

# Desalination for the Environment – Clean Water and Energy

## Alfândega Congress Centre, Porto, Portugal

### Conference Programme

**Sunday 27 April 2025**

**8.30–17.30 Registration**

**9.00–18.00 Exhibition set-up**

**9.00–13.00 Workshop on Greener Desalination: Case Studies from Large-Scale SWRO for Sustainable Water Supply to Brine Valorisation for a Circular Economy**

Moderator Daniel Frank, Senior Adviser at DECHEMA

**9.00 Part I. Large-ScaleSWRO**

9.00 Introduction. *Daniel Frank, DECHEMA*

9.10 184 Desalination technology conversion: GCC case study. Part I: Overview and key drive

*Sergio Casimiro (ACWA Power), Hugo Costa, Hassan Almsaeed, Justin Robert*

9.20 185 Desalination technology conversion: GCC case study. Part II: Offshore design and environmental impact reduction

*Hugo Costa (HR Wallingford), Sergio Casimiro, Hassan Almsaeed, Justin Robert*

9.35 Case studies from large-scale SWRO for sustainable water supply, *Domingo Zarzo Martinez, SACYR*

9.55 279 Seawater desalination plant in the Algarve: enhancing water resilience and security *Adriana Espanha, Claudia Dimas, Marisa Viriato, Pedro Ramos, Ricardo Estigarribia, Rui Sancho (Aguas do Algarve)*

10.15 Brief overview on progress toward sustainability in Spain's desalination plants

*Domingo Zarzo Martinez, AEDyR President*

**10.20 Panel Discussion**

**10.50–11.10 Coffee break**

**11.10 Part II. Brine Valorisation**

11.10 Key challenges and opportunities for sustainable brine valorization in chemical industry *Yuliya Schießer*

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12.30 Building the business case for industrial brine valorization

*Christos Charisiadis, Brine Consulting*

**12.40 Panel Discussion**

**13.10–14.00 Lunch**

**18.30–20.00 Welcome reception – Noble Room, Alfândega Congress Centre. Sponsored by Águas e Energia do Porto**

**20.00 Young Professionals Networking Evening – departing the Alfândega Congress Centre at 20:00 for the Rua das Flores district.**



**14.00–17.00 Water Innovation Center on Brine Valorization Workshop at EDS**  
**Moderator: Nikolay Voutchkov, NEOM**

14.00 Introduction

*Noura Chehab and Nikolay Voutchkov, NEOM*

14.20 Nanofiltration system – alternative configurations and performance  
*Salman Arab, NEOM and Xiaofei Huang, Hydranautics*

14.40 Bivalent mineral processing system  
*Christopher East, Neom WIC*

15.00 Reverse osmosis and energy recovery  
*Xiaofei Huang, Hydranautics, Casey Bly, FEDCO*

**15.20 Coffee break**

15.35 Membrane concentration and crystallization  
*Keith Lampi, FTS, Nikolay Voutchkov, NEOM*

15.55 Next steps in brine valorization system testing  
*Nikolay Voutchkov, NEOM*

**16.15 Questions, Answers and Discussions**

**17.00 Workshop Adjourned**



**Monday 28 April 2025**

**8.00–09.00 Registration**

**9.00–10.20 Official opening of the conference and exhibition**

- 9.05 Introduction. Professor João Crespo
- 9.10 Special Guest of Honour, Mayor of Porto Rui de Carvalho de Araujo Moreira
- 9.20 Olga Sallangos, President of the European Desalination Society
- 9.25 Eli Oklejas, FEDCO President, Titanium Sponsor
- 9.30 Emilio Gabbrielli, Author of “*The 7000-Year Story Of Sea Water Desalination*”
- 9.35 Keynote Address. Professor Antonio Carmona Rodrigues, President of Aguas de Portugal
- 9.50 Keynote Address. Professor Menachem Elimelech, Rice University, USA. Is seawater desalination a sustainable solution to global water scarcity?
- 10.05 Miriam Balaban will announce and award the Sydney Loeb Award Winner

**10.20–10.50 Coffee Break**

**10.50–12.30 Panel session “Best Practices of PPP in the Water Sector”. Organised in collaboration with the Saudi Water Partnership Company and the Portuguese Water Partnership**

**Moderators:** Mr. Sulaiman Rafat Turki, Chief Strategy & Development Officer of SWPC, and Professor José Saldanha Matos, President of Portuguese Water Partnership

**Panellists:** Mr. Ramzi S. Azar, Chief Strategy Officer of Alkhoraif Company; Ahmad AlAsam, VP, KSA Water Projects at ACWA Power; Eng. Adnan Buhuligah, Deputy CEO of Aljomaih Energy & Water; Pedro Bastos, O&M Performance Director at TAWZEA

**12.30–13.30 Lunch**

**13.30–17.30 Technical sessions**

**17.30–19.00 Poster session with drinks in the Exhibition Area.**

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Moderator: *Abraham Negares* CPEng, Associate Director – Desalination and Reuse Lead WRc

10.30 Welcome and introductions, *Dr. Abraham Negares*

10.35 Green Hydrogen 2.0: Turning hype and sea water desalination synergies into reality, *Lionel Rabin, Haltiq*

10.50 Water treatment solutions for sustainable green hydrogen production, *Dr. Abraham Negares*

11.00 Integrating desalination into green hydrogen production: challenges and opportunities offshore and onshore, *Dr. Heike Glade*, Head of Research Group, University of Bremen

