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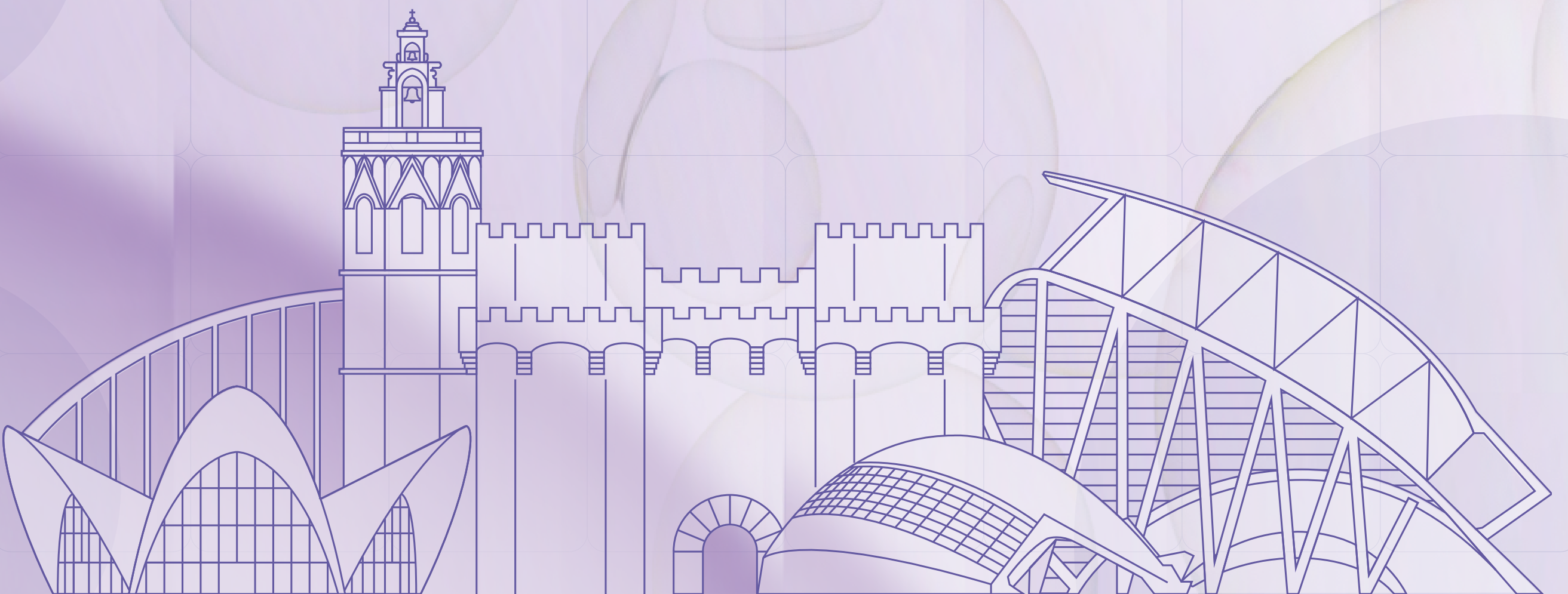


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# 1. Welcome message



We are delighted to welcome you to the 19th IWA World Conference on Anaerobic Digestion (IWA AD19), taking place in València, Spain, from June 9 to 13, 2026. It is our great pleasure to host you in this vibrant Mediterranean city, where history, culture, and innovation come together to create an inspiring environment for scientific exchange and collaboration.

This conference is part of the IWA Anaerobic Digestion Specialist Group series and represents one of the premier international platforms dedicated to anaerobic technologies. We sincerely thank you for the outstanding response to our call: this year, we are delighted to bring together around 750 participants from over 50 countries. The scientific program reflects the strength and diversity of the field, built upon 715 contributions carefully reviewed by the Scientific Committee.

The congress structure has been designed to foster interaction, discussion, and knowledge exchange at multiple levels. It includes 2 opening plenary speeches, 5 parallel full-day tracks (comprising a total of 10 half-day workshops), 3 plenary sessions and 27 oral platform presentation sessions (including 8 keynote lectures), 6 flash presentation sessions, and 2 dedicated poster sessions, complemented by 6 poster sessions during coffee breaks. These sessions aim to highlight both cutting-edge scientific advances and practical applications, while also providing space for discussion and critical reflection.

Under the theme “Fueling Sustainability,” the IWA AD19 conference highlights the crucial role of anaerobic digestion in advancing low-carbon and resource-efficient systems. We firmly believe that continued progress in this field is essential for building a more sustainable and resilient future.

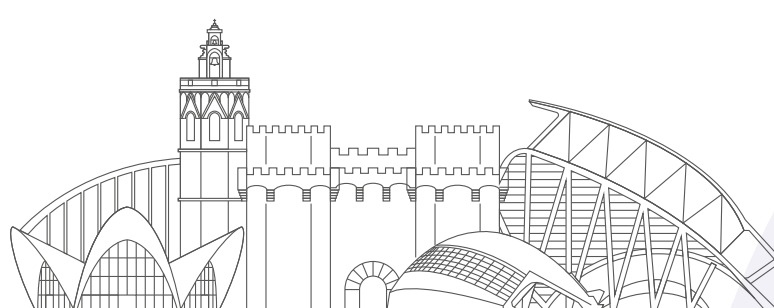
IWA AD19 brings together a diverse and multidisciplinary community of academics, researchers, engineers, practitioners, policymakers, and industry representatives. We have placed particular emphasis on strengthening the connection between science and industry, as reflected in the strong participation of companies in the program.

We would also like to sincerely acknowledge the support of our sponsors and collaborators. We are especially grateful to Veolia and FACSA-SITRA as Platinum Sponsors; Global Omnium, Ingelia, and Aqualia as Silver Sponsors; and Anaero Technology, NS Instruments, BPC Instruments, Aqlara, Ciclagua, and Genia Bioenergy as Bronze Sponsors. We also wish to highlight the valuable collaboration of the Office of the Third Vice-Presidency and the Regional Ministry for the Environment, Infrastructure, Territory and Recovery of the Generalitat Valenciana, together with the Regional Ministry of Education, Culture and Universities of the Generalitat Valenciana.

Beyond the scientific program, we encourage you to take full advantage of your time in València—a city that offers not only an excellent setting for networking and discussion, but also a rich cultural and social experience. We see this conference as a place not only to learn and share knowledge, but also to reconnect with colleagues, meet new collaborators, and build lasting professional relationships.

We have worked with great dedication to deliver a high-quality conference, both scientifically and socially. We sincerely hope that your experience at IWA AD19 and your stay in València will be both memorable and rewarding.

**Welcome to IWA AD19! Welcome to València!**



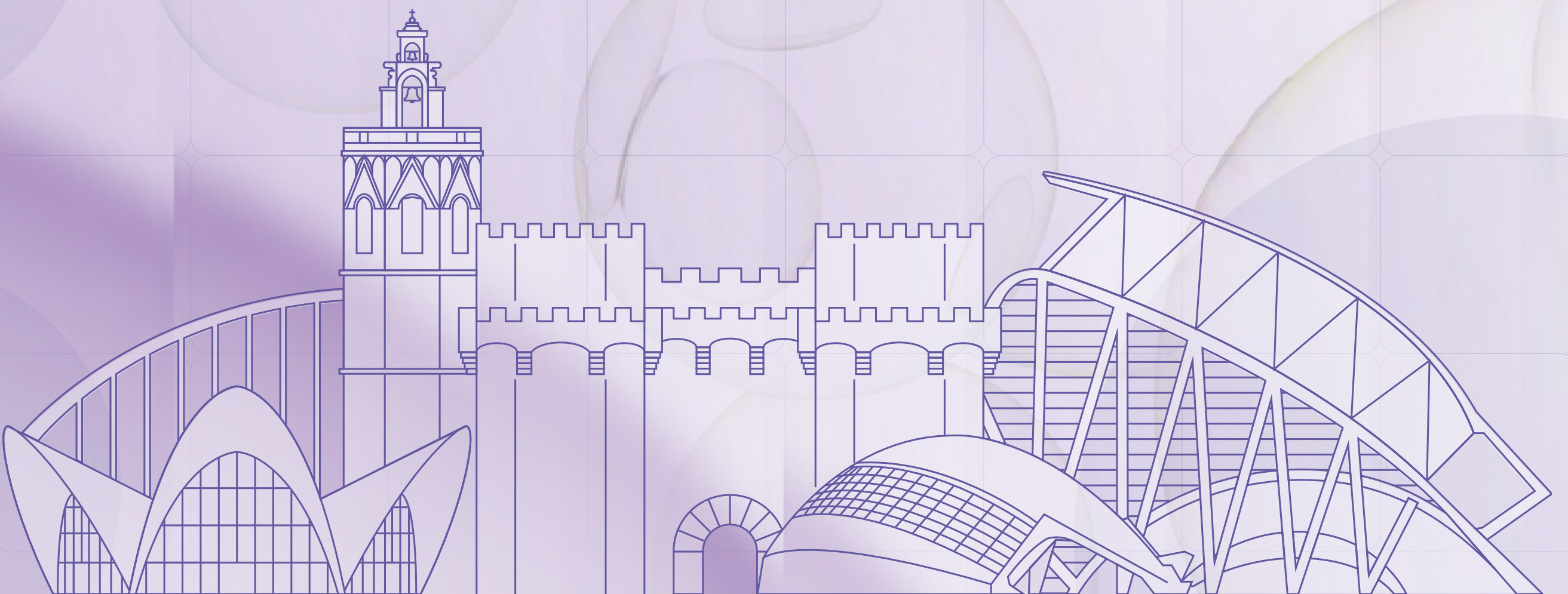
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#### Veolia



Along with its international expertise, Veolia has a strong local presence in Spain. Thanks to its more than 17,000 employees, it is positioned as a benchmark company in decarbonisation, circular economy and optimised resource management. In the field of water, through innovation and technology, it develops solutions for the sustainable and efficient management of water resources, promoting the reclamation and reuse of water for new uses in cities, agriculture and industry.

#### Facsa + Sitra



Facsa and Sitra, companies within the water division of Nealis, combine decades of experience in environmental infrastructure and integrated water cycle management with a strong commitment to developing sustainable bioenergy solutions. Together, both companies provide a comprehensive approach to anaerobic digestion, covering the full project lifecycle: from engineering and plant development to operation, optimisation, and resource valorisation.

With extensive expertise in the treatment of wastewater sludge and complex organic waste, both companies have built a solid track record in anaerobic digestion projects across Spain. This experience is supported by extensive operational know-how, innovation capabilities, and a firm commitment to circular economy models applied to water treatment and waste valorisation. It is a shared approach focused on water stewardship, energy recovery, and environmental sustainability.

#### *Driving Innovation in Resource Valorisation*

Innovation plays a central role in this strategy. Facsa and Sitra actively promote technologies and operational approaches aimed at enhancing anaerobic digestion efficiency and maximising resource recovery. This commitment is underpinned by a solid in-house laboratory infrastructure, where specialised analytical methods are applied to assess the methane generation potential of a wide range of substrates.

At the same time, both companies develop and operate modular pilot and demonstration-scale plants that enable the validation of technologies under real operating conditions prior to full-scale implementation. This practical approach facilitates the acceleration of innovation while minimising uncertainties and operational risks.

Beyond the anaerobic digestion process, Facsa and Sitra are also advancing in key areas including biogas upgrading, biomethane injection into the natural gas grid, and advanced digestate treatment solutions, thereby enabling the valorisation of by-products into high-value resources such as agricultural fertilisers and reclaimed water.

Through this integrated approach, both companies contribute to the development of more circular, resource-efficient, and sustainable environmental solutions.

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### Global Omnium



Global Omnium group manages 308 wastewater treatment facilities, processing 315 Hm<sup>3</sup> of effluent annually. The company is a leader in resource recovery, generating over 112,000 tonnes of agricultural sludge, 19 MWh of cogenerated energy, and 35,000 tonnes of compost per year. Beyond wastewater treatment, Global Omnium specializes in irrigation management, hydraulic engineering, and nature-based solutions.

With extensive experience in EU-funded programs (H2020, Horizon, LIFE, ERDF), in the last 5 years GO has executed 27 projects totaling €4.1M.

### Ingelia



Ingelia delivers industrial plants that transform organic waste and wet biomass into hydrochar using a proprietary and patented process called Hydrothermal Carbonization (HTC), which uses moderate temperature and pressure (20bar – 200°C) to convert organic matter into stable solid carbon in a few hours. Ingelia is a worldwide leader in the HTC sector, its process shows an excellent energy balance, is flexible in feedstock, including solids, and produces similar zero-emission biocarbon which meet technical industry requirements. Ingelia's HTC process is modular, robust and easy to operate with low O&M costs. The HTC plants are certified, preassembled and easily scalable.

### Aqualia



Aqualia manages the complete water cycle for 45 million inhabitants in 19 countries, including sustainable solutions for the circular economy. The company has innovated in the anaerobic digestion of sludge and organic waste, from the Anammox ELAN process to the ELSAR electrostimulated reactor, or the Anaerobic MBR to optimize resource recovery in wastewater treatment plants and industrial installations. Aqualia is a pioneer in biogas valorization, its upgrading to biomethane, and hydrogen generation, contributing to decarbonization with renewable energies. Its approach combines creative collaborations to provide and increase environmental and social value.

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### Anaero Technology



With 27 years of industrial and academic experience in the AD we design and develop research and testing equipment for anaerobic digestion. Our range include established BMP test systems, manual feeding digesters, our patented automatic feeding research digesters, and our patented automatic biogas analyser for 15 low-flow channels.

### NS Instruments



NS Instruments is a global leader in analytical instrumentation for renewable energy, environmental, and agricultural industries. Our flagship products – MultiTalent (Automated biomethane potential analyzer), VIPPEN (gas flow meter), and SIGTUNA (bioreactor) – deliver precision and automation across the anaerobic digestion value chain. Trusted by over 300 clients worldwide, NS Instruments drives innovation at the forefront of biogas research and industry.

### BPC Instruments



BPC Instruments is a publicly listed Swedish company with customers in more than 90 countries. We design and manufacture analytical instruments and software that help labs run advanced experiments with less manual work and more reliable results across biogas, biodegradability, animal nutrition, wastewater analysis, and related fields.

### aqlara



We are a company dedicated to managing drinking water supply services and operating sanitation systems. AQLARA provides an essential public service, integrating engineering solutions, modeling, and data analysis to optimize efficiency, resilience, and quality, promoting collaborative management with public administrations and communities.

### Ciclagua



Ciclagua is a company specialized in water and waste management, backed by extensive professional experience. Its approach combines quality, customer proximity, and environmental responsibility, supported by continuous training, innovation, and safe working practices. It also operates in areas such as the water cycle, construction, and waste management and valorization.

### genia bioenergy



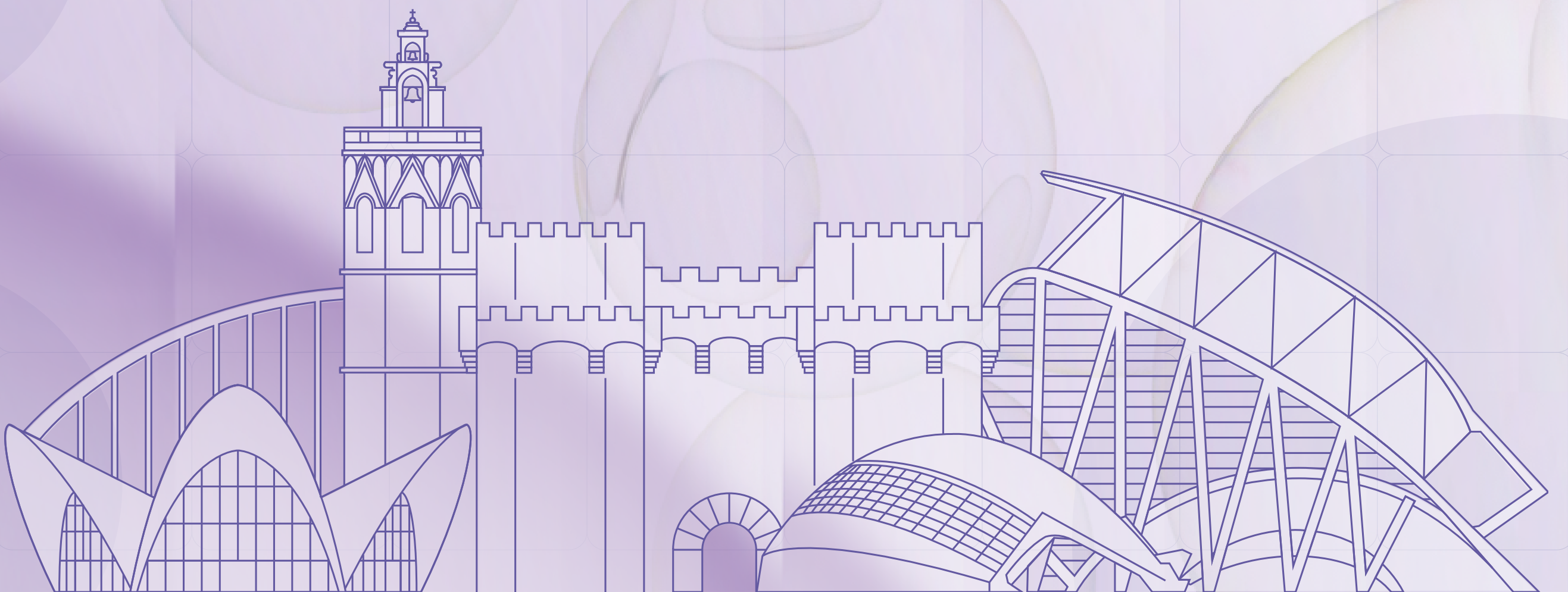
Genia Bioenergy is a Spanish company integrating the biogas and biomethane value chain, from technology development and engineering to construction and operation. Through its Circular Bioenergy Centers model, it delivers traceable, controlled and verifiable renewable energy solutions that create shared value, support ecosystems and ensure environmental, social and operational excellence.

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## 3. Invited Speakers



### Opening, Plenary and Keynote speeches

#### Opening speech



**PhD Jean-Philippe Steyer**  
INRAE-LBE (France)

#### Speech:

*Anaerobic Digestion, an old story for today and tomorrow*



**Prof. Kala Vairavamoorthy**  
Executive Director International Water Association

#### Speech:

*IWA Vision on Anaerobic Digestion*

#### Bio:

*Jean-Philippe Steyer is Director of Research at INRAE-LBE in Narbonne (<https://narbonne.montpellier.hub.inrae.fr/>). His areas of research include modeling and optimizing biological processes for waste and wastewater treatment and recovery. Over the years, the doctoral students he has supervised have worked on modeling microbial diversity, integrating thermodynamics into mass balance models, developing metabolic models in conjunction with innovative real-time instrumentation systems to obtain more accurate information on the dynamics of ecosystems in bioprocesses, as well as life cycle analysis to take environmental impacts into account. He has also broadened his areas of application, focusing on anaerobic digestion as a core bioprocess, but integrating it with innovative processes such as microalgae cultivation for sustainable bioenergy and bioproduct production.*

*Jean-Philippe Steyer is currently co-director of the INRAE metaprogram on “The bioeconomy for urban areas” (<https://better.hub.inrae.fr/>) and scientific director of the Explor’AE program on “accelerating high-risk research in agriculture, food, and the environment,” (<https://explorae.inrae.fr/fr>).*

#### Bio:

*Kala Vairavamoorthy is an internationally recognised water resource management expert, with particular expertise in urban water issues. He combines a strong engineering background with practical international experience. He has published extensively and has a strong international profile working closely with the World Bank, UN-Habitat, UNESCO, GWP, SIWI and the EU. This includes leading several urban water management projects for the World Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and DFID.*

*Prior to joining the International Water Association, he was the Deputy Director General for Research at the International Water Management Institute. Kala was also the Founding Dean of the Patel College of Global Sustainability and a tenured Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, at the University of South Florida (USA). Prior to that he was a full professor and Chair of Water Engineering at the University of Birmingham (UK), and Professor and Head of Core of Sustainable Urban Water Infrastructure Systems at UNESCO-IHE (Netherlands). He is currently Professor (adjunct) at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM).*

*Kala has a PhD and MSc in Environmental Engineering from Imperial College, University of London, UK and a BSc (Hons) from King’s College, London.*

## Plenary Speech



**Prof. Lutgarde Raskin**

Yale University (USA)

## Speech:

*Nature-inspired microbiome engineering to retool anaerobic digestion*



**Prof. Raúl Muñoz**

Universidad de Valladolid (Spain)

## Speech:

*Broadening the bioproduct portfolio of anaerobic digestion via biogas and digestate bioconversion*



**Prof. Chang Chen**

Beijing University of Chemical Technology (China)

## Speech:

*Fate of Biodegradable Plastics in Anaerobic Digestion: Potential Resources vs. Hidden Risks*

## Bio:

Dr. Lutgarde Raskin is a Professor in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering at Yale University. Before this, she was a Professor of Environmental Engineering at the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Raskin is a pioneer in molecular microbial ecology applied to engineered water systems. She and her team are developing anaerobic bioprocesses for resource recovery from waste streams and studying microbial aspects of urban water systems to assist water utilities. She has a strong interest in graduate education and mentoring and has advised approximately 20 postdocs and 100 graduate students, including about 30 Ph.D. students. She is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, the International Water Association, the Water Environment Federation, and the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors. She was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering in 2021.

