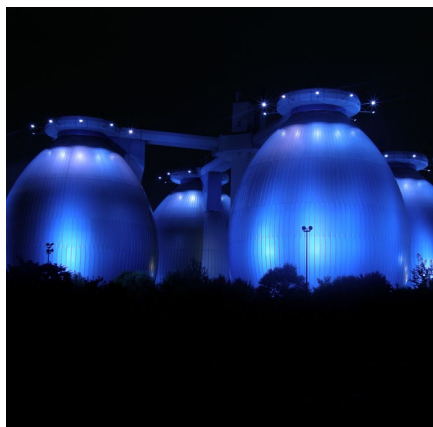


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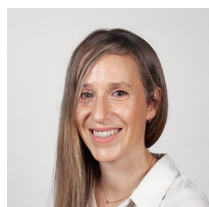
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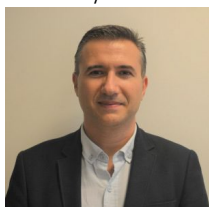
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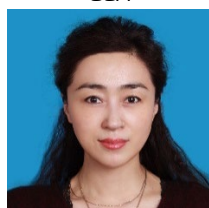
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We cordially invite you to participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> IWA World Conference on Anaerobic Digestion (IWA AD19), to be held in the vibrant city of València, Spain from June 9 to 13, 2026.

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 work 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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## Organizing Committee

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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!**

## Abstract Submission

Abstracts will be accepted for oral or poster presentation and must 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](http://www.iwa-ad19.com).

Authors of accepted oral presentations will be asked to submit a full paper. All accepted works (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 work. 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 *Bioresource Technology*.

## 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

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## Important Dates



## Call for Workshops

**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. All workshops will be **half-day sessions**, allowing for deep engagement with a single topic or question. Proposals will be evaluated by the Program Committee based on their scientific and technical quality, relevance to the AD19 topics, diversity in representation (academia/industry, gender, geography), and potential to spark debate or consensus. You can **submit your workshop proposal** (maximum 2 pages) in .doc or .docx format by **31 January 2026** to: [secretariat@iwa-ad19.org](mailto:secretariat@iwa-ad19.org). Download the workshop proposal template [here](#).

## Scientific Committee

The IWA AD19 **Scientific Committee** is composed of **123 distinguished experts from 35 countries**, representing an incredible diversity of expertise, innovation, and global collaboration in the field of anaerobic biotechnology. This diverse and highly qualified committee represents **many countries at the forefront of anaerobic biotechnology research and practice**, ensuring a truly global perspective. Their collective expertise spans all key areas of the field, from fundamental science to applied engineering and policy.

## Authors Registration

All authors are requested to register to attend the conference. **Registration will open in December 2025**. IWA members have access to registration discounts. Become a member at [www.iwa-network.org/join](http://www.iwa-network.org/join)



Conference registration fee includes:

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

Social event tickets (e.g., Gala Event) and workshop/course registration fees can be found at [www.iwa-ad19.com](http://www.iwa-ad19.com).

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

\* HIC: High Income Country

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

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## Workshops Venue

AD19 **workshops** will be hosted at the **Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria (ETSE-UV)**, part of the **Universitat de València**, on the **Burjassot-Paterna campus**. Founded in **2003**, ETSE-UV combines academic tradition with excellence in engineering education and strong ties to research and industry, offering programs in environmental and chemical engineering, computer science, electronics, telecommunications, and data science. Its modern facilities—featuring advanced labs, lecture halls, and collaborative spaces—create an ideal environment for innovation and hands-on learning. Well-connected to the city center, ETSE-UV offers the perfect setting for technical workshops and knowledge exchange during AD19.



## Welcome Reception Venue



The **Welcome Reception** will take place in the **Jardí Botànic of the Universitat de València**. Located in the heart of the historic city, this living museum is a unique blend of science, culture, and nature. For over two centuries, it has preserved an extraordinary collection of plants, including monumental trees and remarkable architecture. Continuing a tradition that began in the 16th century with the first medicinal garden, the Jardí Botànic promotes knowledge of the plant world through research, education, and conservation. Its four-hectare landscape invites visitors to explore exotic species and the rich biodiversity of Mediterranean flora.

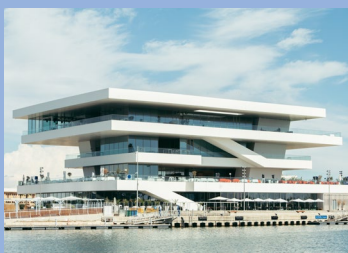
Surrounded by greenery and history, this venue offers the perfect setting to connect with colleagues and experience the essence of València. Join us for an unforgettable welcome reception—where science, culture, and nature come together.

## Conference Venue

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. The València Conference Center is in the outskirts of València, with excellent connectivity to València's downtown and the main areas of the city.



## Gala Event Venue



The **Gala Event** will be held at **Veles e Vents**, an emblematic and architecturally striking venue located at the heart of the **Marina of València**. Designed by renowned architects, this award-winning building was originally constructed for the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup in 2007 and has since become a symbol of Mediterranean elegance and innovation. Its name, *Veles e Vents* ("Sails and Winds"), is inspired by a 15<sup>th</sup>-century poem by **Ausiàs March**, evoking themes of maritime adventure and cultural heritage. With minimalist design, floating platforms and expansive terraces overlooking the marina, city skyline, and the Mediterranean Sea, Veles e Vents is now a vibrant hub for gastronomy and events, where guests will enjoy the spirit of València's maritime legacy.



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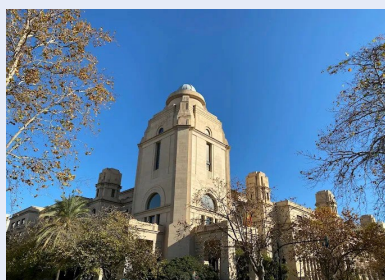
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## About IWA

**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



The **Universitat de València** has a history spanning 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.

## About València

**València** is a vibrant Mediterranean city that combines innovation, culture, and sustainability. In June, its warm and sunny climate creates the ideal setting for both professional exchange and unforgettable experiences. Known as a hub for environmental projects and renewable energy, València offers modern conference facilities equipped with cutting-edge technology and excellent connectivity through its international airport and high-speed rail links.

Home to UNESCO World Heritage sites and one of Europe's largest urban parks, València blends history with modernity. Beyond the congress, the city invites you to savor world-class gastronomy, including the authentic paella, and immerse yourself in its rich cultural heritage. From the futuristic Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències to golden urban beaches and a charming historic center, València provides the perfect balance between work and leisure.

Make your congress memorable in a city that inspires progress and connection. **València awaits you next June!**



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