

Young Professionals Bring Fresh Ideas to the Water Industry

Shoeleh Shams, research assistant for the University of Waterloo's Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Chair in Water Treatment, earned first place honors for her work on nitrate removal technology at the seventh annual Fresh Ideas Poster Session during the recent American Water Works Association's Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE10) in Chicago.

Tara Clancy of the University of Michigan and Michael Ryan of Drexel University, both environmental engineering graduate students, won second and third place, respectively.

This year's poster session featured 13 section winners from across North America.

Research topics ranged from ways to monitor, model and remove microbes and contaminants to treatment plant design. Entries were judged by section volunteers led by AWWA Young Professionals Committee Chair Jason Fleming. Young professionals showcased fresh ideas like those of Shams, Clancy and Ryan before the nearly 12,000 water professionals attending ACE10. "These interactions are important for the future of this industry and provide a unique environment for the exchange of ideas," Clancy said.

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