## Bio:

Raúl Muñoz holds a Master–Bachelor Degree in Chemical Engineering from Universidad de Valladolid (2001) and a PhD in Environmental Biotechnology from Lunds Universitet (2005). Since 2005 he has developed his academic career at Universidad de Valladolid, where he became Full Professor in 2020. His research has focused on biogas upgrading and valorization, photosynthetic wastewater treatment, bioplastic valorisation and biohydrogen production.

He has published more than 420 international publications, 33 book chapters and edited two books. He has led 30 competitive European and National projects, and 41 industrial R&D contracts. He has supervised 34 PhDs and 32 postdocs, delivered 35 keynote lectures in international conferences, and received national awards for technology transfer from the Spanish Royal Academy of Engineering.

## Bio:

Dr. Chang Chen is a Professor at College of Chemical Engineering, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China. With over 15 years of dedicated research in anaerobic digestion, Dr. Chen has led more than 30 research projects and published 150+ papers in peer-reviewed academic journals. His work mainly focuses on three interconnected themes: 1. Microbial transformation mechanisms of biodegradable plastics (BPs): Unveiling specific microbial pathways and transformation processes of BPs under anaerobic conditions; 2. Process optimization: Developing pretreatment strategies (e.g., chemical/biological activation) and system-level engineering to enhance anaerobic degradation efficiency; 3. Environmental risk assessment: Evaluating the generation, persistence, and ecological impact of biodegradable microplastics (BMPs) in anaerobic environment.

Beyond BPs, Dr. Chen integrates microbial community engineering, metabolic engineering, and machine learning to improve methane production and resource recovery from organic wastes (e.g., agricultural residues, kitchen waste). His research bridges fundamental microbial ecology with applied bioprocess engineering, aiming to balance resource valorization and environmental sustainability.

## Keynote speech

**Assoc. Prof. Marta Carballa**

University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

## Speech:

*Bioprocess Engineering for Carboxylate Production: bridging experiments and mechanistic modeling*

**Prof. Jeremy Guest**

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (USA)

## Speech:

*Finding the opportunity space for anaerobic technologies in industrial wastewater valorization*

**PhD Javier Climent**

HYDRENS (Spain)

## Speech:

*Diagnosis of full-scale Anaerobic digesters using Advanced Modelling and experimental techniques*

## Bio:

Marta Carballa is Associate Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering of the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) and researcher of CRETUS (Cross-disciplinary Research Center in Environmental Technologies). She holds a PhD in Chemical and Environmental Engineering by the University of Santiago de Compostela and completed two postdocs at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (Chile) and at Ghent University (Belgium). Her research has focused on advancing anaerobic digestion technologies and the removal of emerging contaminants in wastewater and sludge treatment processes. Over the past decade, she has been leading a research line aimed at the selective production of volatile fatty acids from waste streams -reframing waste as a valuable feedstock within the circular bioeconomy.

## Bio:

Dr. Jeremy Guest is the Levenick Professor and Director of the Levenick Center for a Climate-Smart Circular Bioeconomy at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He holds appointments in the Departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering and, by courtesy, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. The core goal of Professor Guest's research group is to advance circular bioeconomies for a more sustainable and just future. His team supports this vision by developing computational models to prioritize research, development, and deployment pathways for new technologies that achieve resource recovery from wastewaters and the conversion of plants to products, food, and fuels. Professor Guest's formal training includes a B.S. and M.S. in civil engineering from Bucknell University and Virginia Tech, respectively, and a Ph.D. in environmental engineering from the University of Michigan.

## Bio:

Javier Climent is PhD in Industrial Technologies by Universitat Jaume I. Previously, he studied Chemical Engineering and Masters in Energy efficiency and Sustainability. Currently, he is the Managing Director at HYDRENS. He has been working in the water industry for optimization projects since 2011. He worked as a researcher at UJI in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Construction, Area Fluid Mechanics, for 6 years, and he was Assistant Professor in Chem Eng. Dep for 2 years. He developed his PhD in Water Treatment modelling processes using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). He is a member of the Multiphase Flow Research Group of UJI, and the CFD WWT modelling at the International Water Association (IWA). Moreover, he is the coordinator of the DAQUAS Task Group in Odour Management, member of the Chair UJI-FACSA integral water cycle, and professor of some of its courses.

### Keynote speech



**Prof. Irimi Angelidaki**

Technical University of Denmark (Denmark)

#### Speech:

*Microbes assisting technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and recycle*

#### Bio:

Professor at the Chemical and Biochemical department. Technical university of Denmark. She is leading the bioconversions center at the dept. Central to Irimi Angelidaki's (IA) research is the use of microorganisms for upcycling waste into valuable products, advancing both fundamental knowledge and applied technologies. She has been working with AD processes both for process optimization and developing novel concepts for moving beyond biogas. She has several hundred publications and an h index of 135 and is holding 5 patents on Biotech processes.



**Prof. Jorge Rodriguez**

Khalifa University (UAE)

#### Speech:

*Models for Learning, Models for Control in Anaerobic Digestion Systems*

#### Bio:

Professor Jorge Rodríguez is Professor of Chemical and Process Engineering at Khalifa University (UAE). His research focuses on mechanistic modelling and control of biological and environmental systems, with particular emphasis on anaerobic digestion and bioenergy processes. His work has contributed to the development of bioenergetic and metabolic modelling frameworks to describe microbial processes, as well as to the design of advanced control strategies for energy management in biological treatment systems. In addition to his work in microbial processes, he maintains a research line in the modelling of epidemiological systems, applying process systems engineering tools to the analysis of infectious disease dynamics. Professor Rodríguez serves currently as Chair of the IWA Anaerobic Digestion Specialist Group and has been named an IWA Fellow. He is also Editor in the journals Water Research and Chemical Engineering Science.



**Prof. Jeonghwan Kim**

Inha University (Republic of Korea)

#### Speech:

*Innovations toward sustainable anaerobic membrane bioreactor centered process for resource recovery, permeate quality and fouling controls*

#### Bio:

Dr. Jeonghwan Kim is a full professor in Department of Environmental Engineering at Inha University, Republic of Korea. He received his Ph.D. in Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2005). Before joining Inha University in 2008, he worked as Post-doctoral Research Associate in Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Michigan State University. His research interests are anaerobic membrane bioreactor (AnMBR) and its centered processes for wastewater treatment and resource recovery. Specifically, his research areas on the AnMBR technology include fouling control and modelling tailored for reactor configuration, process intensification for methane production and permeate quality control as well as developing hybrid AnMBR system for high valued products and sustainable wastewater management.

### Keynote speech



**Prof. Lourdinha Florencio**

Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil)

#### Speech:

*Challenges of Anaerobic Wastewater Treatment in Tropical Countries*



**Mateo Pastur Romay**

Cetaqua, Veolia (Spain)

#### Speech:

*From Sludge Treatment to Energy-Positive Utilities: Advancing Biogas Production in Wastewater Infrastructure*

#### Bio:

*Professor Lourdinha Florencio holds a degree in Civil Engineering from the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE) and a master's degree in Hydraulic and Sanitary Engineering from the University of São Paulo. She completed her doctorate in Environmental Technology at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, under the supervision of Professor Gatze Lettinga.*

*She is a full professor of Environmental Technology at UFPE. Her work includes numerous national research projects and international collaborations with countries such as Germany, China, Spain, and the United States. She has served as the national coordinator of Brazilian wastewater treatment and nutrient removal networks and participates in organizing and scientific committees of important congresses.*

*As an engineer, she has contributed to infrastructure projects and environmental assessment plans. She is a member of the Pernambuco Academy of Sciences and the Pernambuco Academy of Engineering and was awarded the National Order of Scientific Merit in 2010.*

#### Bio:

*Mateo Pastur Romay leads Technical Innovation Strategy at Cetaqua, Veolia's water technology centre in Spain, where he drives the development and deployment of innovative solutions to transform water and wastewater infrastructure into circular and energy-efficient systems. He brings experience across the full water sector value chain, spanning R&D, industrial applications and utility operations. Mateo has worked internationally with organisations such as West Basin Municipal Water District (USA) as well as Cetaqua Chile and Aguas Andinas, contributing to advanced water reuse and treatment initiatives. His work focuses on translating technological innovation into scalable solutions for utilities and industry.*

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## 4. Conference Programme at a Glance



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## Tuesday 09

08:15–09:00	Registration ( <i>ETSE-UV</i> )
09:00–17:00	Workshops & Trainings
18:30–19:15	Registration ( <i>Palau de Les Arts</i> )
19:30–21:00	<p><b>Welcome Address</b>  <i>Vicente Martínez Mus</i> – Vice President and Minister of Environment, Infrastructure, Territorial Planning, and Recovery of the Valencian Community</p> <p><b>Opening speech: Valencian Biogas Roadmap 2030</b>  <i>PhD Juan Francisco Mora</i> – Head of IPPC Section at Generalitat Valenciana (Spain)</p> <p><b>Opening speech: IWA Vision on Anaerobic Digestion</b>  <i>Prof. Kala Vairavamoorthy</i> – Executive Director International Water Association (UK)</p> <p><b>Opening speech: Anaerobic Digestion, an old story for today and tomorrow</b>  <i>PhD Jean-Philippe Steyer</i> – Director of Research at INRAE-LBE (France)</p>
21:00–22:30	Welcome Reception

## Wednesday 10

08:00–08:45	Registration ( <i>Palau de Congressos de València</i> )		
08:45–09:15	<p><b>Opening Address - Auditorium 1</b>  <i>Isabel Fariñas Gómez</i>, Vice-Rector for Research and Scientific Policies at Universitat de València</p> <p><i>Rafael Sebastián Aguilar</i>, Director General for Science and Research – Ministry of Education, Culture, and Universities of the Valencian Community</p>		
09:15–10:00	<p><b>Broadening the bioproduct portfolio of anaerobic digestion via biogas and digestate bioconversion</b>  <i>Prof. Raúl Muñoz</i> – Universidad de Valladolid (Spain)</p>		
10:00–11:00	Building biorefinery platforms: thermal processes	Sustainability assessment and beyond	Decentralized systems
11:00–11:30	Coffee & Poster Session		
11:30–13:00	Building biorefinery platforms: protein production	Adding value to liquid streams and digestate	Industrial waste(water) valorization #1
13:00–14:00	Lunch		
14:00–14:30	Conference Photograph & Coffee Poster Session		

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14:30–16:30	<p>Adding value to (bio)gas: CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub></p> <p>Microbes assisting technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and recycle</p> <p><i>Prof. Irimi Angelidaki – Technical University of Denmark (Denmark)</i></p>	<p>Industrial waste(water) valorization #2</p> <p>Finding the opportunity space for anaerobic technologies in industrial wastewater valorization</p> <p><i>Prof. Jeremy Guest – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (USA)</i></p>	<p>Modelling, control and beyond #1</p> <p>Models for Learning, Models for Control in Anaerobic Digestion Systems</p> <p><i>Prof. Jorge Rodriguez – Khalifa University (UAE)</i></p>
16:30–16:40	Refresh Break		
16:40–17:20	<p>Flash: Industrial waste(water) and complex substrates</p>	<p>Flash: Adding value to (bio)gas</p>	<p>Flash: Sustainability, Microbial Science, and Emerging Contaminants</p>
17:20–18:20	Orxata Poster Session		

### Thursday 11

08:00–08:30	Registration ( <i>Palau de Congressos de València</i> )		
08:30–09:15	<p>Fate of Biodegradable Plastics in Anaerobic Digestion: Potential Resources vs. Hidden Risks</p> <p><i>Prof. Chang Chen – Beijing University of Chemical Technology (China)</i></p>		
09:15–11:00	<p>Industrial waste(water) valorization #3</p>	<p>Adding value to (bio)gas: biogas and bioCH<sub>4</sub></p>	<p>Novel technologies and processes</p>
11:00–11:30	Coffee & Poster Session		
11:30–13:00	<p>Adding value to (bio)gas</p>	<p>Building biorefinery platforms: bioplastics</p>	<p>Modelling, control and beyond #2</p>
13:00–14:00	Lunch		
14:00–14:30	Coffee & Poster Session		
14:30–16:30	<p>Toward Enhanced Process Sustainability</p> <p>From Sludge Treatment to Energy-Positive Utilities: Advancing Biogas Production in Wastewater Infrastructure</p> <p><i>Mateo Pastur Romay – Cetaqua, Veolia (Spain)</i></p>	<p>Building biorefinery platforms: carboxylates</p> <p>Bioprocess Engineering for Carboxylate Production: bridging experiments and mechanistic modeling</p> <p><i>Assoc. Prof. Marta Carballa – University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)</i></p>	<p>Anaerobic membrane bioreactors</p> <p>Innovations toward sustainable anaerobic membrane bioreactor centered process for resource recovery, permeate quality and fouling controls</p> <p><i>Prof. Jeonghwan Kim – Inha University (Republic of Korea)</i></p>
16:30–16:40	Refresh Break		

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16:40–17:20	Flash: Adding value to liquid streams and digestate	Flash: Innovative processes	Flash: Modelling and monitoring
17:20–18:20	Beer&Tapas Poster Session		

## Friday 12

08:00–08:30	Registration ( <i>Palau de Congressos de València</i> )		
08:30–09:15	Nature-inspired microbiome engineering to retool anaerobic digestion <i>Prof. Lutgarde Raskin – Yale University (USA)</i>		
09:15–11:00	Microbial dynamics and interactions #1	Building biorefinery platforms: phototrophs	Tracking contaminants of special concern
11:00–11:30	Coffee & Poster Session		
11:30–13:00	Building biorefinery platforms	Innovative processes	Microbial dynamics and interactions #2
13:00–14:00	Lunch & Meet Your Mentors		
14:00–14:30	Coffee & Poster Session		
14:30–16:30	<p>The Valencian Ecosystem</p> <p><i>Welcome from Jorge Miguel Mocholí, Deputy Director General for Science and Research</i></p> <p>The bioeconomy in the Valencian Community: circular economy, bioenergy, and new products</p> <p><i>Jesús Agüero (Head of the biocluster of the Comunitat Valenciana)</i></p> <p><i>Enrique Bayonne (Head of the Energy Cluster from Comunitat Valenciana)</i></p>	<p>Ambient temperature treatment</p> <p>Challenges of Anaerobic Wastewater Treatment in Tropical Countries</p> <p><i>Prof. Lourdinha Florencio – Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil)</i></p>	<p>Modelling, control and beyond #3</p> <p>Diagnosis of full-scale Anaerobic digesters using Advanced Modelling and experimental techniques</p> <p><i>PhD Javier Climent – HYDRENS (Spain)</i></p>
16:30–16:40	Refresh Break		
16:40–17:30	Closing Ceremony		
19:30–02:00	Gala Event ( <i>Veles e Vents</i> )		

## Saturday 13

10:30–17:30	Technical and social tours
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## 5. Workshops



Workshops will take place on 09 June 2026

**ETSE-UV – Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería**

Avinguda de l'Universitat, S/N  
46100 Burjassot, Valencia



## Track 1: The AD Modelling Toolbox

**9:00–12:30**

The AD modelling toolbox: Part 1 – Towards AD model harmonization

**13:30–17:00**

The AD modelling toolbox: Part 2 – Level up your skills for monitoring and control

## Track 2: Exploring Potential Tests

**9:00–12:30**

Better BMP and BHP: How to accurately measure biochemical methane and hydrogen potential

**13:30–17:00**

Finding the biological carboxylate potential test

## Track 3: From Research to Full Scale Practice

**9:00–12:30**

Utilities for the future: towards circular and energy-positive water utilities

**13:30–17:15**

Bridging research and full-scale practices in sewage sludge anaerobic digestion

## Track 4: New Approaches and Applications

**9:00–12:30**

Micro-aeration in anaerobic digestion processes: lab-to-full-scale testing

**13:30–17:00**

Vacuum technologies for climate-neutral anaerobic digestion: emissions control, intensification and resource recovery

## Track 5: Widening AD Applications

**9:00–12:30**

Unlock the potential of under-utilized waste streams

**13:30–17:00**

Mainstream anaerobic treatment in transition: lessons learned and opportunities ahead

## Track 1: The AD Modelling Toolbox

 Tuesday 09/06

## 09:00–12:30 The AD Modelling Toolbox Part 1 – Towards AD model harmonization

## Chairs

G. Capson-Tojo (INRAE), S. Hellmann (DBFZ)

## Lecturers

E. Ficara (Politecnico di Milano), S. Weinrich (Münster University of Applied Sciences), G. Wells (Northwestern University), J.-P. Steyer (INRAE), A. Catenacci (Politecnico di Milano), T. Lippert (Northwestern University, Norwegian University for Science and Technology), D. Carecci (Politecnico di Milano), H. Nielsen (Northwestern University), A. Meola (DBFZ), L. Raskin (Yale University), D. Batstone (The University of Queensland), J. Rodríguez (Khalifa University), R. Kleerebezem (Delft University of Technology), K. Gernaey (Technical University of Denmark)

## Description

Anaerobic digestion (AD) has evolved from sludge treatment to a versatile technology processing diverse organic waste streams, while its objectives now include both biomethane production and ensuring digestate quality as a key fertilizer product. Growing diversity in substrates and goals has driven new modeling efforts, integrating additional metabolic pathways and multi-criteria tools for system optimization. As AD applications expand—addressing climate impacts, resource recovery, and high-value bioproducts—future models must reflect this complexity. Building on the success of ADM1, this workshop will explore pathways toward harmonized modeling frameworks, model integration, and the potential development of a generalized ADM2 or interoperable model suite.

## Outcomes

1. Present and discuss recent advances and needs in AD modeling, including model diversity (e.g., ADM1 adaptations), fermentative process modeling, state-of-the-art tools such as hybrid mechanistic–data-driven and gene-centric models, and emerging strategies for advanced simulation and control.
2. Conduct a round-table discussion on the current state of AD modeling, aiming to define future directions for harmonization and integration. A key expected outcome is the establishment of a collaborative group committed to developing a position paper on standardization and coordinated model development.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
09:00–09:10	Introduction and objectives	G. Capson-Tojo
09:10–10:30	<b>Section 1: Individual presentations</b>	G. Capson-Tojo & S. Hellmann
	AD model diversity and state-of-the-art	D. Batstone
	Modelling fermentative processes	R. Kleerebezem
	Data-driven modeling and hybrid modeling	S. Weinrich
	AD automation, control and digital twins	J.-P. Steyer
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00–12:00	<b>Section 2: Round table and discussion</b>	G. Capson-Tojo & S. Hellmann
	Expert round table	All workshop lecturers
12:00–12:30	Consolidation of ideas and final discussion	All attendees

## 13:30–17:00 The AD Modelling Toolbox Part 2 – Level up your skills for monitoring and control

### Chairs

A. Meola (DBFZ), A. Catenacci (Politecnico di Milano)

### Lecturers

S. Hellmann (DBFZ), T. Lippert (Northwestern University, Norwegian University for Science and Technology), D. Carecci (Politecnico di Milano), H. Nielsen (Northwestern University), G. Capson-Tojo (INRAE), J.-P. Steyer (INRAE), S. Weinrich (Münster University of Applied Sciences), L. Raskin (Yale University), E. Ficara (Politecnico di Milano), G. Wells (Northwestern University), D. Batstone (The University of Queensland), E. Fioribello (YWP) (INRAE), T. Segura (YWP) (INRAE)

### Description

This second part of the workshop builds on the modeling concepts introduced in the morning session and focuses on making anaerobic digestion (AD) models operationally effective. As AD applications diversify, models must be both comprehensive and practically applicable at laboratory and full scale. Operational usefulness requires appropriate monitoring and automation, high-quality process data, and uncertainty-aware calibration of mechanistic and data-driven models. Addressing these interlinked elements is essential yet challenging due to hardware and data limitations. The workshop offers two parallel tracks: a hands-on introduction to AD modeling and a practice-oriented track on implementation, using real plant data and scenarios.