11.15 Green hydrogen production in water-scarce regions – a necessity or utter catastrophe? *Dr. Daniel Frank*, Project Advisor, DECHEMA

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16.50	<b>41</b> Biomass-derived carbon and carbon nanofibers integrated electrospun Janus membranes: a new frontier in membrane distillation <i>Md. Emdad Hossain, Turki N. Baroud, Md. Abdul Aziz</i>	<b>201</b> Enhanced CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> separation using amine-modified ZIF-8 mixed matrix membranes <i>Imran Ullah Khan, Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan Othman, Mukhlis A. Raman, Musawira Iftikhar</i>	<b>72</b> Enhancing water production capacity: the role of filtration velocity in multi-media filters for desalination <i>Ofir Yamin</i>	<b>46</b> Maximize energy efficiency: parallel axial piston pumps and active energy recovery devices <i>Francisco Jimenez-Castellanos</i>	<b>127</b> Antiscalants in seawater desalination: impacts on microbial growth and environmental fate <i>Graciela Gonzalez Gil, Marian Castrillon Tobon, Camila Albarracin Ruiz, Johannes Vrouwenvelder</i>
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19.30–23.00     **Gala Evening at the Casa Ferreirainha, Porto.** Pick up outside Alfândega Congress Hall at 19.00

## Wednesday 30 April 2025

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8.30	<b>138</b> Mg <sup>2+</sup> and Ca <sup>2+</sup> enrichment to drinking water originated from the water source (seawater, ground water) without extra chemicals <i>Elad Barak</i>	<b>60</b> Enhanced energy efficiency strategies in desalination technologies <i>Guillem Gilabert Oriol, Harith Alomar, Maria Perez Macia, Santhosh Ramalingan, Mahesh Kulkarni</i>	<b>106</b> Three-dimensional model of ion transport in composite membranes: effect of the internal structure and equivalent thickness <i>Fernan David Martinez Jimenez, Bastiaan Blankert, Cristian Picioreanu</i>	<b>223</b> Europe leading the way to reduce energy use in water reuse and brackish desalination projects: a tale of two plants <i>Angel Abajas, Rolando Bosleman, Erik Desormeaux</i>
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9.30	<b>249</b> Reducing non-revenue water: the first step toward addressing water scarcity and enhancing efficiency <i>Flávio Oliveira, Sara Cunha</i>	<b>206</b> OPEX optimization in RO systems for challenging water: a new revolutionary 36 mil membrane feed spacer design <i>Alvaro Lagartos</i>	<b>149</b> Numerical assessment of membrane intrusion in permeate channels of reverse osmosis units <i>Giuseppe Battaglia, Andrea Sireci, Luigi Ranieri, Bastiaan Blankert, Giorgio Micale, Cristian Picioreanu</i>	<b>273</b> Maximizing water production with minimal footprint for containerized systems <i>Eli Oklejas</i>
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10.10–10.30 Coffee break

10.30–10.40 XPRIZE

10.40–11.40 Miriam Balaban Innovation Award Session sponsored by ACWA Power

Moderator: Sharzima Imtiaz Mukhri, Senior Manager - Innovation initiative, ACWA Power

10.40 Qianhong She. Semi-closed reverse osmosis (SCRO) for low-energy, low-fouling, and highly adaptive seawater desalination.

Nanyang Technical University, Singapore.

10.45 Lucie Ries. Pressure Free Reverse Osmosis solution. Ilion Water Technology, France.

10.50 Erik Hoek. Ultra-high pressure (and temperature) compaction resistant reverse osmosis membrane. UCLA, USA.

10.55 Arian Edalat. Smart electro-active anti-scaling/anti-fouling desalination membrane. Active Membranes, Inc. USA

11.00 David Jimenez. Mega Vessel Piedmont Pacific. Spain

11.05 Sander ten Cate. Biodegradable water treatment. Termanox B.V, The Netherlands

11.10 Questions & Answers



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12.00	<b>118</b> Assessment of an ultrafiltration module with an integrated pre-filter as seawater desalination pre-treatment <i>Daniel García-Huertas, Michael Hoffmann, Christian Staaks, Jan Rädel, Harith Alomar, Guillem Gilabert-Oriol, Martin Heijnen, Olga Ferrer Mallén, Jorge J. Malfeito</i>	<b>39</b> Desalination for decarbonized fertilizer production: a comparative analysis of seawaters in the MENA region using MLD strategies <b>Nikhil Dilip Pawar, Thomas Pregger, Patrick Jochem</b>	<b>282</b> Semi-closed reverse osmosis (SCRO) for low-energy, high-resilience desalination <i>Qianhong She</i>	<b>241</b> Near zero liquid discharge with seeded membrane distillation crystallization <b>Stefanie Flatscher, Mark Hlawitschka</b>
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13.00–14.00 Lunch

14.00 Closing

Miriam Balaban Innovation Award will be announced.

14.00–18.00 Sol2H2O Water-Energy Transition Symposium: Portuguese National Day. In Portuguese only.