

Special edition Symposium for WET2026

Shaping the Future of PFAS Research: Through the Eyes of the Next Generation



Friday, July 10th, 2026 13:30 ~ 17:45

Jinshinkan Hall, Shinmachi Campus, Doshisha University

159-1 Kinodono-cho, Shinmachi-dori Imadegawa-agaru, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto

*Also held online

EVENT PROGRAM

<AJF Special Seminar>

**Shaping the Future of PFAS Research:
Through the Eyes of the Next Generation**

- Sharing multinational insights on global PFAS research
- Exploring innovative boundaries in PFAS research
- Mapping the future of PFAS research

<Japan-YWP Symposium>

YWP Career Seminar

- Perspectives and insights from international researchers in Japan
- Career paths after graduation and the Japanese water sector
- Global job opportunities, and future research collaborations

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**Register by
July 8th
to secure your spot!**

- WET2026 registration is not required to attend this event.
- WET2026 participants must register separately for this symposium.



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AGENDA

13:30 Welcome remarks & Overview

13:40 Short presentations

10 min × 10 presentations +
break 10 min, total 110 min

15:30 General Discussion

15:55 Closing

SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE

While PFAS research has seen a global surge across a wide range of fields, many researchers now sense that the topic has reached a "red ocean" stage of intense competition and saturation. This event seeks to break through this plateau by bringing together promising young researchers from around the world. By stepping outside traditional boundaries, we will discuss novel viewpoints that provide fresh inspiration and cultivate the "seeds" of future breakthroughs. Our goal is to define the next frontier of PFAS research through the eyes of those who will lead the field into the coming decade.

SPEAKERS



Chairperson:
Dr. Yuji Suzuki,
Gifu Univ



Co-organizer:
Dr. Maryam Ghodrat,
The Univ. of New South
Wales

No.	Name	Affiliation	Research keyword
1	Nyaguthie Njuki	Kyoto University, Japan	Monitoring in sewage treatment processes
2	Yuan Liu	Kyoto University, Japan	Sludge
3	Yuma Ito	Kyoto University, Japan	Ash
4	Ryosuke Yano	Gifu University, Japan	Monitoring & risk assessment
5	Matej Husek	University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague	Waste & agriculture
Break			
6	Moussa Shalaby	Gifu University, Japan	Water treatment by foam fractionation
7	Afnan Ahmadi Bin Zahuri	Kyoto University of Advanced Science, Japan	Biodegradation by fungal mycelium
8	Tomohiro Kato	Kyoto University, Japan	Soil and groundwater dynamics
9	Randy Ncube	The University of New South Wales, Australia	Battery fire & protection
10	Ali Edalati Nejad	The University of New South Wales, Australia	Emission from Li-ion battery fires



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YWP career seminar

16:15~17:30

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In this seminar, four YWPs who studied in Japan and have gone on to build successful careers will share their career journeys and candidly discuss topics such as the differences between working in Japan and abroad. The aim is to support the career development of young researchers and students. We hope you will enjoy and benefit from the valuable insights shared by our presenters.

PRESENTERS

Name	Affiliation	Contents
Chotiwat Jantarakasem	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Work at a Japanese research institute or an overseas university
Matej Husek	University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague	Work at a university in his home country
WONG Yong Jie	Kyoto University of Advanced Science	Work at a Japanese university
Mahzoon Yahya	TAISEI CORPORATION	Work for a Japanese company

Networking Dinner

18:00~20:00

Price: FREE

Venue: Hamac de Paradis
(Cafe located inside Kanbaikan, Doshisha University)