### Outcomes

1. Provide newcomers with foundational and hands-on skills in AD modeling through “Track A – Basics of AD Modeling,” demonstrating the accessibility and practical value of modeling, with sessions led primarily by Young Water Professionals.
2. Deliver “Track B – Model Implementation,” equipping participants with practical competencies in microcontroller-based monitoring and control, data repair and preprocessing, and sensitivity analysis, calibration, and uncertainty quantification, combining theory, parallel practical work, and synthesis.
3. Gather participants’ experiences on modeling, calibration, and automation challenges to inform a tutorial paper proposing unified best practices for the AD modeling community.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
13:30–13:45	Motivation & introduction: workshop objectives, overview and link to previous part (15 min)	A. Meola & A. Catenacci
13:45–15:00	Track A - Overview of the ADM1: Why modeling and key concepts	YWP team
	Track A - Hands-on introduction to AD modelling: example of bioprocess model implementation and modification; simulations using the ADM1	YWP team, S. Weinrich, J.-P. Steyer & D. Batstone
	Track B - Joint theoretical introduction: overview of monitoring/control hardware, data quality, and calibration (45 min)	All Track B lecturers
	Track B - Parallel session 1 - Simple monitoring and control: Monitoring and control using microcontrollers (data acquisition, simple control loops, automation examples; part 1)	H. Nielsen T. Lippert
	Track B - Parallel session 2 - Data quality and dataset repair: AI-based methods for incomplete and noisy data; implications for data-driven and hybrid models (part 1)	A. Meola

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
13:45–15:00	Track B - Parallel session 3 - Sensitivity analysis & model: calibration: parameter subset selection and calibration of a reduced-order ADM1 using local and global sensitivity analyses (part 1)	D. Carecci S. Hellmann
15:00–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30–16:30	Track A - Hands-on introduction to AD modelling: example of bioprocess model implementation and modification; simulations using the ADM1 (Firts part)	YWP team, S. Weinrich, J.-P. Steyer & D. Batstone
	Track B - Parallel session 1 - Simple monitoring and control: Monitoring and control using microcontrollers (data acquisition, simple control loops, automation examples; part 2)	H. Nielsen & T. Lippert
	Track B - Parallel session 2 - Data quality and dataset repair: AI-based methods for incomplete and noisy data; implications for data-driven and hybrid models (part 2)	A. Meola
	Track B - Parallel session 3 - Sensitivity analysis & model: calibration: parameter subset selection and calibration of a reduced-order ADM1 using local and global sensitivity analyses (part 2)	D. Carecci & S. Hellmann
16:30–16:50	Final synthesis and discussion: take-home messages from parallel sessions, identification of methodological gaps, cross-cutting insights (Second part, 20 min)	T. Lippert & A. Catenacci
16:50–17:00	Next steps: gathering partners and defining scope for a best-practice / post-workshop tutorial paper (10 min)	All

## Track 2: Exploring Potential Tests

 Tuesday 09/06

### 9:00–12:30 Better BMP and BHP: How to accurately measure biochemical methane and hydrogen potential

#### Chairs

K. Koch (*Technical University of Munich*), S. Astals (*University of Barcelona*), S. Weinrich (*Münster University of Applied Sciences*), J. Carrillo-Reyes (*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*), S.D. Hafner (*Aarhus University*)

#### Lecturers

K. Koch (*Technical University of Munich*), S. Astals (*University of Barcelona*), S. Weinrich (*Münster University of Applied Sciences*), J. Carrillo-Reyes (*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*), S.D. Hafner (*Aarhus University*)

#### Description

This workshop addresses the persistent variability in biochemical methane potential (BMP) measurements, which limits comparability and hinders effective anaerobic digestion (AD) research and implementation. Participants will gain the knowledge and practical competencies required to conduct accurate, repro-

#### Outcomes

1. Understand the scientific foundations of BMP testing and justify the role of each experimental component.
2. Explain BMP measurement principles and choose suitable methods based on accuracy, precision, equipment, and budget.

### Description

ducible BMP tests through theory, hands-on guidance, and critical data evaluation. The program covers core BMP principles, experimental design, high-quality data collection, data processing, and rigorous interpretation. Emphasis is placed on best practices consistent with the Standard BMP Methods (SBM) platform. Attendees will also be introduced to digital tools such as the Online Biogas App to support planning and data analysis.

### Outcomes

3. Design robust BMP protocols aligned with current Standard BMP Methods, including test duration, inoculum, loading, and controls.
4. Process data correctly, calculate BMP values, apply validation criteria, and identify essential reporting elements.
5. Critically assess results, recognize common errors, and develop troubleshooting strategies.
6. Apply BMP outcomes to evaluate substrates and understand the capabilities and limits of BMP testing in AD research.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
09:00–09:20	Introduction to BMP tests	S. Astals
09:20–10:30	Test setup and measurements	S. Astals
	Data processing and validation	S.D. Hafner
	Estimation of kinetic parameters	S. Weinrich
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00–12:10	Power and limitations of BMP testing	K. Koch
	Specific methane production curves	K. Koch
	Introduction to BHP tests	J. Carrillo-Reyes
12:10–12:30	Troubleshooting and evaluation	All

### 13:30–17:00 Finding the biological carboxylate potential test

#### Chairs

M. Mauricio-Iglesias (*Universidade de Santiago de Compostela*), A. Regueira (*Universidade de Santiago de Compostela*), C. Gonzalez-Fernandez (*University of Valladolid*)

#### Lecturers

Z. Cetecioglu (*KTH Royal Institute of Technology*), C. Chen (*Beijing University of Chemical Technology*), S. Greses (*Universitat de València*), A. Regueira (*Universidade de Santiago de Compostela*)

### Description

Anaerobic mixed cultures are highly sensitive to environmental conditions, making it difficult to predict the conversion and selectivity of carbon-rich substrates into specific carboxylates. This uncertainty remains a major barrier to advancing technologies based on the carboxylate platform. In contrast, anaerobic digestion has progressed significantly through the widespread use of the biomethane potential (BMP) test, a robust method for estimating methane yields.

### Outcomes

1. Initiate the first coordinated effort toward establishing a widely accepted carboxylate potential test.
2. Increase participants' awareness of the key hurdles in valorizing organic carbon through carboxylates, particularly those arising from early-stage process uncertainty.
3. Strengthen understanding of the substrate-carboxylate-application relationship, enabling translation

## Description

This workshop aims to consolidate ongoing initiatives toward developing an analogous carboxylate potential test, fostering discussion, coordination, and identification of concrete steps needed to advance its standardization, validation, and broader implementation.

## Outcomes

- of expected carboxylate profiles into viable end-use pathways.
- 4. Foster early networking and collaboration among AD19 attendees through team-based activities designed to facilitate interaction and exchange.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
13:30–13:40	Welcome and introduction by chairs	Chairs
13:40–15:00	Team activity - The attendants are divided into teams and will establish what are the requirements for such a test (what should be the results?) and give ideas on how they could be fulfilled. These requirements will be submitted via online polling (e.g. Mentimeter or similar)	Guided by the chairs
	Carboxylate potential by experimental tests and microbiology impact	S. Greses
	Experimental protocol to evaluate carboxylate potential	Z. Cetecioglu
	Carboxylate potential by mechanistic mathematical models	A. Regueira
	Carboxylate potential by machine learning	C. Chen
15:00–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30–16:45	Section 2: The teams assess how the methods fulfil the needs for a carboxylate potential test and prepare a short 5 min presentation on pros and cons of each method	Guided by the chairs
	Short pitches by the teams presenting to the rest their conclusions	Each team speakerperson
16:45–17:00	Conclusions and wrap-up	Chairs

## Track 3: From Research to Full Scale Practice

 Tuesday 09/06

## 9:00–12:30 Utilities for the future: towards circular and energy-positive water utilities

## Chairs

Marina Arnaldos (*Cetaqua, Veolia*), Celia M. Castro-Barros (*Cetaqua, Veolia*)

## Lecturers

Marina Arnaldos (*Cetaqua*), Celia M. Castro-Barros (*Cetaqua*), Javier Santos (*Veolia*), Mario Ruiz (*Aigües de Barcelona*), D. Parry (*Jacobs*), S. McClelland (*Encina Wastewater Authority*)

### Description

Water and wastewater utilities are undergoing a transition toward climate-neutral, circular resource platforms integrating energy production, water reuse, and nutrient recovery. Anaerobic digestion (AD) is central to this shift, transforming sewage sludge into renewable energy and recoverable resources, yet scaling advanced circular digestion models faces technical, regulatory, and social barriers. This workshop examines AD as a backbone technology for future utilities through flagship full-scale case studies in Spain and the USA, complemented by innovation perspectives and multi-stakeholder dialogue. Key questions address pathways for WWTPs to become circular, energy-positive systems and the most promising utility-scale innovations under current frameworks.

### Outcomes

1. Gain insight into the transition of water utilities towards circular, energy-positive models, drawing lessons from flagship full-scale projects in Spain and USA.
2. Exchange perspectives on technological, regulatory and economic enablers for large-scale sludge valorization and energy recovery.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
09:00–09:10	Welcoming and introduction	Cetaqua
09:20–10:30	Paradigm shift: from WWTP to circular utility	Veolia
	Flagship case: Copero Complex WWTP (Spain) (TBC)	Hidralia (TBC)
	Sludge innovative management strategies from Aigües de Barcelona (Spain)	Aigües de Barcelona
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00–11:40	Advanced codigestion and implementacion strategy at Rincón de León WWTP (Spain)	Aguas de Alicante
	Advancing High-Performance Anaerobic Digestion at San José–Santa Clara Regional WWTP (USA)	Jacobs, Encina Wastewater Authority
	Introduction to BHP tests	J. Carrillo-Reyes
11:40–12:30	Round table and open discussion	<b>Moderator:</b> Cetaqua. <b>Participants:</b> Veolia, Public administration and others

## 13:30–17:00 Bridging research and full-scale practices in sewage sludge anaerobic digestion

### Chairs

J.A. Magdalena (FACSA), G. Silvestre(FACSA), E. Zuriaga(FACSA), S. Alonso (FACSA)

### Lecturers

J. Lema (CRETUS), H. Carrere (INRAE), S.I. Pérez-Elvira (Institute of Sustainable Processes, University of Valladolid), D. Miguel (FACSA), D. Polanco (teCH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), D. Parry (Jacobs), S. McClelland (Encina Wastewater Authority), D. Bolzonella (University of Verona), I. Pastor (FACSA), JB. Van Lier (Delft University of Technology)

### Description

This workshop addresses the persistent gap between research advances and full-scale implementation in sewage sludge anaerobic digestion (AD). It begins by outlining sector-wide barriers to technology transfer

### Outcomes

1. Improved understanding of the performance of sewage sludge AD technologies at full scale.
2. Identification of key operational bottlenecks.

### Description

before focusing on pretreatment technologies, including thermal hydrolysis, supported by real success cases from full-scale WWTPs. The second part examines innovative AD configurations beyond conventional CSTRs, highlighting dual-temperature phased and cascade digestion systems that can enhance performance and reduce solids retention time. A final round table will gather researchers, technology providers, and operators to discuss operational lessons, remaining challenges, and priority innovation pathways, integrating fundamental research with full-scale experience.

### Outcomes

3. Discussion between researchers, technology providers and plant operators.
4. Specific examples of how AD contributes to sustainable sewage sludge and renewable energy production in WWTP.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
13:30–13:40	Welcome and introduction	S. Alonso, J.A. Magdalena & E. Zuriaga
13:40–15:00	From Science to Ecoinnovation	J. Lema
	Sewage Sludge Pretreatment Strategies: Enhancing hydrolysis and process stability in AD	H. Carrere
	Sewage Sludge Pretreatment Strategies: Thermal hydrolysis	S.I. Pérez-Elvira
	Success case 1: Sewage Sludge Thermal Hydrolysis: Performance and operational experience at full scale	D. Miguel , D. Polanco
15:00–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30–16:45	AD systems designed for exceptional dewatering (high solids cake)	D. Parry, S. McClelland
	Advances in Sewage Sludge Double-Stage Anaerobic Digestion	D. Bolzonella
	Success case 2: Sewage sludge Double-Stage Anaerobic Digestion: Process benefits and biogas enhancement at full scale	I. Pastor
	Success case 3: Cascade sewage sludge digestion: application of ultra short SRTs	JB. Van Lier
16:45–17:15	Round table - Beyond Theory: What full-scale anaerobic digestion is teaching us	G. Silvestre, J. Lema, H. Carrere, S.I. Pérez-Elvira, D. Polanco, D. Bolzonella, JB. Van Lier

## Track 4: New Approaches and Applications

 Tuesday 09/06

**9:00–12:30**    **Micro-aeration in anaerobic digestion processes: lab-to-full-scale testing**
**Chairs**


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Samir Kumar Khanal (*The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology*), Ana Júlia Viana Cavaleiro (*Universidade do Minho*), & Lutgarde Raskin (*Yale University*)

**Lecturers**


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S.K. Khanal (*The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology*), A.J.V. Cavaleiro (*Universidade do Minho*), L. Raskin (*Yale University*), P.H. Lee (*Imperial College*), L.T. Angenent (*University of Tübingen*), G.Y.A. Tan (*City University of Hong Kong*), M. Kreuk (*Delft University of Technology*), J.B. Lier (*Delft University of Technology*), R. Lindeboom (*Delft University of Technology*), B. Kraakman (*Jacobs Engineering*), K.C. Surendra (*The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology*), Z. Wu (*Imperial College*), M. Ho (*Imperial College*), T.Y.C. Lam (*City University of Hong Kong*), A. Pereira (*Universidade do Minho*), S. Duarte (*Universidade do Minho*), M. Zhou (*The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology*), K. Gemeinhardt (*University of Tübingen*), R. Karki (*University of Michigan*), S. Skerlos (*University of Michigan*), M. Picavet (*Colsen*)

**Description**


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Anaerobic digestion (AD) faces persistent challenges including process instability, slow hydrolysis, limited long-chain fatty acid degradation, reduced biogas quality, and hydrogen sulfide emissions. Micro-aeration—dosing small amounts of air or oxygen into the digester—has emerged as a promising strategy to overcome these bottlenecks. It enhances stability by reducing VFAs, accelerates hydrolysis, supports LCFA degradation, and effectively suppresses sulfide in both liquid and gas phases. Micro-aeration may also promote chain elongation and improve digestate dewaterability, enabling higher loading rates and methane yields. This workshop brings together leading researchers to explore the emerging field of micro-aerated AD and its technological potential.

**Outcomes**


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1. Gain an understanding of various pathways and enzymes involved in micro-aeration-based AD systems.
2. Learn how to develop processes for aeration dosing control from lab to full-scale AD system.
3. Identify niche applications of micro-aeration in AD systems.
4. Gain insights into the bioenergetics of micro-aeration-based AD systems.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
09:00–09:05	General Introduction	S.K. Khanal A.J.V. Cavaleiro L. Raskin
09:05–10:30	Anaerobic digestion with micro-aeration and oxygen dosing control	S.K. Khanal Surendra K.C.
	Microbial community characterization in a micro-aeration-based AD system	L. Raskin R. Karki S. Skerlos
	Nanaerobic digestion – A new pathway and its energetics and kinetics in AD	P.H. Lee Z. Wu M. Ho
	Micro-aeration for enhanced LCFA degradation	A.J.V. Cavaleiro A. Pereira S. Duarte
	Discussions	S.K. Khanal A.J.V. Cavaleiro L. Raskin

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00–12:10	Micro-aeration for hydrothermal liquefaction wastewater treatment	L.T. Angenent M. Zhou
	Micro-aeration in chain elongation	L.T. Angenent K. Gemeinhardt
	Sulfide control and full-scale testing	G.Y.A. Tan T.Y.C. Lam B. Kraakman
	Effects of low oxygen dosages on anaerobic membrane bioreactors	M. de Kreuk R. Lindeboom M. Picavet J. van Lier
12:10–12:30	Discussions and conclusions	S.K. Khanal A.J.V. Cavaleiro L. Raskin

### 13:30–17:00 **Vacuum technologies for climate-neutral anaerobic digestion: emissions control, intensification and resource recovery**

#### Chairs

D. Batstone (*University of Queensland*), E. Jang (*USP/Trojan Technologies (Veralto)*), E. Elbeshbishy (*Toronto Metropolitan University*)

#### Lecturers

Y. Bajón Fernández (*Cranfield University*), R. Pfeufer (*Eliquo Technologies*), M. Haddad (*Suez*), C. Sheculski (*USP/Trojan Technologies (Veralto)*), G. Nakhla (*Western University*), D. Batstone (*University of Queensland*), P. Berna (*IWE Industrial Water Evaporator*), T. Chapman (*Brown and Caldwell*)

#### Description

Anaerobic digestion (AD) is central to resource recovery and supports carbon-neutral, circular-economy objectives in WRRFs. However, post-digestion methane emissions, hydraulic constraints, and ammonia inhibition still limit climate-neutral and intensified operation. Emerging vacuum-based technologies—vacuum degassing, evaporation, and heat recovery—offer integrated, economically viable solutions. Operating under reduced pressure enables capture of dissolved methane and CO<sub>2</sub>, nutrient recovery, and improved digestion performance. Vacuum degassing mitigates methane leakage, while vacuum-driven evaporation concentrates solids and removes ammonia, increasing digester capacity. This workshop presents advances in vacuum-enhanced AD, covering climate impacts, resource recovery, process intensification, modeling, and pathways toward policy and commercial adoption.

#### Outcomes

1. Improved climate performance through reduced methane leakage via recovery of dissolved and trapped biogas.
2. Enhanced energy and resource recovery, including heat, methane, CO<sub>2</sub>, and nutrient capture for valorization.
3. Practical knowledge on process intensification using vacuum-enabled thickening to increase digester throughput and stability.
4. Insights into modeling tools and policy trends guiding optimization and real-world adoption.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
13:30 - 13:40	Workshop Session, Part I – Vacuum Technologies for Anaerobic Digestion Intensification and Enhancement	E. Elbeshbishy (Chair) E. Jang (Co-Chair)
13:40–15:00	Intensification of Fermentation and AD via Vacuum Evaporation (IntensiCarb): performance gains and ammonia recovery in high-rate digesters	E. Elbeshbishy G. Nakhla C. Sheculski T. Chapman
	Modeling Vacuum and Thermal Effects: integrating vacuum processes into AD models and digital twins for optimization	D. Batstone
	Vacuum-Based Heat Recovery for Thermophilic AD: innovative steam-energy recycle and case study results	M. Haddad
15:00–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30– 16:45	Workshop Session, Part II - Vacuum Technologies to Mitigate GHG Emissions in Wastewater Treatment	D. Batstone (Chair) & E. Jang (Co-Chair)
	Post-AD Methane Emissions and Biomethane Sustainability: the role of vacuum degassing	Y. Bajón Fernández
	Biogas Harvester: vacuum recovery of dissolved gases from sewage & digestate	T. Chapman
	Vacuum Degassing in Practice (ELOVAC): preventing GHG emissions, improving dewatering, and enabling struvite control	R. Pfeufer
16:45– 17:00	High-Efficiency Vacuum Advanced Evaporators & Concentrators	P. Berna

### Track 5: Widening AD Applications

 Tuesday 09/06

#### 9:00–12:30 Unlock the potential of under-utilized waste streams

##### Chairs

Zeynep Cetecioglu Gurol (*KTH Royal Institute of Technology*), Sebastian Schwede (*Mälardalen University*)

##### Lecturers

Cigdem Eskicioglu (*Polytechnic University of Catalonia-BarcelonaTech*), Isaac Owusu-Agyeman (*KTH Royal Institute of Technology*), Raquel Lebrero Fernandez (*University of Valladolid*), Raúl Muñoz Torre (*University of Valladolid*), Sergi Astals Garcia (*University of Barcelona*), Yadira Bajón Fernández (*Cranfield University*), Graham Aid (*Ragns Sells*)

##### Description

Anaerobic bioprocesses are established for methane production and increasingly explored for generating value-added biochemicals, yet many waste streams remain underutilized. This workshop examines the potential of such streams within circular biorefinery concepts. Municipal wastewater and food waste hold significant recoverable resources, but large-scale im-

##### Outcomes

1. Identify system-level barriers using state-of-the-art knowledge and current research to inform potential solutions.
2. Develop a structured overview of under-utilized waste streams for anaerobic digestion and agree on prioritized constraints such as feedstock variability,

### Description

plementation is limited by collection, separation, and anaerobic processing constraints. Source-separated fractions—such as blackwater or food waste—enable higher recovery efficiencies due to their concentrated carbon and nutrient content. Given the environmental burden and scale of global food waste, the workshop will explore anaerobic pathways and products that can unlock the untapped potential of these waste resources.

### Outcomes

- contaminants, pretreatment needs, logistics, and regulatory barriers.
- 3. Critically assess alternative valorization routes for waste and products, including biogas, biomethane, and high-value bioproducts.
- 4. Synthesize case-based insights into recommendations for feedstock characterization, handling, co-digestion, and operational risk mitigation.
- 5. Clarify key considerations for scaling anaerobic processes from lab or pilot scale to full-scale systems, including stability, monitoring, techno-economics, and compliance.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
09:00–09:10	Welcome and general introduction	Z.C. Gurol S. Schwede
09:10–10:30	Availability, Waste Sorting/Separation, and Collection and Pretreatment	G. Aid
	Digestion with co-fermentation options/AF	Z.C. Gurol
	VFA separation	I. Owusu-Agyeman
	Biogas upgrading	R. Lebrero
	Biogas upcycling to added value bioproducts	R. Muñoz
	Digestate handling via hydrothermal carbonisation	S. Schwede
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00–11:45	Synergistic hydrothermal liquefaction–anaerobic digestion pathways for sustainable aviation fuel and biogas generation	C. Eskicioglu
	Nutrient recovery from fermentation liquors and digestates	S. Astals
	Sustainability of recovered resources: translating anaerobic digestion emissions science into biomethane policy	Y. Bajon
11:45–12:30	Workshop and Final Discussion	All participants

**13:30–17:00** **Mainstream anaerobic treatment in transition: lessons learned and opportunities ahead**

### Chairs

Z. Arbib (*Aqualia*), J. Serralta (*Universitat Politècnica de València*)

## Lecturers

M. Elvira (*Aqualia*), C. Holohan (*Radboud University*), F. J. C. Magalhães (*University of Rio Grande do Sul*), M. A. Boncz (*Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul*), J. Carrillo (*University of Valencia*), R. Muñoz (*University of Valladolid*)

## Description

Mainstream anaerobic wastewater treatment offers a pathway to efficient water resource recovery-oriented systems aligned with EU 2030 goals. Technologies such as UASB and AnMBR enable high-rate treatment, solids retention, energy recovery as biomethane, and production of high-quality effluents for reuse. However, large scale adoption remains constrained by challenges including cold climate performance, dissolved methane emissions, nutrient removal and recovery requirements, and operational limitations. This workshop will examine state of the art solutions, parallel processes for water and nutrient recovery, and biogas upgrading strategies. Key open questions include mitigating dissolved methane, ensuring effluent quality for reuse, and addressing nutrient management when fertigation is not feasible.

