

PRESS RELEASE

LARA GEHRMANN WINS THE IADC YOUNG AUTHOR-PITCH TALK AWARD 2024

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The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) bestowed the CEDA Young Pitch Talk Award 2024 to Lara Gehrmann, from Hülskens Sediments, Germany. This special award is given to “stimulate the promotion of new ideas and encourage younger men and women in the dredging industry”. The award was granted after the evaluation of the received papers and the pitch talks at the CEDA Dredging Days, held 27-29 May 2024 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

THE WINNER

Lara was selected as the Young Pitch Talk Award winner for her presentation on “Sustainable reservoir sediment management using fully automated dredges”.

“The jury was of the opinion that the winning pitch conveyed a clear message on the topic of reservoir sediment management and was a very well-constructed 7-minute presentation,” said Rene Kolman, Secretary General of IADC. “Lara delivered her pitch in a manner that was both engaging and informative, and supported her data with a clear and often entertaining set of visual slides.”

THE AWARD

Every year at selected conferences, IADC recognises the best paper written by authors younger than 35 years of age. At the CEDA Dredging Days 2024, the organisation chose the format of pitch talks, where each applicant has 7 minutes in which to present their chosen topic. The winner received 500 EUR and a trophy of recognition as well as the opportunity to publish their presentation in IADC’s quarterly journal *Terra et Aqua*.

THE CONGRESS

CEDA Dredging Days is the flagship conference of CEDA and is the main event on the dredging industry calendar in the CEDA (EMEA) region. It is widely considered to be the primary forum for leading researchers and industry experts, to share ideas, discuss challenges and consider potential solutions. The conference is well-attended by professionals representing the entire cross-section of the dredging field, from across the CEDA region and beyond. As such, it is also appreciated for the exceptional networking opportunities it offers.



Photo caption: *The Young Pitch Talk award was handed over by IADC's Secretary General René Kolman to Lara Gehrmann for her presentation "Sustainable reservoir sediment management using fully automated dredges".*

ABOUT IADC:

The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) is the global umbrella organisation for contractors in the private dredging industry. IADC has over a hundred main and associated members. Together they represent the forefront of the dredging industry. An industry that makes the world a safer, better and more sustainable place to live. IADC is driven to help that industry move forward with a variety of activities and publications, all available on our website www.iadc-dredging.com.

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