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WATER INDUSTRY NEWS, AWARDS, AND TRAINING

AWWA

ACE18 Highlights Innovative Water Practices

An estimated 12,300 water professionals from 58 countries, including 21 Indian delegates, gathered in Las Vegas June 11–14 to explore innovative solutions to water challenges during the 137th AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE18). Attendees heard from more than 900 presenters during the four-day event and explored a massive exhibit floor featuring cutting-edge technologies at the conference.

“Many water sector technologies we consider commonplace today were once innovative game-changers,” said AWWA President Brenda Lennox, who spoke at the event’s opening general session. She added that it’s exciting to know that the event may cultivate revolutionary ideas that transform the future of water.

With the 2015 launch of its India community, AWWAIndia, AWWA is using its knowledge and experience to help the Indian water industry maximize its resources and effectively distribute clean water throughout the country. To help get ACE18 under way, AWWAIndia’s Strategic Board Chair Shirish Kardile and Manager Aninda Sen assisted in the ceremonial lighting of the diya lamp of knowledge during the opening general session. Ira Flatow, host of National Public Radio’s “Science Friday” program, delivered an opening keynote address in which he urged attendees to be “catalysts for creativity” in their work.

In keeping with the conference theme, “Innovating the Future of Water,” ACE18 provided a full track of sessions on Innovation and Technology and an “Innovation Lounge” in the Exhibit Hall. There were 16 focused tracks as well as competitions, networking events, a career and education fair, and more. Six Indian water professionals, including Kardile, made



AWWAIndia's Shirish Kardile assists in the ceremonial lighting of the diya during ACE18's opening general session.

presentations during the event that covered a range of innovative approaches to overcoming water management challenges.

During AWWA's annual board meeting at the event, Kardile received a plaque for his outstanding service to the association and the industry as AWWAIndia's strategic board chair. The board named Sanjay Kamat as the community's new chair. For more information on the event, visit www.awwa.org/ace18.

EVENTS

Education and Training Opportunities

AWWA events set the industry standard in continuing education and cover the full spectrum of water industry topics. For more information, visit www.awwa.org.

CONFERENCES

28–31 Oct. **Water Infrastructure Conference and Exposition**, Atlanta

11–15 Nov. **Water Quality Technology Conference and Exposition**, Toronto

WEBINARS

15 Aug. **Wildfire Impacts on Water Quality and Treatment**

22 Aug. **Demystifying Water Loss**

29 Aug. **Latest Developments in Water Infrastructure Funding**

eLEARNING

Starts 23 July **Water Treatment Operator Level 1**

On Demand Visit www.awwa.org/elearning for a complete list of eLearning courses, including training and professional development opportunities.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

AWWAIndia Launches Student Chapter

AWWAIndia launched its first student chapter at IIT Bombay in Mumbai on World Environment Day, June 5, 2018. Under the guiding light of Professor Suparna Mukherjee, Center for Environmental Science & Engineering (CESE), the chapter will contribute to managing and improving India's water sector. AWWAIndia was represented by Aninda Sen and Anuja Chodankar at the event, which was attended by 14 CESE students.