## Outcomes

1. Better understanding of the effects of low temperatures and low-strength wastewater on anaerobic process performance, stability, and methane generation potential.
2. Identification of feasible technological pathways to overcome dissolved methane challenges and reduce GHG emissions.
3. Clear guidance on how to achieve compliant water quality for various reuse scenarios using anaerobic-based treatment trains.
4. Evaluation of practical strategies for nutrient removal and/or recovery, considering local conditions and reuse opportunities.
5. Road mapping of future research and implementation needs to support mainstream anaerobic treatment adoption.

Time	Topics	Presenter/Moderator
13:30–13:45	Welcome and presentation of the workshop	Z. Arbib J. Serralta
13:45–15:30	AnMBR: An integrated solution for treating urban wastewater and the organic fraction of municipal solid waste.	M. Elvira
	Anaerobic treatment under extreme weather conditions and low-strength wastewater	C. Holohan
	UASB reactors in municipal wastewater treatment plants under tropical climate conditions: Insights from Brazil	F. J. C. Magalhães M. A. Boncz
	What about nutrients if there is no irrigation? Recovery versus removal	J. Carrillo
	Upgrading biogas or burning it? Pathways to energy self-sufficiency in 2045	R. Muñoz
15:00–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30–16:45	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low Temperature and low strength</li> <li>• Current technologies vs new technologies</li> <li>• Membrane fouling mitigation</li> <li>• Dissolved sulfide and methane emissions</li> <li>• Water for fertigation</li> <li>• Nutrient removal and/or recovery</li> <li>• Biogas upgrading</li> <li>• Size matter for the implementation: decentralized</li> </ul>	All lecturers
16:50–17:00	Workshop conclusions and take-home messages	Z. Arbib J. Serralta

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# 6. Conference Programme





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Tuesday 09

València Conference Centre 

08:15–09:00 Registration (ETSE-UV)

09:00–17:00 Workshops

18:30–19:15 Registration (Palau de Les Arts)

19:30–21:00 **Welcome Ceremony****Welcome Address***Vicente Martínez Mus – Vice President and Minister of Environment, Infrastructure, Territorial Planning, and Recovery of the Valencian Community***Opening speech: Valencian Biogas Roadmap 2030***PhD Juan Francisco Mora - Head of IPPC Section at Generalitat Valenciana (Spain)***Opening speech: IWA Vision on Anaerobic Digestion***Prof. Kala Vairavamoorthy - Executive Director International Water Association (UK)***Opening speech: Anaerobic Digestion, an old story for today and tomorrow***PhD Jean-Philippe Steyer – Director of Research at INRAE-LBE (France)*21:00–22:30 **Welcome Reception**

Wednesday 10

València Conference Centre 

08:00–08:45 Registration (Palau de Congressos de València)

08:45–09:15 **Opening Address (auditorium 1)***Isabel Fariñas Gómez, Vice-Rector for Research and Scientific Policies at Universitat de València  
Rafael Sebastián Aguilar, Director General for Science and Research - Ministry of Education, Culture, and Universities of the Valencian Community*

09:15–10:00

**Chairs:** Juan Lema & Marta Carballa**Plenary speech:** Broadening the bioproduct portfolio of anaerobic digestion via biogas and digestate bioconversion (auditorium 1)*Prof. Raúl Muñoz - Universidad de Valladolid (Spain)*

10:00–11:00

**Auditorium 1 - Building biorefinery platforms: thermal processes****Chairs:** Francesco Fatone & Jhosané Payés**Transforming Advanced Biological Treatment Plant Sludges Into Energy: Hydrothermal Liquefaction-Anaerobic Digestion***Alizad Oghyanous, Farid; Eskicioglu, Cigdem (The University of British Columbia - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Canada)***Hydrothermal Carbonisation Of Sewage Sludge Digestate: A Post-Treatment Approach For Energy And Nutrient Recovery***Shahnawazi, Ali Ahmad; Tibbetts, Harry; Carvalho, Lara; Schwede, Sebastian (Mälardalen University, Sweden)***When Does Microaeration Enhance The Valorization And Stabilization Of Hydrothermal Liquefaction (HTL) Process Water?***Zhou, Mei; Khanal, Samir Kumar; Angenent, Largus Theodoran (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China)*

10:00–11:00

Optimising Thermal Hydrolysis Process (THP)-AD Through Strategic Targeting Of Hydrolysis Blind Spots-Batch & Pilot Study

*Nasar, Nasreen; Pizzagalli, Giulia; Coulon, Frederic; Bajón Fernández, Yadira (Cranfield University, United Kingdom)*

### Auditorium 2 - Sustainability assessment and beyond

**Chairs:** *Ilse Smets & Renisha Karki*

Managing Methane Emissions From Anaerobic Digestion: National Science-based Policy For Biomethane Sustainability

*Bajon Fernandez, Yadira (Cranfield University, United Kingdom)*

LCA And TEA Of The Production Of RNG From Organic Waste In A Novel Integrated Biochemical And Electrochemical System

*Puente, Pedro; Fairley-Wax, Tim; Lippert, Thomas; Nielsen, Heather; Zhu, Kuang; Wells, George; Lin, Yupo; Urgan-Demirtas, Meltem; Raskin, Lutgarde; Skerlos, Steve (James Madison University, United States)*

Advanced Monitoring Of Fugitive Methane From Full-scale Wastewater Treatment Plants Using Multi-level Sensing Techniques

*Elsayed, Ahmed; Abdelrahman, Omar; Ismail, Amr; Kakar, Farokh; Le, Trung; Cavanaugh, Shannon; Willis, John; Da Silva, Allegra; Santoro, Domenico; Alsayed, Ahmed; Elbeshbishy, Elsayed (Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada)*

GasAbate Treatment Reduces Gaseous Emissions And Retains The Biogas And Fertiliser Potential Of Pig And Cattle Manure

*O'Flaherty, Vincent; Hughes, Dermot; Thorn, Camilla; Friel, Ruairi; O'Neill, William; Chin, Jason; McGrath, John; Williams, Paul; McDonagh, Michael; Nolan, Stephen (University of Galway, Ireland)*

### Auditorium 3 - Decentralized systems

**Chairs:** *Zouhayr Arbib & Yuchen Liu*

Determinants Of Microbial Community Structure And Process Performance In Manure-fed Farm-scale Biogas Plants

*Perman, Ebba; Ahlberg Eliasson, Karin; Schnürer, Anna (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden)*

Modular Anaerobic Bioelectrochemical Reactor Coupled With Biofilm Based-processes For Decentralized Wastewater Treatment

*Estrada-Arriaga, Edson; García-Sánchez, Liliana; Falcón-Rojas, Axel; Gómez-Lázaro, Belén; Carranza-Almanza, Paola; Esquivel-Sotelo, Alberto (Mexican Institute of Water Technology, Mexico)*

Decentralized Photobiorefineries For Municipal Wastewater Treatment: Demonstration Of ANPHORA® Technology

*Marín, Eugenio; Monsalvo, Victor; Zamora Bonachella, Patricia; Encinas, Ángel; Tena, Miriam; Rogalla, Frank (FCC Aqualia, Spain)*

Assessment Of A Multi-stage Treatment Of Wastewater From Individual Systems: Removal Of CECs, Path And AMR

*Salgado, Adrián; Garrido Fernández, Juan Manuel; Omil Prieto, Francisco; Suárez, Sonia; Lois, Marta; Carreira, Carla; Takeda, Paula Yumi; López Romalde, Jesús (University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain)*

11:00–11:30

**Coffee Poster Session**

11:30–13:00

**Auditorium 1 - Building biorefinery platforms: protein production****Chairs:** *Gabriel Capson-Tojo & Luis Diaz Allegue*

Two-step Single Cell Protein Production From Biological Gases Through homoacetogenesis: An Initial Assessment

*Gallardo-Mejías, Juan Pablo; Capson-Tojo, Gabriel; Álvarez-Fraga, Laura; Steyer, Jean-Philippe; Pastor, Laura; Ruano, María Victoria; Robles, Ángel (Universitat de València, Spain)*

Maximized Microbial Protein Production With Hydrogen Oxidizing Bacteria For Simultaneous CO<sub>2</sub> Mitigation And Nr Recover

*Wang, Wen (Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)*

Biogas Valorization Into Single-cell Protein By Mixed Methanotrophic-Hydrogenotrophic Culture

*Gesicka, Aleksandra; Kvaran, Helga; Angelidaki, Irini (Technical University of Denmark, Denmark)*

Efficient Conversion Of Volatile Fatty Acids Into High-value Lipids And Proteins By A Lichen Like System

*Levío Raimán, Marcela; González-Fernández, Cristina (University of Valladolid, Spain)*

Carbon-efficient Microbial Protein Production Via Continuous Co-cultivation Of Methane- And Hydrogen-oxidizing Bacteria

*Diaz Allegue, Luis; Farabegoli, Federica; Regueiro, Leticia; Fajardo, Paula; Vlaeminck, Siegfried (Antwerp University, Belgium)*

From Lab To Pilot Scale: Bioconversion Of Digestate And CO<sub>2</sub> From AD Into Microbial Protein

*Di Benedetto, Francesca; Di Venosa, Luna; Cantera, Sara; Turolla, Andrea; Ficara, Elena (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)*

**Auditorium 2 - Adding value to liquid streams and digestate****Chairs:** *Beatriz Molinuevo & Airton Kunz*

Spectral Approaches To Predict C And N Mineralisation During Anaerobic Digestion And After Digestate Soil Application

*Do Souto Soeiro, Jessica; Latrille, Eric; Servien, Rémi; Zennaro, Bastien; Thoisy, Jeanne Chantal; Houot, Sabine; Steyer, Jean-Philippe; Jimenez, Julie (INRAE, France)*

Nitrogen Recovery From Anaerobic Reject Water Via An Open-closed Loop Hydrophobic Membrane Contactor

*Lo Coco, Riccardo; Pezzuto, Marco; Frison, Nicola (University of Verona, Italy)*

Bioelectrochemically Assisted Anaerobic Co-digestion Of Agri-food Residues At Pilot Scale

*Arnal Sierra, Raquel; López Martí, Pau; Molognoni, Daniele; Borràs, Eduard (Leitat - Acondicionamiento Tarrassense, Spain)*

Ultra-low-voltage Strategy For Efficient Energy Recovery From Sewage

*Chen, Sijia; Meng, Xinran; Liu, Ziwei; Huang, Xia (Tsinghua University, China)*

Start-up Of A Microbial Electrolysis Cell Pilot Plant For Ammonia Recovery From Agri-food Anaerobic Digestates

*Gorchs, Maria; Cerrillo, Miriam; Bonmatí, August; Ruiz, Noelia; Moreno, Miguel; Riau Arenas, Victor (Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology (IRTA), Spain)*

Electro-chemical Strategy For P Recovery From Municipal Wastewater

*Meng, Xinran; Chen, Sijia; Liu, Ziwei; Huang, Xia (Tsinghua University, China)*

11:30–13:00

**Auditorium 3 - Industrial waste(water) valorization #1****Chairs:** Jules van Lier & Dainis Sudmalis

Are We Positive About Cellulose? Better Substrates For Quality Control In Biochemical Methane Potential Measurement

Hafner, Sasha; Leca, Estelle; Astals, Sergi; Koch, Konrad; Liu, Jing; Nistor, Mihaela; Olaya-Rincon, Mario; Sambusiti, Cecelia; Monlau, Florian (Hafner Consulting LLC, United States)

Intermittent Microaeration: A Comparison Between Lignocellulosic Digestion And Food Waste–Sewage Sludge Co-Digestion

Surendra, K C; Chuenchart, Wachiranon; Nguyen, Duc; Wu, Zhuoying; Sawaya, Christelle; Shrestha, Shilva; Smith, Adam L.; Lee, Po Heng; Raskin, Lutgarde; Khanal, Samir (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China)

Sustainable Acid Rock Drainage Remediation Using Locally Available Organic Wastes In The Global South

Ochoa-Herrera, Valeria; Zambrano-Romero, Aracely; Trueba, Gabriel; Field, Jim (Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), Ecuador)

Exploring The Potential Of Hydroxyapatite Nanoparticles In Enhancing Anaerobic Digestion Yields Of Lipid-rich Wastewater

Russo, Annalisa; Oliva, Armando; Cesaro, Alessandra (University of Naples “Federico II”, Italy)

Multiscale Hydrodynamic Features Drive Anaerobic Granule’s Characteristics In Calcium-rich Wastewater

Eslami, Hooman; Bruning, Harry; Krug, Julia; Rijnaarts, Huub H.M.; Sudmalis, Dainis (Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands)

How Much Salt Can Thermophilic Digesters Take? Mapping Ammonium And Sodium Inhibition Across Multiple Inocula

Ruggiero, Luca; Moscoviz, Roman (SUEZ CIRSEE, France)

13:00–14:00

**Lunch**

14:00–14:30

**Conference Photograph & Coffee Poster Session**

14:30–16:30

**Auditorium 1 - Adding value to (bio)gas: CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>****Chairs:** Sergi Astals & Xavier Fonoll

**Keynote:** Microbes assisting technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and recycle

Prof. Irimi Angelidaki (Technical University of Denmark (Denmark))

In-situ CO<sub>2</sub> Conversion To Biomethane In Electrode-assisted Anaerobic Digesters Using Digestate-derived Biochar Cathodes

Ning, Xue; Ni, Jun; Sachan, Deepa; Bose, Archishman; Wall, David; Furst, Ariel; Murphy, Jerry (University College Dublin, United States)

Techno-economic Assessment Of Biomethanation For Ex Situ Biogas Upgrading In A WWTP

Ferrari, Federico; Arribas, Luis; Fiffe, Pablo; Diaz, Israel; Morais Junior, Wilson Galvao; Iglesias, Raquel; Micó, Maria del Mar (ACCIONA Agua, Spain)

Succinic Acid Production From Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Using A Novel Hybrid Fermentation System In SEMPRE-BIO Project

Llimós Turet, Jordi; González-Camejo, Josué; Benítez Téllez, Ana Belén (BETA Tech. Center. University of Vic - Central University of Catalonia (UVic-UCC), Spain)

Optimising H<sub>2</sub> Mass Transfer In Membrane Biofilm Reactors: A Pilot-scale Assessment Of Periodic Venting

Reena Krishna, Keerthy; Bonato, Irene; Catenacci, Arianna; Malpei, Francesca (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

14:30–16:30

Hydrogen Utilization And Methanation Efficiency In Sewage Sludge Digestion: Effects Of Temperature And Feeding Modes

*Kwang, Ching Yi; Hidaka, Taira; Fujiwara, Taku; Akimoto, Shinya; Tsubota, Jun (Kyoto University, Japan)*

Succinate Production From Acid Whey In Mixed Culture Fermentation: Effects Of CO<sub>2</sub> Supplementation

*Prusak, Hanna; Brodowski, Filip; Gutowska, Natalia; Duber, Anna; Zagrodnik, Roman; Lezyk, Mateusz; Oleskowicz-Popiel, Piotr (Poznan University of Technology, Poland)*

### Auditorium 2 - Industrial waste(water) valorization #2

**Chairs:** Ana Júlia Cavaleiro & Michael Ho

**Keynote:** Finding the opportunity space for anaerobic technologies in industrial wastewater valorization

*Prof. Jeremy Guest - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (USA)*

Optimization Of Recirculation Ratio In Two-phase Anaerobic Co-digestion Of Food Waste And Paper Waste

*Zeng, Qingkang; Ha, Juntong; Li, Yu-You; Qin, Yu (Tohoku University, Japan)*

Synergistic Co-digestion Of Sugarcane Bagasse And Swine Manure For Enhanced Methane Production

*Galdino, Geovanna; Rabelo, Camila; Lourenço, Vitor; Rodrigues, Caroline; Varesche, Maria Bernadete (University of São Paulo, Brazil)*

Effect Of Carbon Materials On Palm Oil Mill Effluent Digestion During A Gradual Mesophilic-to-Thermophilic Transition

*Abdillah, Ayik; Hidaka, Taira; Fujiwara, Taku; Yoshida, Naoko; Hidayatullah, Ibnu Maulana; Maulidiany, Nopa Dwi (Kyoto University, Japan)*

Understanding Olive Pomace Valorisation Through Anaerobic (co)digestion And Fermentation

*Correa, Sandra; Astals, Sergi; Forns, Nuria; Vila, Joaquim; Zahedi, Soraya; Feroso, Fernando; Ferrer, Ivet; Passos, Fabiana (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain)*

Coupling Fish Waste Anaerobic Digestion, Ammonia Extraction, And Microbial Protein Production

*Postacchini, Pietro; Bertelsen, Sofie; Valverde-Pérez, Borja (Technical University of Denmark, Denmark)*

Kinetic Evidence Of Substrate Inhibition And Lack Of Short-term Nano-magnetite Effect In Anaerobic Phenol Degradation

*Kurnianto, Rifki Wahyu; Muñoz Sierra, Julian; Spanjers, Henri; Kleerebezem, Robbert; Van Lier, Jules (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands)*

### Auditorium 3 - Modelling, control and beyond #1

**Chairs:** Damien Batstone & Davide Carecci

**Keynote:** Models for Learning, Models for Control in Anaerobic Digestion Systems

*Prof. Jorge Rodriguez - Khalifa University (UAE)*

AD Automation And Experimental Validation In Lab-scale: A Software Architecture For Monitoring And Control Using An ADMI

*Hellmann, Simon; Lerch, Leander; Stors, Daniel; Athanasopoulos, Panagiotis; Petzke, Felix; Sauerteig, Philipp; Wilms, Terrance; Knorn, Steffi; Streif, Stefan; Weinrich, Sören (DBFZ Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum, Germany)*

14:30–16:30

### Development And Validation Of A Scalable Digital Twin For Anaerobic Reactors In The Agri-Food Industry

Gomez, Antonio; Gimeno, Eduardo; Pardo, Leyre; Royo, Lucía; Labarías, Alejandro; Molina, Daniel; Roche, Enric; Marín, José Manuel; Renzi, Danielle; Greggio, Ellen; Frison, Nicola (Nabladot, S.L., Spain)

### Optimal Utilisation Of Anaerobic Digestion In Integrated Energy-wastewater Systems

Aghdam Tabar, Saba; Safder, Usman; Casey, Eoin; Cotterill, Sarah; Dereli, Recep Kaan (University College Dublin, Ireland)

### Towards Energy-autonomous Anaerobic Digestion: Adaptive Model Predictive Control For Mesophilic-Thermophilic Transition

Moradvandi, Ali; Carvajal-Arroyo, José; Picavet, Merijn; De Kreuk, Merle; Lindeboom, Ralph (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands)

### From Process Monitoring To Predictive Insight In Multi-tank Anaerobic Digestion

De Bernardini, Nicola; Francescato, Luca; Zampieri, Guido; Pastor-Poquet, Vicente; Fabbri, Claudio; Campanaro, Stefano; Treu, Laura (University of Padova, Italy)

### Control-oriented Modelling And Parameter Estimation Of Anaerobic Co-digestion For Full-scale Applications

Ficara, Elena; Carecci, Davide; Catenacci, Arianna; Rossi, Simone; Ferretti, Gianni (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

16:30–16:40

Refresh break

16:40–17:20

### Auditorium 1 - Flash: Industrial waste(water) and complex substrates

**Chairs:** Fernando G. Ferrero & Alberte Regueira

### Anaerobic Bioconversion Of Volatile Tar Compounds To Methane During Syngas Biome- thanation

Amiri, Roonak; Angelidaki, Irini; Postacchini, P.; Grimalt Alemany, Antonio; Ghofrani-Isfahani, Parisa; Benedetti, Vittoria; Baratieri, Marco (Faculty of Engineering, Free University of Bolzano, Denmark)

### Potentials Of Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor For Lipid-rich Dairy Wastewater Treat- ment And Permeate Reuse In Agriculture

Szabo Corbacho, Maria ; Miguez, Diana; Hooijmans, Christine; Garcia, Hector; Van Lier, Jules (UTEC - Universidad Tecnológica del Uruguay, Uruguay)

### Assessing The Biodegradability Of PET: Barriers And Early Approaches For its Valorisa- tion In WWTP Anaerobic Digesters

Santonja Coloma, Marina; Lera Modino, Maria; Martí Ortega, Nuria; Serralta Servilla, Joaquín (Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain)

### Enhanced Biogas From Mezcal Vinasses Via Two-Stage Co-Digestion Stimulating DIET With Non-Conventional Wastes

Vargas-Gómez, Erika; García-Sánchez, Liliana; Barragán-Trinidad, Martin; Sebastian-Pa-  
thiyamattom, Joseph; Garzón-Zúñiga, Marco Antonio; Arias-Lizárraga, Dulce María; Estrada-Arriaga, Edson Baltazar (Mexican Institute of Water Technology, Mexico)

### Three-phase Flow Regimes And Bed Expansion In Upflow Anaerobic Granular Reactors

Garcia Tirado, Ruben; Trifi, Delia; Monrós-Andreu, Guillem; Torro, Salvador; Chiva, Sergio; Martinez-Cuenca, Raul (FACSA, Spain)

