work, gain new insights, and connect with the global AD community. We expect IWA AD19 to lay the groundwork for shaping the future of the AD roadmap. We are confident that you will enjoy the conference and have a wonderful time in València. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Why Submit Your Work to IWA AD19 Conference?


Join a global community of innovators and experts at the IWA AD19 Conference and contribute to shaping the future of sustainable resource management through anaerobic biotechnology.

By submitting your abstract, you will:

 **Drive Innovation:** Share your novel research and help develop inspiring solutions to the world's pressing sustainability challenges.

 **Present & Discuss:** Showcase your work to an international audience and engage in meaningful discussions with leading professionals in the field.

 **Stay Informed:** Gain insights into the latest breakthroughs and cutting-edge studies in anaerobic biotechnology and related technologies.

 **Connect & Collaborate:** Network with professionals from academia and industry to spark new collaborations.

 **Expand Your Reach:** Build lasting connections with delegates and visitors from around the world.

 **Experience Innovation Firsthand:** Participate in technical tours of full-scale anaerobic facilities treating diverse waste streams.

Be part of the movement FUELING SUSTAINABILITY. Submit your abstract and make your mark at IWA AD19!

Paper Submission

Abstracts will be accepted for oral or poster presentation and shall be limited to a maximum of two A4 pages (including acknowledgments and references), plus two extra A4 pages for tables and figures. The template for abstracts is available on the official conference website: www.iwa-ad19.com.

Authors of accepted oral presentations will be asked to submit a full paper. All accepted papers (both for oral and poster presentations) will be included in the conference proceedings.

If an abstract is selected for oral or poster presentation, at least one author must register for the conference and present the paper. However, no individual can present more than two works [oral or poster]. Any further work must be presented by a co-author.

High-quality manuscripts will be considered for full peer review for publication in *Water Science and Technology* or its adjunct journals, as well as for full peer review for publication in *Bioresource Technology* [special issue].

Conference Topics

- Industrial waste(water) valorization
- Decentralized systems
- Adding value to liquid streams and digestate
- Adding value to (bio)gas
- Building biorefinery platforms
- Novel technologies and processes
- Innovative upstream and downstream processes
- Modelling, control and beyond
- Sustainability assessment and beyond
- Microbial dynamics and interactions
- Microbe engineering
- Tracking contaminants of special concern

Workshop Submission

Pre-conference workshops will be held on June 9, 2026, each specifically designed to support professionals, students, and interested individuals in advancing their expertise in anaerobic biotechnology. Your participation in these sessions is highly valued and represents a unique opportunity to deepen and update your knowledge in this important field.

Call for workshop proposals will be announced soon.

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Important Dates

December 1, 2025

Abstract Submission Deadline

April 1, 2026

Early Bird Registration Deadline

May 1, 2026

Final Programme Announcement

July 1, 2025

Call for Paper Submission Open

February 15, 2026

Notification of Acceptance

April 15, 2026

Full Paper Submission Deadline



Authors Registration Fee

All authors are requested to register to attend the conference. IWA members have access to a series of benefits that include significant registration discounts. Become a member at www.iwa-network.org/join



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Registration Fee Includes:

- Participation in scientific sessions
- Conference bag and promotional materials
- Welcome Reception, June 9, 2026
- Lunches and coffee breaks
- Technical visits
- Value-added tax (VAT)

Social events tickets, including Gala Event, will be announced later.

Registration Type		Registration Fee		
		Early	Late	Onsite
HIC*	Non-IWA member	750 €	850 €	850 €
	IWA member	650 €	750 €	750 €
	Student***	400 €	500 €	500 €
	Accompanying person	200 €	250 €	250 €
LIC**	Non-IWA member	550 €	650 €	650 €
	IWA member	450 €	550 €	550 €
	Student***	250 €	350 €	500 €
	Accompanying person	150 €	200 €	250 €

* HIC: High Income Country

** LIC: Low Income Country

*** Students need to submit a copy of the student's ID

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About IWA

International Water Association (IWA) is a global network of water professionals, spanning the continuum between research and practice and covering all facets of the water cycle. IWA members (including academic researchers and research centers, utilities, consultants, regulators, industrial water users and water equipment manufacturers) collaborate to promote the development and implementation of innovative and effective approaches to water management.

About Universitat de València

Universitat de València outcomes of more than five centuries of history that have led to the accumulation of knowledge and unique documentary treasures, making it one of the top Spanish universities. For more than 500 years, the development of Universitat de València has run in parallel with the development of the city and has been an inextricable part of its urban fabric, creating spaces for teaching, research, creation, and dissemination of culture and science as well as knowledge transfer. Universitat de València has become one of the top five scientific centers in Spain thanks to its commitment to excellence and to the wide range of teaching and research activities offered in all areas of knowledge.

The Venue: València Conference Center

The València Conference Center is a state-of-the-art facility, designed by renowned architect Norman Foster, which offers a versatile and modern space for international events. The venue was recognized as the Best Congress Centre in the World in both 2010 and 2018. Moreover, the venue takes environmental responsibility seriously; beyond the building's design, it incorporates eco-friendly practices throughout its operations. Attendees at the IWA AD19 conference will enjoy its versatile facilities: the main auditorium, which seats 1481 attendees, the auditoriums #2 and #3, which seats 468 and 250 seats, respectively, and a 1500-m² exhibition area.

The València Conference Center is in the outskirts of València, with excellent connectivity to València's downtown and the main areas of the city. The abundance of nearby hotels guarantees convenient accommodation options for conference attendees, making overall experience hassle-free.



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