### Synergistic Thermochemical And Enzymatic Pretreatment To Enhance Anaerobic Diges- tion Of Canadian Hardwood Residues

Azizi, Armineh; Koupaie, Ehssan (Queen's University, Canada)

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### High-load Methanogenesis In Fixed-bed Reactors Fed With Sulfate-depleted Fermented Vinasse Supported By Carryover Buffer

*Borges, André; Fuess, Lucas; Oliveira Filho, Leonardo; Mendes, Julia; Rogeri, Renan; Nogueira, Elis; Damianovic, Marcia Helena; Zaiat, Marcelo (Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil)*

### Mesophilic AD Of Municipal Sewage Sludge Under High Sodium Propionate Concentrations In Semi-continuous Conditions

*Agumah, Joel Awinzure; Liu, Xiaojun; Andre, Laura; Auneau, Camille; Thibault, Sophie; Bureau, Chrystelle; Guerin, Sabrina; Rocher, Vincent; Lacroix, Carlyne; Chapleur, Olivier; Bize, Ariane; Roose-Amsaleg, Céline; Pauss, André; Ribeiro, Thierry (Université de Technologie de Compiègne, France)*

## Auditorium 2 - Flash: Adding value to (bio)gas

**Chairs:** Konrad Koch & Sebastian Schwede

### Enhanced Biogas Yield And Stability In A Pilot-Scale Anaerobic Digestion-Microbial Electrolysis Cell (AD-MEC) System

*Timmers, Rudolphus Antonius; Sánchez Gatón, Miguel; Pérez Zapatero, Enrique; Ballesteros Amor, Maximo Pablo; Alonso De Larrea, Lucas; Hidalgo Barrio, Dolores (CARTIF Foundation, Spain)*

### Full-scale Anaerobic Co-digestion And Renewable Energy Integration At Riu Ripoll WWTP: Towards Carbon Neutrality

*Jordan, Lluís; Pino, Adolfo; Izquierdo, Antonio; Rodero, Àlex; Santacruz, Elisabeth (Aigües Sabadell (Veolia), Spain)*

### A Comparative Study Of Thermophilic H<sub>2</sub>-assisted Ex-situ Biogas Upgrading In A Biotrickling Filter Under Different PH

*Garrido Rodríguez, David; Cantera Ruiz de Pellón, Sara; Muñoz Torre, Raul (Institute of Sustainable Processes (ISP), Spain)*

### Extremely High Organic Loading Treatment of Liquified PLA-Containing Wastewater via Electrical Voltage Application and Prolonged Microbial Exposure

*Ashraf Joolaei, Ali; Makian, Masoud; Mohit, Mohamad Ali; Kim, Gyeongcheol; Parvez, Md Rakib; Yoon, Sun; Ra, Hyeong jun; Kang, Sungmo; Lee, Yujin; Kim, Dong-Hoon (Inha University, Republic of Korea)*

### MethAlgae Co-cultures For The Valorization Of Biogas Towards Ectoine: A Bottom-up Approach

*De Smet, Kenzie (KU Leuven, Belgium)*

### Neutral Water Electrolysis - A Novel Power-to-gas System Combining Green Hydrogen And Renewable Natural Gas Production

*Lippert, Thomas; Lin, Yupo; Nielsen, Heather; Wells, George (Northwestern University, United States)*

### Insight Into Selection And Modeling Of Purple Sulfur Bacteria For Biogas Treatment

*Carrier, Morgane; Ružić, Todor; Peyre-Lavigne, Matthieu; Lepercq, Pascale; Mercade, Myriam; Dumas, Claire; Sperandio, Mathieu (INSA Toulouse, France)*

### A Broader Perspective On Metabolic Interactions In Syngas Biomethanation

*Goonesekera, Estelle; Grimalt-Aleman, Antonio; Angelidaki, Iirini (Technical University Of Denmark, Denmark)*

## Auditorium 3 - Flash: Sustainability, Microbial Science, and Emerging Contaminants

**Chairs:** Moustapha Harb & Juan Cubero

### High-solids Versus Conventional Anaerobic Digestion: Life Cycle Assessment And Economic Analysis As Comparison Tools

*Mainardis, Matia; Gievers, Fabian; Di Costanzo, Nicola; Moretti, Alessandro; Di Capua, Francesco (University of Udine, Italy)*

### Economic Efficiency In Wastewater Treatment Plants: The Role Of Scale, Biogas Production And Technologies

*Leroy-Freitas, Deborah; Torres-Franco, Andrés Felipe; Molinos-Senante, María (University of Valladolid, Institute of Sustainable Processes, Spain)*

### Methane Leakage Thresholds Determine The Climate Impact And Economics Of Wastewater Biogas Recovery

*Li, Xiatong; Ren, Z. Jason; Zhu, Junjie; Yan, Yuqing; Li, Trung (Princeton University, United States)*

### Meta-analysis Of Chemical And Microbial Constraints On Chain Elongation

*Zhang, Xinran; Martinez, Daniela; Skerlos, Steve; Raskin, Lutgarde (University of Michigan Ann Arbor, United States)*

### Metagenomic Profiling Of Carbohydrate-active Enzymes In A Rumen-inspired AnDMBR During Food Waste Mono- And Co-digestion

*Karki, Renisha; Skerlos, Steven; Raskin, Lutgarde (University of Michigan, United States)*

### Unravelling Differential Impacts Of Multiple Biodegradable Plastics On Anaerobic Digestion Systems

*Luo, Xiaoliang; Jin, Yan; Liu, Guangqing; Chen, Chang (College of Chemical Engineering, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China)*

### Strategy Balances Bio-resource Recovery And Antimicrobial Resistance Mitigation In Lincomycin-laden Anaerobic Digestion

*Xie, Li; Xie, Jing; Zhu, Wenzhe; Yin, Daqiang; Wnag, Wen (College of environmental science and engineering, Tongji University, China)*

### Integrating Anaerobic Co-digestion In Rural Systems: Dual Control Of Biogas Dynamics And Fertilizer Quality

*Hidaka, Taira; Nakamura, Masato; Oritate, Fumiko; Fujita, Mutsumi; Ihara, Hitotaka; Matsuda, Shuh; Miyamoto, Toyohisa (Kyoto University, Japan)*

17:20–18:20

Orxata Poster Session

## Thursday 11

08:00–08:30

Registration (Palau de Congressos de València)

08:30–09:15

**Chairs:** Jules van Lier & Hale Ozgun

**Plenary speech: Fate of Biodegradable Plastics in Anaerobic Digestion: Potential Resources vs. Hidden Risks (auditorium 1)**

*Prof. Chang Chen - Beijing University of Chemical Technology (China)*

09:15–11:00

**Auditorium 1 - Industrial waste(water) valorization #3**

**Chairs:** Andre Dos Santos & Julian Muñoz Sierra

### Anaerobic Lignin Degradation Under Sulfate-Reducing Conditions

*Franco Vieira, Bárbara; Abreu B. Silva Rabelo, Camila; M. Ramos-Muñoz, Víctor; Zaiat, Marcelo; G. Feroso, Fernando (University of Sao Paulo, Brazil)*

### Anaerobic Digestion Of Dairy UF Permeate: Efficiency And Energy Recovery Potential

*Yepez, Oscar; Casey, Eoin; Dereli, Kaan; Browne, James (University College Dublin, Ireland)*

09:15–11:00

### Anaerobic Digestion And Carbon Recovery In Industrial Wastewater Systems: Balancing Energy Recovery And Net-Zero Targets

*Lei, Tianyu; Whale-Obrero, Jaime; Larsen, Sille B.; Cai, Siying; Kjellberg, Kasper; Gernaey, Krist; Flores-Alsina, Xavier (Technical University of Denmark, Denmark)*

### Turning Winery Waste Into Profit: Medium-chain Fatty Acids Production

*Quintana Álvarez, Hugo; Reino Sánchez, Clara; Castro Barros, Celia María; Carballa Arcos, Marta (Cetaqua, Spain)*

### Anaerobic Co-digestion Of Fat, Oil And Grease At A Pilot Demonstration Plant: Reward, Risk And Readiness

*Bai, Xue; Al-Gertan, Estabraq; Du, Bolong; Li, Huijuan; Dwyer, Jason; Jensen, Paul (The University of Queensland, Australia)*

### Bioaugmentation Of Salt-resistant Biofilm To Enhance Stability In AHR Treating High Salinity Industrial Wastewaters

*Hudayah, Nasrul; Sukson, Wantanasak; Boonapatcharoen, Nimaradee; Ainthaklay, Janphen; Kongduan, Varunee; Laopitinun, Onamon; Waewsak, Chaiwat; Suraraksa, Benjaphon (King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand)*

### Anaerobic Digestion As Pretreatment For Dairy Waste Composting: Operational Strategies And Microbial Dynamics

*Gutiérrez, Lucía; Callejas, Cecilia; Passeggi, Mauricio; Borzacconi, Liliana; López, Iván (Facultad de Ingeniería (Universidad de la República), Uruguay)*

### **Auditorium 2 - Adding value to (bio)gas: biogas and bioCH<sub>4</sub>**

**Chairs:** *Piotr Oleskowicz-Popiel & Antón Rial*

### Biological Methane Oxidation: Quantifying the metabolic heat from aerobic methanotrophs

*Herzyk, Tymon; Gómez-Borraz, Tania; Gonzalez-Cabaleiro, Rebeca; Sloan, William (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom)*

### Sustainable Biogas Upgrading Via A Novel Photocatalyst-Microbial Hybrid System

*Xia, Tianzhuo; Zhang, Yingdi; Zhang, Lei; Han, Ershuan; Xu, Jingsan; Liu, Yang (Queensland University of Technology, Australia)*

### Evaluating Impact Of Co- Vs. Counter-diffusional Substrate Delivery In A Hollow-fiber Membrane Biofilm Reactor For Ex-situ Biomethanation

*Nielsen, Heather; Lippert, Thomas; Nannapuraju, Pranava; Freiburger, Andrew; Lin, Yupo; Raskin, Lutgarde; Wells, George (Northwestern University, United States)*

### Biogas Upgrading Via Ex-situ Biological Methanation In A WWTP: Analysis Of Biomethane Commercialisation Models

*Bobillo Alvarez, Jaime; Checa Sanchez, David; Castro Barros, Celia Maria; Pastur Romay, Mateo; Poch Palou, Maurici; Arnaldos Orts, Marina; Córdova Valencia, Alejandra (CETAQUA, Spain)*

### Simultaneously Biogas Upgrading And Value-added Chemical Production In A Membrane Biofilm Reactor

*Zhou, Linjie; Wu, Mengxiong; Lai, Chunyu; Guo, Jianhua (Technical University of Denmark, Denmark)*

### Enhancing Biogas Upgrading With Carbon-Coated Iron Nanoparticles In *Arthrospira Platensis* Cultures At Pilot-Scale

*Anagnostopoulou, Chrysa; Vargas-Estrada, Laura; Kougiyas, Panagiotis; Muñoz, Raúl (Hellenic Agricultural Organization - DIMITRA, Greece)*

### Application Of Alkaliphilic *Desmodesmus Armatus* For Integrated Algal Biomethane Bio-refineries In Temperate Climates

*Haider, Muhammad Nabeel; O'Higgins, Linda; Wall, David; Murphy, Jerry D.; Bose, Archishman (University College Cork, Ireland)*

09:15–11:00

**Auditorium 3 - Novel technologies and processes****Chairs:** Antonella Marone & Lucia Braga-Nan**Ocean-Deployed Dark Fermentation: Converting Marine Organic Matter To Energy Intermediates For Ocean Applications***Hackula, Anga; Rafian, Aziz; Lansing, Stephanie (University of Maryland, United States)***Valorization Of Waste Methane Through Synergistic Optimization Of Gas-Liquid Mass Transfer To Enhance SCP Production***Mahmoud, Khaled A; Rasool, Kashif; Shahzad, Hafiz Muhammad Aamir (Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI)/Hamad Bin Khalifa University/Qatar Foundation, Qatar)***Iron And Carbon-Based Conductive Materials For Enhanced Anaerobic Digestion Of OFMSW***Sánchez, David; Villamil, John A.; Feroso, Javier; Tomás, Elia (IMDEA energy, Spain)***Iron-doped Protein Nanofiber Additives Improve Anaerobic Digestion Performance***Shirazi, Romina; Koupaie, Ehssan; De France, Kevin (Queen's University, Canada)***Electromethanogenesis In Wastewater Treatment: How Far Have We Come?***Silvestre, Gracia; Zuriaga, Elena; Vega, Maria; Molognoni, Daniele; Borrás, Eduard (FACSA, Spain)***Bioelectroactive Co-Culture For Simultaneous Ammonium And Methane Removal***Holohan, Conall; Sanz-Mendoza, Pablo; Groza, Adrienn; Welte, Cornelia (Radboud University, Netherlands)***ELSAR® Reactor: Passive Electro-Stimulation For Brewery Wastewater Treatment***Fernández-Domínguez, David; Mora-Cabrera, Karen; Duro, Sergio; Martín, Raul; Zamora, Patricia; Monsalvo, Victor Manuel; Rogalla, Frank (FCC Aqualia, Spain)*

11:00–11:30

**Coffee Poster Session**

11:30–13:00

**Auditorium 1 - Adding value to (bio)gas****Chairs:** Ryan Ziels & Shaoyu Ye**Novel Compact Multichannel Reactor For Biogas Valorisation Via Ectoine Production***Torres-Franco, Andrés; Sampaio de Mello, Bruna; Vargas-Estrada, Laura; Botana, Nicolás; Alcántara, Daniel; Carmody, Miguel; Muñoz, Raúl (University of Valladolid, Spain)***Ectoines And Carotenoids Production From Biogas Using An Algal-methanotrophic Consortium: Process Performance And Metagenomic Analysis***Serna García, Rebecca; Lanzoni, Ysis; Garcia-Depraect, Octavio; Muñoz, Raul; Cantera, Sara (Universitat de València, Spain)***Optimisation Of A Monolith Multichannel Bioreactor For Methane Bioconversion Into Ectoine***Sampaio De Mello, Bruna; Zamora, Patricia; Monsalvo, Víctor; Rogalla, Frank; Torres-Franco, Andres Felipe; Muñoz, Raúl (Institute of Sustainable Processes/University of Valladolid, Spain)***Pressurized Thermophilic CO<sub>2</sub> Biomethanation Using Exogenous H<sub>2</sub> And Anaerobic Centrate In A Biotrickling Filter***Morais Junior, Wilson G; Torrecilla Del Rey, Alberto; Ferrari, Federico; Micó, María Del Mar; Fdz-Polanco, María; Diaz, Israel (Institute of Sustainable Processes - Universidad de Valladolid, Spain)***Pilot-scale Biological Methanation Of Raw Biogas In An Integrated CSTR-TBR System With H<sub>2</sub> Supplied By A PEM Electrolyzer***Xirostylidou, Aikaterini; Mitraka, Georgia-Christina; Gaspari, Maria; Kontogiannopoulos, Konstantinos. N.; Zouboulis, Anastasios I.; Kougiyas, Panagiotis G. (Hellenic Agricultural Organization - DIMITRA, Greece)*

11:30–13:00

Overcoming H<sub>2</sub> Mass Transfer Limitations In Ex-situ CO<sub>2</sub> Biomethanation With Custom - designed Membrane Biofilm Reactors

*Lin, Shih-Hsuan; Kuntke, Philipp; De Smit, Sanne; Hamelers, Hubertus V.M.; Gagliano, Maria Cristina (Wetsus, Netherlands)*

### Auditorium 2 - Building biorefinery platforms: bioplastics

**Chairs:** Vincent O'Flaherty & Luís Moreira Costa

Evaluating The Anaerobic Digestion Of PLA And PHB For Volatile Fatty Acid Generation From Bioplastic Waste

*Francis, Lydia; Nzeteu, Corine; O'Flaherty, Vincent (University of Galway, Ireland)*

No Time To Waste: Biorefining Of Bioplastic Waste Via Chemical And Microbial Recycling

*Angelini, Stefania; Gallipoli, Agata; Gianico, Andrea; Angelini, Francesca; Sbicego, Michela; Montecchio, Daniele; Piemonte, Vincenzo; Braguglia, Camilla Maria (Water Research Institute - National Council of Research, Italy)*

Development Of Bio-based Plastic Films And Assessment Of Their Biodegradability Under Anaerobic Digestion

*André, Laura; Lefèvre, Cassandra; Sommerer, Alexandre; Léonard, Estelle; Fayeulle, Antoine; Ribeiro, Thierry; Kadri, Rana; Meenakshisundaram, Shruthi; Gallois, Nicolas; Jeux, Victorien (Institut Polytechnique Unilasalle, France)*

PBAT-based Compostable Bags Valorisation Via Anaerobic Co-Digestion: Reinforcing WWTPs As Energy Recovery Facilities

*Lera Modino, María; Santonja Coloma, Marina; Ferrer Crespo, Juan Francisco; Serralta Sevilla, Joaquín; Martí Ortega, Nuria (Universitat de València, Spain)*

Microbial Recycling Of Biodegradable Plastics (TPS, PLA, PHA) Into Carboxylates Via Methane Arrested Anaerobic Digestion

*Zeng, Weishen; Jin, Yong; Beckmans, Ralf; De Leeuw, Kasper; Strik, David (Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands)*

Enhanced Polyhydroxyalkanoate Production Through Process Optimization In Sequencing Batch Reactors

*Ríos Mejía, Alejandro; Robles Martínez, Ángel; Borrás Falomir, Luis; Ruano García, María Victoria (Universitat de València, Spain)*

### Auditorium 3 - Modelling, control and beyond #2

**Chairs:** Jorge Rodríguez & Tatiana Segura-Monroy

Unravelling Chemical And Microbial Features During Digester Foaming With FTIR Spectroscopy

*Upoma, Bushra Parvin; Tait, Stephan; Krohn, Christian; Batstone, Damien (The University of Queensland, Australia)*

Estimating The Active Biomass In Anaerobic Reactors Through A Mass Balance Approach

*Da Silva Álvarez, Christopher; Peces, Miriam; Perez-Esteban, Noemí; Volcke, Eveline I. P.; Dosta, Joan; Astals, Sergi (Ghent University, Belgium)*

Anaerobic Digestion Modelling Upgrades For A Better VFA Prediction; Process Inhibitions And Thermodynamics Integration

*Rovira Cal, Eric; Jaray-Valdehiero, Sofía; Sancho, Luis; Aymerich, Enrique; Fernández-Arévalo, Tamara (CEIT, Spain)*

Microbial Hydrolysis Process Model Development And Calibration

*Johnson, Thomas; Funk, Claire; Ohemeng-Ntiamoah, Juliet; Fairley-Wax, Maddy; Parry, Dave (Jacobs Engineering Group, United States)*

11:30–13:00

### Predictive Modelling Of Pathogen Inactivation In Anaerobic Digesters

*Fernández-Arévalo, Tamara; Jaray-Valdehiero, Sofia; Gomez, Jairo; Lopez, Andrea; Mosteo, Rosa; Aymerich, Enrique (CEIT, Spain)*

### Reliable VSR Prediction For Anaerobic Digestion: Leveraging 32 Years Of Full-scale Data

*Picard, Antoine; Trap, Danielle; Batstone, Damien; Moscoviz, Roman; Haddad, Mathieu (SUEZ, France)*

13:00–14:00

Lunch

14:00–14:30

Coffee Poster Session

14:30–16:30

### Auditorium 1 - Toward Enhanced Process Sustainability

**Chairs:** *Yadira Bajon Fernandez & Rashmi Deshpande*

#### Keynote: From Sludge Treatment to Energy-Positive Utilities: Advancing Biogas Production in Wastewater Infrastructure

*Mateo Pastur Romay - Cetaqua, Veolia (Spain)*

#### Unlocking The Potential Of Fe Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment Sludge In Anaerobic Digestion: Cage-Breaking Effect

*Yu, Bohan; Solon, Kimberly; Cainglet, Annaliza; Liu, Jianyong; Volcke, Eveline (Ghent University, Belgium)*

#### Enhanced Anaerobic Digestion By Coupling Bioelectrochemical Systems: Process Performance And Sludge Dewaterability

*Fernández-Domínguez, David; Mora-Cabrera, Karen; Zamora, Patricia; Monsalvo, Victor Manuel; Rogalla, Frank (FCC Aqualia, Spain)*

#### Resilience Of IntensiCarb™ Compared To A Conventional Digester Under Increasing Solids Concentration

*Nguyen, Van Than; Abdelrahman, Amr; Santoro, Domenico; Sheculski, Chris; Jang, Eunkyung; Kakar, Farokh; Al-Omari, Ahmed; Muller, Chris; Walton, John; Nakhla, George (University of Western Ontario, Canada)*

#### ENEDAR: Enhancing The Sustainability Of Wastewater Treatment Plants Through Sludge Valorization

*Magdalena, Jose Antonio; Villar, Paula; Bernárdez, Carlos; Muñoz, Raúl; Hoyos, Edwin Gilbert; Escudero, Rubén; Monreal, Iñigo; Mata, Uxía; Blanco, Álex; Zuriaga, Elena (Fomento Valencia Medioambiente - Nealis, Spain)*

#### Capture And Digestion: An Integrated Process For Redirecting Mass Flows Toward Energy-positive Sewage Treatment

*Rong, Chao; Zhang, Tong; Yuan, Zhiguo (City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China)*

#### Comparative Mass, Energy And Economic Balances For Scenarios Combining Thermal Hydrolysis And Anaerobic Digestion

*Pérez Elvira, Sara ; Fdz-Polanco, María; Fdz-Polanco, Diego (University of Valladolid, Spain)*

### Auditorium 2 - Building biorefinery platforms: carboxylates

**Chairs:** *Daniel Puyol & Javier Llana*

#### Keynote: Bioprocess Engineering for Carboxylate Production: bridging experiments and mechanistic modeling

*Assoc. Prof. Marta Carballa - University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)*

#### In Situ Caproic Acid Recovery From Mixed-culture Fermentation: From Synthetic Medium To Real Fermentation Broth

*Rouhipour, Seyed Behzad; Gutowska, Natalia; Wint, Nay Yee; Duber, Anna; Zagrodnik, Roman; Lężyk, Mateusz; Oleskiewicz-Popiel, Piotr (Poznan University Of Technology, Poland)*

14:30–16:30

### Influence Of Feeding Strategy And Biomass Retention On Medium-chain Carboxylates Production From Lactate-rich Streams

*García-Gago, Sara; Mauricio-Iglesias, Miguel; Regueira, Alberte (CRETUS (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela), Spain)*

### Enhanced Carboxylic Acids Conversion From Waste Activated Sludge Fermentation Triggered By Syntrophic Consortia

*Zhou, Aijuan; Fan, Yaxin; Liu, Hongyan; Yue, Xiuping (Taiyuan University of Technology, China)*

### Two-stage Fermentation Strategy Led To Efficient And Selective Propionate Production From Food Waste With Mixed Cultures

*Bourgeois, Mathilde; Braga-Nan, Lucia; Escudié, Renaud; Bernet, Nicolas; Trably, Eric (INRAE, France)*

### Anaerobic Chain Elongation Upcycles Vinasse From Food-Waste-Derived Ethanol Into Carboxylic Acids In A Biorefinery Cascade

*Lima, Fabrício; Almeida, Felipe; Abreu, Íthalo; P. P. Gomes, Devson; Victor, João L.; Santos, Thaise; Florêncio, Lourdinha; T. Kato, Mario; Motteran, Fabrício; Dutra, Emmanuel; Gavazza, Savia; Menezes, Osmar (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil)*

### Integrated Anaerobic Biorefinery For Urban Waste: Semi-Continuous Caproate Production, Recovery And Residue Valorization

*Sbicego, Michela; Angelini, Francesca; Angelini, Stefania; Gallipoli, Agata; Gianico, Andrea; Braguglia, Camilla M. (Water Reseach Institute, Italy)*

### **Auditorium 3 - Anaerobic membrane bioreactors**

**Chairs:** *Mustafa Evren Ersahin & Saba Aghdam Tabar*

### **Keynote:** Innovations toward sustainable anaerobic membrane bioreactor centered process for resource recovery, permeate quality and fouling controls

*Prof. Jeonghwan Kim - Inha University (Republic of Korea)*

### Strategic Intermittent Operation For Energy-positive E-AFMBR

*Kim, Minseok; Chen, Yue; Gyeongjune, Lee; Wu, Di; Kim, Jeonghwan (Inha University, Republic of Korea)*

### AnMBRs Coupled With Advanced Oxidation For Removal Of Antibiotics And Membrane Fouling Control

*Xiao, Roger Yeyuan (Shantou University, China)*

### AnMBR And PN/AMX Demonstration Of Co-treatment Of Urban Wastewater And OFMSW For Resource Recovery

*Elvira-Castaño, M.; Ramírez-Martín, D. J.; Encinas, A.; Arbib, Z.; Rogalla, F.; Quero-Gómez, B.; Pedrouso, A.; Mosquera-Corral, A.; Sanchis-Perucho, P.; Ribes, J. (Aqualia, Spain)*

### Biogenic Sulfide Production In An Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor For Selective Recovery Of Metals From Acid Mine Drainage

*Fernández Rojo, Lidia; Ahumada-Vargas, Bárbara; Miró, Roger; Echevarría, Carlos; Pastur, Mateo; Arnaldos, Marina; Castro-Barros, Celia María; Martínez-Santos, Tamara; Sevilla, Manuel (Cetaqua - Water Technology Centre, Spain)*

### Enhancing Energy Recovery in Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactors through Thermal Pretreatment of Waste Activated Sludge during Co-Digestion with Dairy Wastewater

*Cicekalan, Busra; Cavdar, Beril; Shitreh, Shayan; Canbulut, Nazlican; Yuksekdog, Ayse; Ozdemir, Ecem; Musluoglu, Ahmet; Guven, Huseyin; Koyuncu, Ismail; Ersahin, Mustafa Evren; Ozgun, Hale (Istanbul Technical University, Türkiye)*

### Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor For Water, Nutrients And Energy Recovery In An Urban-industrial Symbiotic Context

*Christy, Noah; Nyeggen, Anders; Stoumpou, Vasileia; Björkqvist, Sara; Rasmus Anderson, Henrik; Martins Silva, Paulo; Trapp, Stefan; Sereth Larsen, Daniel; Valverde-Pérez, Borja (Danish Technical University, Denmark)*

14:30–16:40

Refresh break

16:40–17:20

**Auditorium 1 - Flash: Adding value to liquid streams and digestate****Chairs:** Hale Ozgun & Masatoshi Kishi**Coupling Of Dark Fermentation And Microbial Electrolysis For Propionate-Enriched Effluent Valorisation From Food Waste**

*Braga-Nan, Lucia; Bourgeois, Mathilde; Santa-Catalina, Gaëlle; Escudié, Renaud; Bernet, Nicolas; Trably, Eric (INRAE, Univ. Montpellier, LBE, 102 Avenue des Étangs, F-11100, Narbonne, France, France)*

**Comparative Performance Of Temperature-phased Anaerobic Digestion And Thermophilic Digestion For Advanced Sludge Treatment**

*Tena, Miriam; García Perez, Jorge; Mora, Karen; Rivadulla, Matías; Zamora, Patricia; Marín, Eugenio; Monsalvo, Victor; Rogalla, Frank (Aqualia, Spain)*

**Thermophilic Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor For Valorisation Of The Liquid Digestate Of The Municipal Solid Waste**

*Ramos, Carlos; Sielfeld, Caroline; Farràs, Queralt; Gimenez, Antonio; Riu, Marc; Torrell, Helena; Bosch, Carme; Casas, Sandra; Martinez, Xavier (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC), Spain)*

**Adaptation Strategies For Anaerobic Digestion Of Saline Sludge**

*Stoumpou, Vasileia; Burchiotti, Giulia; Postacchini, Pietro; Tsigkou, Konstantina; Angelidaki, Irimi; Valverde-Pérez, Borja (DTU Sustain, Denmark)*

**Nutrient Recovery From Psychrophilic Digestate: Batch And Continuous Operation For Scalable Andean Applications**

*Uribe, M.J.; Castro Molano, L.; Escalante Hernández, H., Gonzales Molares, C. (Universidad Industrial de Santander - Politécnico Colombiano Jaime Isaza Cadavid, Colombia)*

**Phosphorus Recovery From Blackwater Via Calcium Addition Under Thermophilic Anaerobic Conditions**

*Mativo, Melissa; Hernández, Lucia; Van Eekert, Miriam; Buisman, C.J.N. (Wetsus/Wageningen university, Netherlands)*

**Full-Scale Enhancement Of Anaerobic Digestion With The Microbial Hydrolysis Process**

*Fairley-Wax, Madeleine; Parry, Dave; Cope, Stephanie; Nielsen, Per Henrik (Jacobs Engineering Group, United States)*

**The Metabolism Of *Methanosarcina* Sp. Shapes Process Performances In Butyrate-Degrading Anaerobic Digestion Consortia**

*Mahieux, Margot; Péguilhan, Raphaëlle; Mark Jensen, Marlene; Angelidaki, Irimi (Denmark Technical University, Denmark)*

**Auditorium 2 - Flash: Innovative processes****Chairs:** Shilva Shrestha & Pedro Puente**Performance Of Novel Biomethanation System For Utilizing Existing Digesters In Wastewater Treatment Plants**

*Akimoto, Shinya; Tsubota, Jun; Hidaka, Taira; Fujiwara, Taku (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd., Japan)*

**Effects Of Non-Thermal Microwave Irradiation On Anaerobic Digestion**

*Togari, Taketo; Hidaka, Taira; Matsuura, Norihisa; Ishihara, Yoshitake (Tottori University of Environmental Studies, Japan)*

**A Novel Ex-Situ Biomethanation Integrating CO<sub>2</sub> Bubble Dissolution And H<sub>2</sub>-Based Membrane Biofilm Reactor.**

*Tanaka, Hideharu; Yamada, Yuji; Shoji, Tadashi; Nittami, Tadashi (Sanki Engineering Co., Ltd., Japan)*

16:40–17:20

### Boosting Chain Elongation For Medium-Chain Carboxylic Acids Recovery With Magnetite Through Fungi-Bacteria Synergy

*Xu, Xianbao; Cheng, Shuanglan; Li, Xiang; Zhou, Aijuan; Makinia, Jacek (Taiyuan University of Technology, China)*

### Microalgae Biorefinery For Pigments, Biostimulants And Biogas Recovery In A Cascade Approach

*Sáenz Cenicerros, Ana; Rueda Hernández, Estel; Bermejo-Román, Ruperto; Gómez-Serrano, Cintia; González-Lopez, Cynthia; Ferrer, Ivet (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya-Barcelona-Tech, Spain)*

### Temperature-phased Anaerobic Digestion Vs Mesophilic Process For Thermo-hydrolyzed Residual Municipal Solid Waste

*Muñoz-Muñoz, Alexander; Hernandez Garcia, Juan Jose; Diaz, Elena; Mohedano, Angel F.; De La Rubia, Angeles (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain)*

### Deciphering Acetoclastic And Hydrogenotrophic Pathway Shifts In HOLAnD® Process Treating Food Waste And Sewage Sludge

*Srinivasan, Hemapriya; Palani, Sankar Ganesh (BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, India)*

### Enhancing Anaerobic Digestion Of Lignocellulosic Biomass Via Natural Deep Eutectic Solvent Pretreatment

*Bae, Suye; Ha, Geon-Soo; Lee, Sumin; Jeong, Daeun; Choi, Yunjeong; Baek, Gahyun (Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea)*

### **Auditorium 3 - Flash: Modelling and monitoring**

**Chairs:** *Alejandro Vargas & Bohan Yu*

### Mechanistic Evaluation Of Bioelectrochemical Sulfur Oxidation In Coupled Anaerobic Digestion-Microbial Electrolysis Cell

*Park, Chaeyeon; Jeong, Yeonju; Baek, Gahyun (Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea)*

### H<sub>2</sub>-enhanced Sugars Fermentation: Insights From Metabolic Bioenergetic Modelling And Experimental Validation

*Catenacci, Arianna; Mauricio-Iglesias, Miguel; Balboa, Sabela; Ficara, Elena; Turolla, Andrea; Malpei, Francesca; Lema, Juan Manuel; Regueira, Alberte (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)*

### How Digesters Lose Capacity: Surface Stratification And Fugitive Methane

*Willis, John; Dixon, Doug; Fiorino, Dante; Muller, Chris; Schnaars, Ken; Schutt, Andrew (WEF Member Account, United States)*

### Initial Redox Potential As A Key Factor In Cheese Whey Dark Fermentation

*El Abyad, Sara; Guez, Jean-Sebastien; Vignigbe, Emeric; Jeremy, François; Cotigny, Lionel; Kaplon, Florent; Dischamp, Arnaud; Larroche, Christian; Vial, Christophe; Taha, Samir (Université Clermont Auvergne, CNRS, France)*

### Quantifying Methane Emissions From Open Digestate Storage Tanks Using Laboratory And Full-scale Measurements

*Winkler, Manuel; Van Looveren, Lieselotte; Engler, Nils (DBFZ Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum gGmbH, Germany)*

### Hybrid Models For The Anaerobic Digestion Process

*Wollschläger, Tim; Römer, Tim; Herrmann, Christiane; Focks, Andreas (Osnabrück University, Germany)*

### Multi-objective Optimization Of Anaerobic Digestion: Biogas Production & Digestate Management Under Seasonal Variations

*Ahmed, Wasim; Tremier, Anne; Girault, Romain; Thuriès, Laurent; Rakotomalala, Christiane; Jimenez, Julie; Steyer, Jean-Philippe (INRAE, LBE, France)*

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Start-up And Operation Of Sulphidogenic Reactor With Methanogenic Seed Material Using COD/SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> Ratio And H<sub>2</sub>S As Control

*Lyu, Xingzhou; Lindeboom, Ralph; Shang, Ran; Buijs, Joran; Van Lier, Jules (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands)*

17:20–18:20

**Beer&Tapas Poster Session**

## Friday 12

08:00–08:30

**Registration (Palau de Congressos de València)**

08:30–09:15

**Chairs:** Jean-Philippe Steyer & Gabriel Capson-Tojo

**Plenary speech: Nature-inspired microbiome engineering to retool anaerobic digestion (auditorium 1)**

*Prof. Lutgarde Raskin - Yale University (USA)*

09:15–11:00

**Auditorium 1 - Microbial dynamics and interactions #1**

**Chairs:** Anna Trego & B. Conall Holohan

Quorum-Sensing-mediated Biofilm Formation In Anaerobic Microbial Communities

*Grimalt-Aleman, Antonio; Giangeri, Ginevra; Goonesekera, Estelle; Péguilhan, Raphaëlle; Straumøy, Ingvild; Angelidaki, Irini (Technical University of Denmark, Denmark)*

Comammox Nitrospira And Quorum-sensing Genes Associated With Nitrification In A Down-flow Hanging Sponge Reactor

*Kabasawa, Sota; Watari, Takahiro; Hirakata, Yuga; Kawakami, Shuji; Okubo, Tsutomu; Hattomoto, Masashi; Yamaguchi, Takashi (Nagaoka University of Technology, Japan)*

Chain-length-dependent Degradation Pathways And Microbial Responses During Anaerobic Digestion Of Saturated Fatty Acids

*Qin, Hao-Jie; Qin, Yu; Li, Yu-You (Tohoku University, Japan)*

Metatranscriptomics Reveals System-Specific Viral Adaptive Strategies And Prokaryotic Defense Trade-offs Across AD

*Li, Xiang; Gu, Xia; Yu, Pingfeng (Donghua University, China)*

Exploring Anaerobic Granules As Model Systems: Homogeneity, Heterogeneity, And Ecological Insights In Microbial Biofilms

*Van Landuyt, Josefien; Machiels, Marie-Laure; Depaz, Lena; Boon, Nico; De Vrieze, Jo (Ghent University, Belgium)*

Metabolic Landscape Of Anaerobic Granules Across Distinct Size Fractions: Size Matters

*Tejero, Gabriel; Trego, Anna; O'Flaherty, Vincent; Zeeshan-Ijaz, Umer (National University of Galway, Ireland)*

Uncovering The Players Of Acetate Metabolism Within Syngas Biomethanation Processes

*Cheng, George; Gabler, Florian; Bongcam Rudloff, Erik; Schnürer, Anna (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden)*

**Auditorium 2 - Building biorefinery platforms: phototrophs**

**Chairs:** Ivet Ferrer & Estel Rueda

Piggery Wastewater Treatment By Purple Phototrophic Bacteria

*Rojas Romero, Leonel; Garcia Depraect, Octavio; González Sánchez, Armando; Muñoz Torre, Raúl (University of Valladolid, Spain)*

09:15–11:00

Valorization Of The Liquid Fraction Of Digestate Using Purple Phototrophic Bacteria (PPB) For Biofertilizer Production

*Atayupanqui Dueñas, Rosa; Barat, Ramón; González Camejo, Josué (BETA Technological Center, Central University of Catalunya, Spain)*

Turning Dark Co-fermentation By-products Into Single Cell Protein With Mixed Culture Purple Phototrophic Bacteria

*Montoya Rosales, José De Jesús; Muñoz, Raúl; Puyol, Daniel; Rojas Romero, Leonel; García Depraect, Octavio (Institute of Sustainable Processes, Spain)*

Enhancing Nutritional Value Of Single-cell Protein From Purple Phototrophic Bacteria By Feeding Gaseous Fatty Acids

*Pezzuto, Marco; Lo Coco, Riccardo; Frison, Nicola (University of Verona, Italy)*

Continuous Microbial Protein Production From H<sub>2</sub> And CO<sub>2</sub> By Purple Non-sulphur Bacteria

*Morya, Raj; Flores-Salgado, Gratia Dei; Steyer, Jean-Philippe; Guizard, Guillaume; Escudié, Renaud; Capson-Tojo, Gabriel (INRAE, France)*

Biogas Valorisation To Ectoine Using A Marine Methanotroph-Microalgae Co-culture Under Different Operational Modes

*Ruiz Ruiz, Patricia; Mohedano Caballero, Patricia; De Vrieze, Jo (Ghent University, Belgium)*

Green Biorefinery Side Stream Holds Potential For Value-added Products

*Frank, Luna; Nzeteu, Corine; O'Flaherty, Vincent (University of Galway, Ireland)*

### Auditorium 3 - Tracking contaminants of special concern

**Chairs:** *Marta Carballa & Kauanna Devens*

Chloramphenicol-Driven Perturbation Of Methanogenic Metabolism And Microbial Network In Swine Manure Anaerobic Digestion

*Lee, Jung Sup; Yun, Yeo Myeong; Ahn, Byung Kyu; Jeon, Yun Ju; Kim, Eun Sol; Ahn, Ji Hye (Chungbuk National University, Republic of Korea)*

Hidden Risks In Reclaimed Water From Biorefineries: Shotgun Metagenomic Insights Into Antibiotic Resistance And Virulence Genes

*Alvarez Fraga, Laura; Bru-Adan, Valérie; Patureau, Dominique (INRAE-LBE, France)*

Effect Of Thermal Hydrolysis On Target Organic Micropollutants In Waste Activated Sludge

*Deiana, Andrea; Van Lier, Jules; De Kreuk, Merle (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands)*

Enhanced Carbamazepine Degradation By Proline-rich Substrates During Semi-continuous Anaerobic Digestion

*Guo, Yutong; Deng, Zhe; Askari, Najmeh; Smets, Ilse; Appels, Lise (KU Leuven, Belgium)*

Biohydrogen, Pharmaceuticals And ARGs: Temperature Effects During Co-fermentation Of Swine Slurry And Olive Mill Waste

*Martín Medrano, Cinta; Espinosa, José Manuel; Cert, Rosa; Egea, Roberto; Ramos, Víctor Manuel; González Feroso, Fernando; Pintado, Marina; Zahedi, Soraya (CSIC, Spain)*

Influence Of Type Of Sludge On The Fate Of Pharmaceuticals And Antibiotic Resistance Genes During Anaerobic Digestion

*Martín-Medrano, Cinta; Gonzalez-Gil, Lorena; Balboa, Sabela; Lema, Juan; Carballa, Marta (Defense University Center at the Spanish Naval Academy, Spain)*

Fate Of Veterinary Antibiotics And Metabolites During Anaerobic Digestion Of Manure: Full-Scale And Lab Verification

*Uzun, Omer; Ince, Bahar; Ince, Orhan (Bogazici University, Türkiye)*

11:00–11:30

**Coffee Poster Session**

11:30–13:00

**Auditorium 1 - Building biorefinery platforms****Chairs:** *Miguel Mauricio & Filip Brodowski*

Harnessing Biofilm Potential For Medium Chain Carboxylic Acid Production With Innovative Bioreactor And Support Material

*Shrestha, Shilva; Nuhu, Mujaheed; Lyu, Xuejiao (Johns Hopkins University, United States)*

Anaerobic Biorefinery Platform Converting Urban Biowaste Into Marketable Products And Bioenergy: A Techno-economic Study

*Angelini, Francesca; Sbicego, Michela; Gallipoli, Agata; Angelini, Stefania; Sagnotti, Giulia; Frugis, Alessandro; Braguglia, Camilla Maria; Gianico, Andrea (CNR-IRSA, Italy)*

Food Waste Pretreatments Shape Product Profiles And Yields During Anaerobic Fermentation

*Prats-Masegosa, Abril; Carrère, Hélène; Capson-Tojo, Gabriel; Trably, Eric; Robles Martínez, Ángel; Ruano García, María Victoria (Universitat de València, Spain)*

Enhanced Volatile Fatty Acid Production Via Pilot Scale Biorefining Of Blast Furnace Gas Using Membrane Extraction

*Jones, Rhys; Fernandez Feito, Rodrigo; Jordan, Jacob; Massanet Nicolau, Jaime; Michie, Iain; Lloyd, Gareth; Dinsdale, Richard; Guwy, Alan (University of South Wales, United Kingdom)*

A Biorefinery Concept For Wastewater Treatment Infrastructures To Convert CO<sub>2</sub> Into Carboxylic Acids

*Gehring, Tito; Babu, Allan; Corbalán, Mario; Rad, Ramineh; Sales, Marcos; Alex, Jens; Ixmann, Christian; Siegmund, Daniel; Schwantes-Chavan, Rebecca; Tischler, Dirk; Lübken, Manfred; Apfel, Ulf-Peter; Wichern, Marc (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)*

Native Community And Inoculum Dynamics As Key Drivers Of VFA Selectivity In Green Biorefinery Pressed Cake Processing

*-, Pooja; Nzeteu, Corine; Mcauliffe, Olivia; O'Flaherty, Vincent (University of Galway, Ireland)*

**Auditorium 2 - Innovative processes****Chairs:** *Juan Lema & Arianna Catenacci*

From Hygienisation To Upgrading: Zero-Valent Iron Improves Methane Recovery During 70 °C Pretreatment Of Food Waste

*Vyrides, Ioannis (Cyprus University Of Technology, Cyprus)*

Insights Into The Effect Of Nitrate Photolysis On Carboxylic Acids Production From Waste Activated Sludge Fermentation

*Liu, Zhihong; Guo, Zhengtong; Li, Dengfei; Yue, Xiuping; Zhou, Aijuan (Taiyuan University of Technology, China)*

A Promising Alternative For The Valorisation Of Permeate Using Two-stage AD And Autochthonous Microorganisms

*Villa Montoya, Alejandra; Nzeteu, Corine; O'Connor, Sandra; Bartle, Andrew; O'Flaherty, Vincent (University of Galway, Ireland)*

Exploring Anaerobic Digestion Using Digestate-derived Biochar: Evaluation As A Biocatalyst And A Biogas H<sub>2</sub>S Adsorbent

*Demichelis, Francesca; Tommasi, Tonia; Fino, Debora (Politecnico di Torino Facoltà di Ingegneria: Politecnico di Torino, Italy)*

### Biochar-enhanced Anaerobic Digestion Of Aquaculture Sludge: Comparing Mono- And Co-digestion In Fresh And Marine Waters

*Senol, Abdullah Bugra; Solli, Linn; Morken, John; Kocatürk Schumacher, Nazli Pelin (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway)*

### Hydrogen-adapted Microbial Consortium Stabilizes H<sub>2</sub> And Organic Matter Conversion To CH<sub>4</sub> During In Situ Biomethation

*Braga-Nan, Lucia; Mahieux, Margot; Aemig, Quentin; Richard, Charlotte; Delgenes, Jean-Philippe; Juge, Marine; Trably, Eric; Escudié, Renaud (INRAE, LBE, France)*

## Auditorium 3 - Microbial dynamics and interactions #2

**Chairs:** *Laura Alvarez-Fraga & Margot Mahieux*

### Integrating Transcriptomic Data With Metabolic Model Unravels The Electron Transfer Mechanisms Of *Methanosarcina Barkeri*

*Tang, Wentao; Chen, Guanghao; Hao, Tianwei (University of Macau, Macau)*

### Continuous Photofermentative Valorization Of HTC Process Water Using An Engineered H<sub>2</sub>-overproducing *R. Capsulatus* Strain

*Valverde-Cañas, Angel; Cuesta-Belvis, Daniel; González-Vilaró, Martina; Cicimov, Viktor; De Nicolás, Amanda P.; Díaz, Mario P.; Díaz, Elena; De La Rubia, María Ángeles; Mohedano, Ángel F.; Melero, Juan. A; Puyol, Daniel; Barahona, Emma (Rey Juan Carlos University, Spain)*

### Uncovering Virus-host Interactions In A Full-scale Anaerobic Digester Using Multi-substrate DNA Stable Isotope Probing

*Garcia Roche, Alma; Waring, Kate; Madill, Max; Friedline, Skyler; Ziels, Ryan (The University of British Columbia, Canada)*

### DeepOmics, A Data Platform To Promote FAIR Meta-omics And Process Data In The Field Of Environmental Biotechnology

*Bize, Ariane; Gramusset, Aurélie; Fernandez, Emilie; Suarez, Carlos; Corrales, David Camilo; Chapleur, Olivier; Dabert, Patrick; Fayolle, Yannick; Bouchez, Théodore; Le Quéméner, Elie; Raidelet, Nicolas (INRAE, France)*

### Response Mechanisms Of Microbial Communities To Salt Stress In Anaerobic Digestion Of Food Waste

*Gao, Qingwei; Li, Lili; Zhao, Qingliang (Harbin Institute of Technology, China)*

### Polyvalent Bacteriophages To Combat Antibiotic Resistance Spread In Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor (AnMBR) Effluents

*Tomlinson, Ashley; Ramadan, Lama; Harb, Moustapha (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, United States)*

13:00–14:00

**Lunch & Meet Your Mentors**

14:00–14:30

**Coffee Poster Session**

14:30–16:30

**Auditorium 1 - The Valencian Ecosystem** – Powered by Conselleria Conselleria de Educació, Cultura y Universidades

**Chairs:** *Ramón Barat & Josué González*

Welcome from *Jorge Miguel Mocholí*, Deputy Director General for Science and Research

**Keynote:** The bioeconomy in the Valencian Community: circular economy, bioenergy, and new products

*Jesús Agüero* (Head of the biocluster of the Comunitat Valenciana) and *Enrique Bayonne* (Head of the Energy Cluster from Comunitat Valenciana)

14:30–16:30

### Evaluating The Effect Of Thermal Hydrolysis On The Sludge Viscosity And Mixing At Full-scale Anaerobic Digester Tanks

*Arnau Notari, Rosario; Mondragón, Rosa; Fernández-Polanco, Diego; Pérez-Elvira, Sara Isabel; Garvi, María Dolores; Peña, Javier; Sánchez, Alejandro; Toro, Enrique; Baquerizo, Enrique; Climent, Javier (HYDRENS, Spain)*

### Assessing Extended Shutdown On Anoxic Desulphurisation And Start-up Of Intensified Wetland For Centrate Nitrification

*Hervás-Martínez, Rubén; Oliver Rajadel, Nuria; Ruiz Forner, Laura; Rubira Fernandez, Raul; Martinez-Soria, Vicente; Sempere Nàcher, Feliu (Global Omnium Medioambiente S.L., Spain)*

### Effect of Nano Zerovalent Iron on biogas Production by Two-Temperature Phase Anaerobic Co-digestion of Olive Mill Wastewater and Pig Slurry

*Silvestre, Gracia; Sigre, Alba; Martín, Maria; Zuriaga, Elena; Negro, Patricia (SITRA, Spain)*

### Biotechnological Strategies For The Valorisation Of Lignocellulosic Waste Through Pre-treatment And Co-Digestion In Advanced Anaerobic Digestion System

*Fernández Blanco, Ana; Gómez-Pérez, Paz (GENIA BIOENERGY, Spain)*

### Sustainability In Action: 3 Years Of Operating Experience With A Full-scale Thermal Hydrolysis Plant At Valencia´s WWTP

*Fernandez-Polanco, Diego; Albors, Enrique; López, María; Jimenez, Ángel; Saúco, Lidia; Aagesen, Erik (teCH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, Spain)*

### Hydrothermal Carbonization Of Sewage Sludge And Digestates. Industrial Solution And Market Applications

*Hernández Latorre, María Luisa; Hitzl, Martin; Oliver-Tomás, Borja; Navarro-Sirera, Vicente (INGELIA SL, Spain)*

## Auditorium 2 - Ambient temperature treatment

**Chairs:** *Liliana del Pilar Castro & Miguel R. Casallas*

### Keynote: Challenges of Anaerobic Wastewater Treatment in Tropical Countries

*Prof. Lourdinha Florencio - Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil)*

### Partial Nitrification-anammox Applied To Simulated Anaerobically Pre-treated Domestic Sewage At 25°C

*Van Lier, Julius (Jules); Giglio, Guilherme; Pavez Jara, Javier; Peng, Zhe; Damianovic, Marcia (Delft University of Technology (TUD), Netherlands)*

### Performance Gaps And Contractual Risks Associated With Full-scale UASB Reactors In Brazilian Wastewater Treatment Plants

*Magalhães, Fernando; Paulo, Paula (IPH/UFRGS, Brazil)*

### Cold-adapted Volatile Fatty Acids Recovery From Food Waste: Insights From Anaerobic Batch Fermentation Tests

*Kendir Cakmak, Ece; Sari, Tugba; Bergsten, Matilda; Owusu-Agyeman, Isaac; Cetecioglu, Zeynep (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)*

### Potential Of Self-forming Dynamic Membranes To Improve Emerging Microbial Contaminant Safety In Anaerobic MBRs (AnMBRs)

*Ramadan, Lama; Baloun, Kirk; Harb, Moustapha (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, United States)*

### Sewer Mining With Anaerobic MBR To Mitigate Drought And Dependence On Industrial Fertilisers

*García, Laura; Elvira, Marta; Serna, Rebecca; Morales, Nicolas; Greses, Silvia; Borrás, Luis; Bouzas, Alberto; Rogalla, Frank (University of Valencia, Spain)*

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Low Temperature Anaerobic Digestion Of Long Chain Fatty Acids-containing Wastewater With Granulated Activated Carbon

*Liu, Yuchen; O'Connor, Sandra; Trego, Anna; Ijaz, Umer; O'Flaherty, Vincent (University of Galway, Ireland)*

**Auditorium 3 - Modelling, control and beyond #3**

**Chairs:** Jean-Philippe Steyer & Simon Hellmann

**Keynote:** Diagnosis of full-scale Anaerobic digesters using Advanced Modelling and experimental techniques

*PhD Javier Climent - HYDRENS (Spain)*

Swine Carcass And Manure Co-digestion: Defining Safe Loading Windows With ANN-based Methane Yield Prediction

*Rajagopal, Rajinikanth; Aikeremu, Aimaiti; Goyette, Bernard (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Canada)*

Compartmentalization Strategy For CFD--Kinetic Integration: Effects Of Compartment Number And Dead-Zone Redefinition In Anaerobic Digesters

*Zorrilla, Fernando; Donoso-Bravo, Andrés; Sadino-Riquelme, M; Hansen, Felipe (Modela, Chile)*

Biokinetic Modelling Of Ex-situ Biomethanation In Trickle-bed Reactors

*Taha, Ahmed; Ashraf, Muhammad Tahir; Steffensen, Emil De Bekker; Yde, Lars; Rodríguez, Jorge (Khalifa University, United Arab Emirates)*

Reagent-free Rapid Estimation Of Free Ammonia In Algal Systems Using Chlorophyll Fluorescence Transients

*Kishi, Masatoshi; Karachaliou, Panagiota; Fujiki, Tetsuichi; Noguchi Aita, Maki; Muñoz Torre, Raúl (Institute of Sustainable Processes, Universidad de Valladolid, Spain)*

Biorefinery Modelling Platform For Liquid Biofuel Production

*Junicke, Helena; Flores-Alsina, Xavier; Gernaey, Krist (Technical University of Denmark, Denmark)*

Real-Time Speciated VFA Monitoring Enables Higher Biomethane Yields And Stable Full-Scale Anaerobic Digestion

*Fernandez Feito, Rodrigo; Jones, Rhys; Massanet Nicolau, Jaime; Guwy, Alan (University of South Wales, United Kingdom)*

16:30–16:40

**Refresh Break**

16:40–17:30

**Closing Ceremony**

- Lettinga Award
- Poster and Oral Presentation Awards
- IWA AD Specialist Group Early- and Mid-Career Awards
- AD20 Location Announcement

19:30–02:00

**Gala Event (Veles e Vents)**

**Saturday 13**

10:30–17:30

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## 7. Poster Sessions



Wednesday 10

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<b>P002</b>	Evaluation Of Enzymatic Pretreatment Strategies To Enhance Anaerobic Digestion Of Tomato	<i>Ramos, Carlos (Spain)</i>
<b>P003</b>	Biomethane Production From Organic Matter Recovered From Municipal Wastewater Using The High-rate Process With Coagulant	<i>Sakurai, Kensuke (Japan)</i>
<b>P004</b>	Combination Of Sludge Pretreatment And Smart Anaerobic Codigestion To Boost WWTPs Electrical Self-sufficiency	<i>Vilaplana Artigas, Marcel (Spain)</i>
<b>P005</b>	Biogas From Wet Manure: The Importance Of Prior Storage Time	<i>Flotats, Xavier (Spain)</i>
<b>P006</b>	Effects Of Water Pressure And Digestate Viscosity On Hydrogen Conversion Efficiency In In-situ Biomethanation Of Sewage	<i>Tsubota, Jun (Japan)</i>
<b>P007</b>	Bioelectrochemical Anaerobic Digestion: Insights Into Electrode Materials, Reactor Configurations, And Process Design	<i>Jiang, Daqian (United States)</i>
<b>P008</b>	Integrated Leaching--Hydrochar Strategy To Enhance Anaerobic Digestion Of Chicken Manure	<i>Alba Reyes, Yasmani (Republic of Korea)</i>
<b>P009</b>	Decentralized Anaerobic Digestion For Wastewater And Fish-Processing Waste Management In Coastal Bangladesh	<i>Hossain, Shaikh (Bangladesh)</i>
<b>P010</b>	Resources Recovery From Piggery Wastewaters	<i>Cervantes, Francisco J. (Mexico)</i>
<b>P011</b>	Coupled Anaerobic Fermentation And Rhodospirillum rubrum Palustris-based CO <sub>2</sub> Utilization For Biogenic Resource Recovery	<i>Fan, Chihhao (Chinese Taipei)</i>
<b>P012</b>	Dynamic Two-phase Anaerobic Digestion Biorefineries: An Investigation Of Technical And Economic Feasibility	<i>Wall, David (Ireland)</i>
<b>P013</b>	Evaluation And Regression Analysis Of Methane Yield In Anaerobic Digestion Integrated With Microbial Electrolysis Cell	<i>Aketagawa, Kyohei (Japan)</i>
<b>P014</b>	Nutrient Concentration And Recovery From AnMBR Effluent Via Electrodialysis, Crystallisation And Membrane Contactors	<i>Hernández-Cuenca, Silvia (Spain)</i>
<b>P015</b>	Kinetic Modelling And Optimization Of H <sub>2</sub> Production Under Varying Organic Loads And Cassava Wastewater - Glycerol Ratio	<i>Devens, Kauanna Uyara (Brazil)</i>
<b>P016</b>	Maximizing H <sub>2</sub> And CH <sub>4</sub> Via Co-digestion Of Industrial By-products In A Leach-bed Anaerobic Reactor	<i>Ribeiro, Alexandre Rodrigues (Brazil)</i>

<b>P017</b>	Hydrothermal Pre-treatment Of PBAT And PBS For Enhanced Anaerobic Digestion And Biogas Production	<i>Kang, JeongHee (Republic of Korea)</i>
<b>P018</b>	The Dos And Don'ts Of BMP Tests: A Checklist	<i>Koch, Konrad (Germany)</i>
<b>P019</b>	Microwave-assisted Organosolv Pretreatment For Enhanced Lignin And Biogas Recovery From Poplar Wood Residues	<i>Amini, Ghazaleh (Canada)</i>
<b>P020</b>	Phosphate Recovery From Anaerobic Digestate Using Magnetite-coated Mobile Carriers	<i>Mahmood, Maheen (United States)</i>
<b>P021</b>	Gas Permeable Membranes For Volatile Fatty Acid Recovery: Effect Of pH	<i>Molinuevo Salces, Beatriz (Spain)</i>
<b>P022</b>	Use Of Sustainable Iron Containing Materials For Hydrogen Sulphide Control In Anaerobic Digestion Of Food Waste	<i>Vuori, Vesa (Finland)</i>
<b>P023</b>	Co-cultivation of Clostridium Beijerinckii with Geobacter Sulfurreducens enhances acetone production in ABE fermentation	<i>Silvestre, Carlos (Spain)</i>
<b>P024</b>	Optimizing VFA Production From Vegetable Waste: Effect Of Temperature And Substrate To Biomass Ratio	<i>Herrero de San Luis, Elisa (Spain)</i>
<b>P025</b>	Circular Solutions For Waste-to-energy: Biomethane Potential Of Microwave Assisted HTC From Waste Biomass	<i>Aragon, Christian (Spain)</i>
<b>P026</b>	Valorisation Of Digestate From Low-tech Digester Treating Coffee Waste	<i>Jaramillo Hurtado, Juliana (Spain)</i>
<b>P027</b>	Nitrogen Recovery From Digestate Using Gas-permeable Membranes: Process Performance, Fouling And By-product Quality	<i>Molinuevo Salces, Beatriz (Spain)</i>
<b>P028</b>	Carbon Nanomaterials As Drivers Of Enhanced Methanogenesis	<i>Feijoo, Helena (Netherlands)</i>
<b>P029</b>	Mechanistic Elucidation Of Anaerobic Digestion Instability Guided By MDIEW-driven Indicator Screening	<i>Li, Yu-You (Japan)</i>
<b>P030</b>	Effect Of Caproic-acid Presence On Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor Treating Sewage Sludge	<i>Qin, Yu (Japan)</i>
<b>P031</b>	Metagenomic Study Of A Two-Stage Lactate-Driven Dark Fermentation Process For Food Waste Valorisation	<i>Martínez Fraile, Cristina (Spain)</i>
<b>P032</b>	Ammonia As A Selective Force Shaping Microbia Consortia In Organic Waste Anaerobic Digestion	<i>Francescato, Luca (Italy)</i>
<b>P033</b>	Anaerobic Co-digestion Of Winery Wastewater And Activated Sludge: Batch And Semi-continuous Operational Performance	<i>Rodrigues, Pedro (Portugal)</i>
<b>P034</b>	Granular Activated Carbon In A Hybrid Anaerobic Reactor Is Key To Mitigating Antibiotic Toxicity In Wastewater	<i>Damianovic, Márcia (Brazil)</i>
<b>P035</b>	Electrochemical Oxidation To Support Dark Fermentation -- Preliminary Data	<i>Latowski, Robert (Poland)</i>

<b>P036</b>	Techno-economic And Environmental Assessment Of HTC-AD Co-treatment For Sewage Sludge And MSW	<i>Pagés Díaz, Jhosané (Chile)</i>
<b>P037</b>	Acidogenic Co-fermentation Of Swine Manure And Seaweed For Biohydrogen And Volatile Fatty Acids (VFAs) Production	<i>Pagés Díaz, Jhosané (Chile)</i>
<b>P038</b>	Assessing The Effect Of Storage Conditions On The BioCH <sub>4</sub> Production Of Winery By-products Under Mono- And Co-digestion	<i>Faria, Ana Catarina (Portugal)</i>
<b>P039</b>	Effectiveness Of Nanoscale Zero Valent Iron In Semi-continuous Anaerobic Digestion Under Dynamic Substrate Conditions	<i>Moyano Domínguez, David (Spain)</i>
<b>P040</b>	Mechanistic Insights Into DIET-Driven Methanogenesis Enhanced By Conductive Material Using Machine-Learning Analysis	<i>Lee, Sang-Hoon (Republic of Korea)</i>
<b>P041</b>	Performance And Microbial Response Of Granular Magnetite In Direct Interspecies Electron Transfer-Driven Methanogenesis	<i>Lee, Sang-Hoon (Republic of Korea)</i>
<b>P042</b>	Enhancing Hydrogen Production From Cheese Whey Through Microbial Synergy And Inoculum Design In Continuous Fermentation	<i>Barrales-Ordoñez, Denise (Mexico)</i>
<b>P043</b>	Environmental Filtering Selects Metabolic Modules In Anaerobic Digestion Consortia	<i>Gu, Wenyu (Switzerland)</i>
<b>P044</b>	Evaluating Stickland, Syntrophic, And Alternative Amino-acid Degradation Pathways In Enrichment Cultures	<i>Gu, Wenyu (Switzerland)</i>
<b>P045</b>	CAMELLIA®: Enhancing Biosolid Safety And Energy Efficiency Via Advanced Anaerobic Digestion	<i>Rivadulla, Matías (Spain)</i>
<b>P046</b>	Study Of Dna Sequencing-Based Microorganism Monitoring Techniques In Dark Fermentation Systems	<i>Chango, Ana (Mexico)</i>
<b>P047</b>	Semi-continuous Operation Selectively Enriches DIET-active Microbial Communities For High-rate Of Methanogenesis	<i>Lee, Sang-Hoon (Republic of Korea)</i>
<b>P048</b>	Enhancing Anaerobic Degradation Process Of Acetone In Wastewater Using 2-propanol-activated Granular Sludge UASB System	<i>Hong Dao, Nguyen Pham (Japan)</i>
<b>P049</b>	Turning Sludge Into Opportunity: Safe And Sustainable Valorization	<i>Garcia Perez, Jorge (Spain)</i>
<b>P050</b>	Sustainable Valorization Of Organic Wastes: Enhanced Medium-Chain Fatty Acids Production Via Fixed-Bed Biofilm Reactors	<i>Crognale, Simona (Italy)</i>
<b>P051</b>	Ectoine Production Through Bioconversion Of Biogenic CH <sub>4</sub> From A Biogas Plant	<i>Aragon, Christian (Spain)</i>
<b>P052</b>	Pretreatment Effects On Membrane-based Nutrients Recovery From Agricultural Digestate: TRL7 Validation	<i>Bolzonella, David (Italy)</i>
<b>P053</b>	Anaerobic Treatment Efficiency Of Inhibitory Industrial Wastewater In Bench-scale SGBR System	<i>Ellis, Timothy (United States)</i>

<b>P054</b>	Machine Learning Modelling Of Biogas Production And Methane Yield Prediction In Anaerobic Co-digestion Process	<i>Elsayed, Ahmed (Canada)</i>
<b>P055</b>	Pre-treatment Influence On Biogas Production From Aerobic Granular And Waste Activated Sludge	<i>Elbeshbishy, Elsayed (Canada)</i>
<b>P056</b>	The Secret Recipe Of Machine Learning In Anaerobic Digestion: A Framework For Process Prediction And Optimization	<i>Elsayed, Ahmed (Canada)</i>
<b>P057</b>	Challenging The Retention Time Of Mesophilic Anaerobic Digestion Of Municipal Sludge With Thermal Hydrolysis	<i>Barber, William (United States)</i>
<b>P058</b>	Cost-effective High-rate Anaerobic Treatment With External Printed Separators	<i>Hendrickx, Tim (Netherlands)</i>
<b>P059</b>	The Carbon Footprint Of Making And Using Biogas From Municipal Sludge Anaerobic Digestion	<i>Barber, William (United States)</i>
<b>P060</b>	Exploring Energy And Resource Recovery Potentials From Waste Cattle Paunch	<i>Rebosura, Mario Jr (Australia)</i>
<b>P061</b>	High-rate Thermophilic Caproate Production In A Continuous Reactor System	<i>Vandenberghe, Simon (Belgium)</i>
<b>P062</b>	Impact Of Zero-Valent Iron Concentration On Methane Purity And Stability In Anaerobic Digestion Of OFMSW	<i>Villamil, John (Spain)</i>
<b>P063</b>	Enhancing Lignocellulosic Anaerobic Digestion And Humic Substances Formation Via Intermittent Microaeration	<i>Jin, Zhen (China)</i>
<b>P064</b>	Suitability Of Sludge Dewatering Effluent As A Liquid Medium In A Trickle-bed Reactor For Mesophilic Bio-Methanation	<i>Kobsik, Kara (Austria)</i>
<b>P065</b>	Energetic Assessment Of Anaerobic Co-digestion Of Vinasse And Alternative Substrates For Year-round Biogas In Sugarcane	<i>Volpi, Maria Paula Cardeal (Brazil)</i>
<b>P066</b>	Effect Of Char Addition On Inhibition Resilience And Stability In Anaerobic Digestion Of Sewage Sludge	<i>Eaysmine, Shamima (Australia)</i>
<b>P067</b>	Study Of The Degradation Of Synthetic And Natural Microfibres During The Anaerobic Digestion Process	<i>Domínguez-Rodríguez, Ana (Spain)</i>
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<b>P070</b>	The Effect Of Anaerobic Digestion On Concentrations Of Herbicides Clopyralid, Aminopyralid And Glyphosate	<i>Tampio, Elina (Finland)</i>
<b>P071</b>	Can Photosynthetic Biogas Upgrading Be Upgraded? Olive-mill-wastewater Based Biostimulants To Increase Biogas Value	<i>Vargas-Estrada, Laura (Spain)</i>

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<b>P073</b>	Directing The OFMSW Water-soluble Fraction Toward Ethanol For Enhanced Methane Production	<i>Morgado-León, Fabiany (Mexico)</i>
<b>P074</b>	Hydrolysis Of Organic Solid Waste Through Temperature-varied Fermentation To Boost Methane Production	<i>Jojoa-Unigarro, German-Dimitriv (Mexico)</i>
<b>P075</b>	Calcium Oxide Increases Methane Yield Of Straw And Manure In Leach-bed Reactors	<i>Alves Lourenço, Vitor (Brazil)</i>
<b>P076</b>	Valorization Of Ammonia In Digestate Via Ion Exchange Coupled With Electrochemical Hydrogen Production	<i>Kang, Sungwon (Republic of Korea)</i>
<b>P077</b>	Metabolic Constraints In Psychrophilic Anaerobic Digestion: Insights Into VFAs Degradation And Butyrate Inhibition	<i>Zhou, Hui (Spain)</i>
<b>P078</b>	Small-scale Cryogenic Biogas Upgrading: Performance Assessment And Operational Challenges	<i>Akyol, Çagri (Belgium)</i>
<b>P079</b>	Quantifying Coagulant Effects On Sludge Digestion: From BMP Tests To A Calibration-driven ADM1 Approach	<i>Yu, Bohan (Belgium)</i>
<b>P080</b>	Modelling Tools To Understand The Enhanced Biomethane Production With Hydrogen Addition	<i>López, Iván (Uruguay)</i>
<b>P081</b>	Evaluation Of The Inhibitory Effect Of Limonene On Hydrogen And Methane Production From Fruit And Vegetable Waste	<i>Sanchez Valeriano, Nohemí (Mexico)</i>
<b>P082</b>	A Novel Vernadite-doped Xerogel Enhances The Anaerobic Treatment Of Slaughterhouse Wastewater	<i>Diaz-Muñiz, Christopher Alejandro (Mexico)</i>
<b>P083</b>	Valorizing OFMSW For Biohydrogen Production: A Comparative Assessment Of Microwave And Ozone Pretreatment Efficacies	<i>Gull, Umair (India)</i>
<b>P084</b>	Synergistic Effect Of Microwave Pretreatment And Microbial Electrolysis Cell On Anaerobic Digestion	<i>Choi, Da Hee (Republic of Korea)</i>
<b>P085</b>	The Inhibitory Effects Of Volatile Tar Compounds In Syngas Co-digestion: Insights Into Acidogenic Glucose Fermentation	<i>Amiri, Roonak (Italy)</i>
<b>P086</b>	Techno-economic Assessment And Scenario Analysis Of Biological Hydrogen Methanation In An Italian WWTP	<i>Giuliano, Antonio (Italy)</i>
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<b>P088</b>	Fertiliser Product Recovery From Secondary Raw Materials Using Best Available Techniques	<i>Tampio, Elina (Finland)</i>
<b>P089</b>	Methane Production Potential Of The Liquid Fraction From Hydrothermal Carbonization Of A Food Industry Side-stream	<i>Vainio, Markku (Finland)</i>

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<b>P091</b>	Enhancing Biohydrogen Production From Dark Fermentation Of Fruit And Vegetable Waste Through Ultrasonic Pre-treatment	<i>Santos, Andre (Brazil)</i>
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## 8. Technical and Social Visits



## Technical Visit: Polanco Process at the Pinedo

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The Pinedo Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) is the largest of its kind in Valencia and a key component of the region's circular economy strategy. The facility provides reclaimed water and high-quality biosolids to local rice farmers while safeguarding the sensitive ecosystems of the Albufera Natural Park.

The plant currently serves approximately 1.78 million population equivalents across the city of Valencia and 18 surrounding municipalities.

In recent years, the Pinedo WRRF has undergone major upgrades aimed at enhancing sustainability and energy efficiency. These improvements include advanced automation systems, replacement of equipment with high-efficiency units, optimization of aeration processes, expansion of biogas cogeneration capacity, installation of a 1-MW photovoltaic array, and modernization of electrical and pumping infrastructure. Collectively, these measures have substantially reduced energy consumption and strengthened operational reliability.



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The highlight of this technical visit will be one of the plant's most transformative innovations: the Thermal Hydrolysis Process (THP) by teCH4+. This pretreatment step significantly enhances anaerobic digestion by increasing biogas yields, reducing sludge volumes, and ensuring effective sludge hygienization, all while maintaining a compact footprint and modest energy demand. Full-scale operation has demonstrated the robustness of this technology, enabling greater resource recovery, improving energy self-sufficiency, and reinforcing the facility's essential role in Valencia's environmental protection and circular-economy objectives.

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## Social TOUR – L'Albufera de València

📅 Saturday 13/06



From the Pinedo WRRF, we will continue to **L'Albufera de Valencia**, one of the most iconic and ecologically valuable coastal wetlands in the Valencian Community and the western Mediterranean. Located just a few kilometers south of the city, the Albufera Natural Park is designated both as a **Special Protection Area (SPA)** for birds and a **Site of Community Importance (SCI)** in Europe. Its landscape features a serene freshwater lagoon surrounded by rice fields, pine forests, and traditional Valencian scenery, making it a symbol of the region's natural and cultural heritage.



The excursion will begin with a **traditional Valencian lunch**, where attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of dishes, including the authentic **Paella Valenciana**. This will be an excellent occasion to discover one of the most renowned elements of Valencian gastronomy while sharing a relaxed and friendly moment with fellow participants.

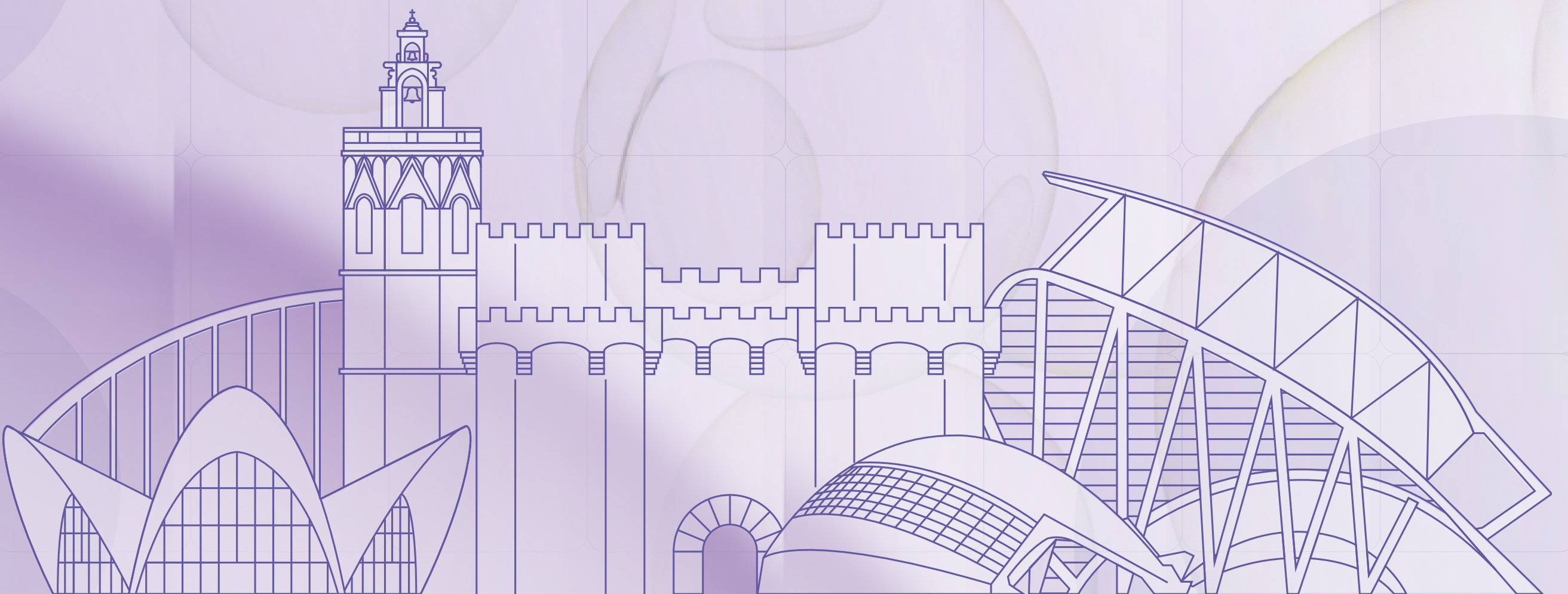
The visit will conclude with a boat tour across the lagoon, giving participants the chance to take in the tranquil surroundings and appreciate the unique atmosphere of this remarkable ecosystem.

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## 9. Social Programme



## The AD19 Conference Logo: Tradition, Art and Transformation



The visual identity of AD19 is inspired by one of Valencia's most distinctive cultural traditions: the Fallas. The conference logo has been conceived as a three-dimensional artistic figure created by a fallero artist, reflecting the craftsmanship, creativity and expressive character of this unique cultural heritage.

The Fallas are much more than a festival. Deeply rooted in Valencian identity, they combine art, satire, community participation and collective celebration. Every year, large-scale artistic monuments are built in the streets of Valencia through the collaboration of artists, artisans and neighbourhood associations, transforming the city into an open-air museum of ephemeral art.

Recognised by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, the Fallas symbolise creativity, renewal and transformation – values that closely connect with the spirit of AD19 and the principles of sustainability and circularity. Just as waste can be transformed into energy and new resources, the Fallas represent the human capacity to transform materials, ideas and collective effort into something meaningful, inspiring and shared.

By incorporating this artistic language into the conference logo, AD19 seeks to connect innovation and science with the cultural identity of Valencia, celebrating both technological progress and the creative spirit of the city that hosts the conference.



## Welcome ceremony Tue. 9/06

The AD19 Welcome Ceremony will take place at the iconic Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía, one of Valencia's most emblematic cultural landmarks.

As delegates arrive and complete the registration process before the start of the ceremony, they will be welcomed by the sound of the dolçaina and tabal, two of the most distinctive instruments of Valencian tradition.

The dolçaina is a traditional Valencian wind instrument with a bright and powerful sound, historically played during celebrations, processions and community gatherings. It is accompanied by the tabal, a small drum that provides rhythm and energy.

For centuries, these instruments have brought people together in public spaces across Valencian towns and villages. At AD19, they will welcome delegates as a symbol of community, tradition and shared celebration. Through this musical reception, the conference wishes to offer participants a first experience of Valencian culture and the spirit of Mediterranean hospitality that accompanies the event.

At the end of the ceremony in the auditorium, the musicians will guide delegates to the Welcome Reception Hall, where they will enjoy light refreshments in an atmosphere of fellowship and networking.



### Orxata Poster Session

📅 Wed. 10/06



— Tiger nuts (xufa)

As part of the social programme of AD19, delegates will be invited to enjoy the Orxata Poster Session, an opportunity to explore the conference posters in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere while tasting one of Valencia's most traditional refreshments: orxata accompanied by fartons.

Orxata is a refreshing drink made from tiger nuts (xufa), a crop traditionally cultivated in the fertile Valencian market gardens surrounding the city, known as l'Horta de València. Deeply rooted in local culture and Mediterranean agriculture, it represents a close

connection between territory, tradition and sustainable use of natural resources. It is traditionally served with fartons, elongated sweet pastries designed to be dipped into the drink.

By combining scientific exchange with this local culinary tradition, the Orxata Poster Session aims to create a friendly and informal environment that encourages discussion, networking and the sharing of ideas — while offering delegates a taste of Valencia's cultural and agricultural heritage.

### Beer & Tapas Poster Session

📅 Thu. 11/06

Following the Orxata Poster Session, delegates will have another opportunity to engage with presenters and colleagues during the Beer & Tapas Poster Session, held the following day in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.



This session combines scientific discussion with one of the most characteristic elements of Spanish social culture: tapas. Traditionally shared among friends and colleagues, tapas represent conviviality, conversation and the enjoyment of gastronomy as a collective experience. Accompanied by local beers and refreshments, delegates will be invited to continue exploring the conference posters while discovering a selection of traditional Spanish flavours.

By bringing together science, networking and gastronomy, the Beer & Tapas Poster Session reflects the Mediterranean spirit of sharing ideas around the table, encouraging interaction and collaboration among participants in an open and welcoming environment.

### Gala Dinner

📅 Fri. 12/06



The **Gala Dinner**, traditionally held on the final day of the conference as a special evening of celebration and fellowship, will take place at the iconic **Veles e Vents**, in the heart of Valencia's harbour, where delegates will enjoy dinner in the rooftop restaurant.

Before inviting delegates to continue the evening on the terrace, we are pleased to share two living expressions of Valencian culture.

The evening will begin with the **albaes** – improvised sung verses, rich in wit and emotion, traditionally used to welcome guests, honour people and mark important moments within the community. Accompanied by the sound of the *dolçaina* and *tabal*, they remain a vibrant part of Valencian cultural heritage. On this occasion, the *albaes* will draw inspiration from the spirit of AD19: cooperation between peoples, science in service of society, and a shared commitment to a more sustainable future.



They will be followed by the **Muixeranga**, one of the most unique and symbolic traditions of Valencian culture. Built through trust, cooperation and collective effort, these human towers remind us that great achievements are only possible when every person plays their part. Each participant supports the others, creating together balance, strength and resilience.

The *Muixeranga* reflects the very spirit of sustainability: a shared responsibility that requires the involvement of the whole society – science, industry, institutions and citizens alike. Just as these towers stand through cooperation, a more sustainable future can only be built together.

At the foot of the iconic *Veles e Vents*, where Valencia meets the Mediterranean, these performances will offer a special moment of culture, community and celebration.



Following the *albaes* and the *Muixeranga*, delegates will be invited to the rooftop terrace, where they will enjoy a wine reception accompanied by traditional dances performed by *Algadins d'Algemesí*.

Rooted in centuries of Valencian tradition, these **Danses** reflect community spirit, harmony and celebration. Their rhythms, movements and colourful costumes evoke the cultural heritage of the Mediterranean and the close connection between people, territory and shared identity.

As delegates gather overlooking Valencia's harbour, these performances will create a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere in which culture, fellowship and celebration come together.

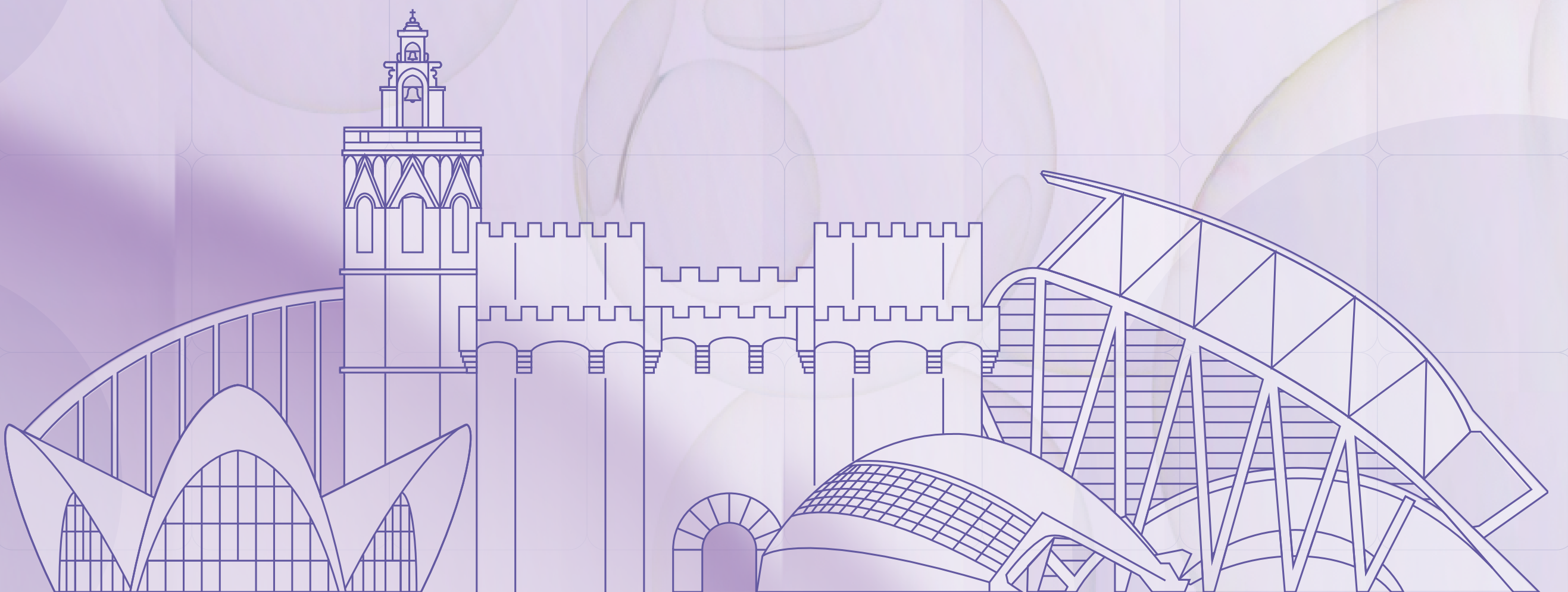


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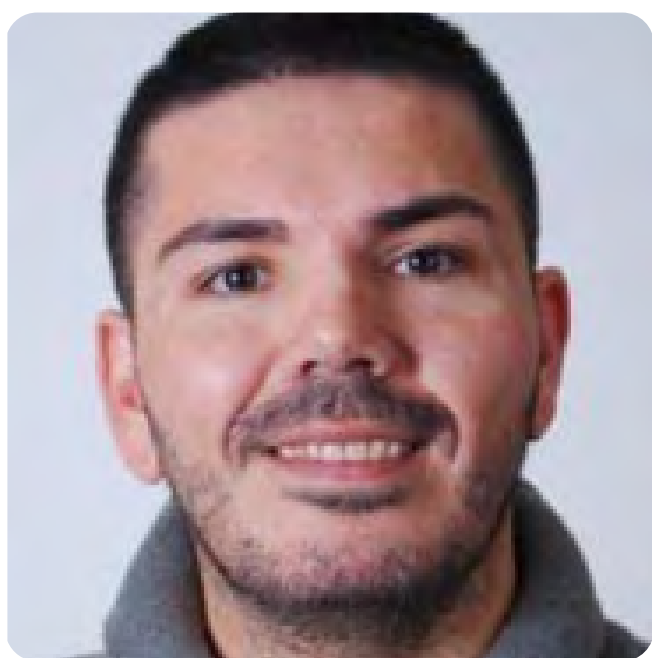
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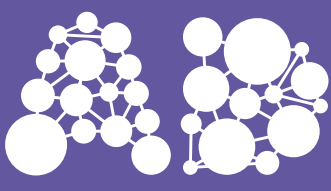
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