



A YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

2018 saw another active and busy year for IAH – for our members, our national chapters, commissions, networks and our Council team. Membership numbers have been maintained, with increases in some regions, particularly Sub-Saharan Africa.

The highlight was undoubtedly our congress in Daejeon, South Korea, which was successful and very enjoyable for all participants. We thank our hosts, the Korea National Chapter, KIGAM and KoSSGE.

As regularly reported in the news, uncertain financial conditions continued globally, including the UK, where IAH is registered and managed as a charitable organisation. However, even with exchange rate fluctuations, we achieved a surplus. This was partly because of savings that our Council members were able to make in respect of their travel and accommodation costs, and also because a scheduled meeting of our journal editors had to be postponed until 2019.

Overall, we finished the year in a good position, in terms of both our finances and organisational matters, and can face the challenges of 2019 with some confidence.

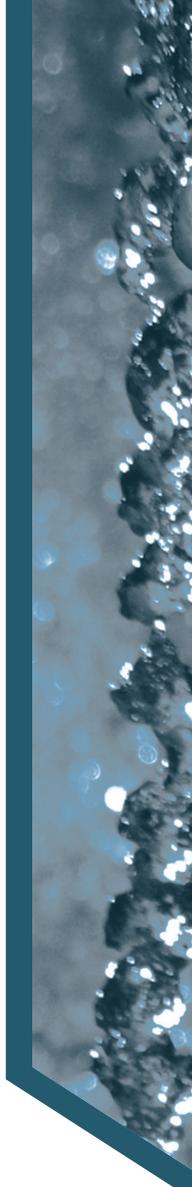
President Antonio Chambel said...

“During 2018 IAH continued to defend our profession and professionals all around the world, using its influence at international level to reclaim groundwater’s place in the consideration of water related issues in the international agenda. IAH received requests for inputs to reviews by the United Nations on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. Several of our members were invited to take up roles on UN-Water Expert Groups.

Our members in National Chapters, Commissions and Networks, Working Groups, and other IAH activities deserve our recognition for their efforts to develop science and education on groundwater and bring our science to a higher level.

In terms of our national chapters, we have recently received the interest of several countries and territories to establish new national chapters, which underlines their continuing importance.”

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Highlights

Membership held up once again during 2018, with 4137 members at the end of the year. It was good to see several companies and institutes amongst the list of new members. We encouraged the involvement of more corporate supporters, to help develop services to all members – and this initiative will continue.

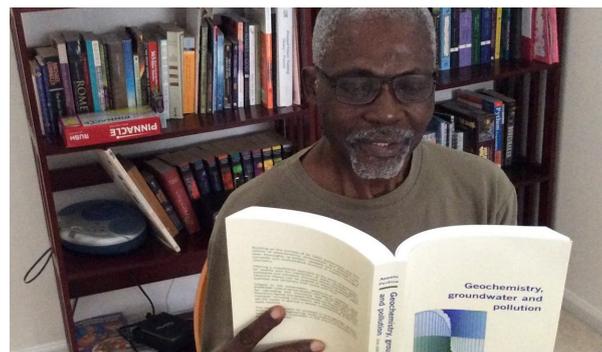
IAH members continued to be busy engaging in the international debate on sustainable development and water protection. It can be challenging to explain complex scientific issues across different languages and with different audiences, and careful attention is needed in getting critical 'groundwater messages' across to others.

The IAH Executive team and Council reviewed achievements under the Forward Look ten year plan and identified priorities remaining before the plan concludes in 2020. Future planning will of course be the responsibility of the next Council but all IAH members will want to consider what it is that our Association should be doing to ensure groundwater benefits everyone.

Our Commissions and Networks put in strong performances. The Burdon Groundwater Network distributed hydrogeology books to nearly 60% of IAH's members in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Managed Aquifer Recharge Commission published papers from the ISMAR9 conference as a special issue of 'Sustainable Water Resources Management', a sister journal to our own Hydrogeology Journal. New commissions and networks are in prospect for 2019.

Patience and resilience are needed in strategic cooperation, as was reported by former Latin America Vice President Luiz Amore following the signing of the Guarani Aquifer Agreement between the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Perseverance paid off in Malawi where, following years of ambition to form a national chapter, Strathclyde University, supported by the Scottish Government, brought together an informal grouping of 50 new IAH members. We hope that in time this will become a full national chapter.

Our 45th Congress in Daejeon was undoubtedly one of the year's highlights that will remain in the memories of all who were able to attend. We are very grateful to our Korean hosts who gave us such a warm welcome and enabled us to enjoy some excellent technical sessions and papers. For those who could not be there, most of the keynote lectures are available on our Vimeo channel.



SCIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION

We published new education pages on the IAH website just before the end of the year, with various information about groundwater for professionals and those with more general interests. Our listings of events, degree courses and other training opportunities continue to grow. We also established more websites for commissions, networks and national chapters to communicate with their members and other interested specialists.

The latest paper published in our Strategic Overview Series concerns mining enterprises and groundwater. A further paper, on groundwater and climate change, is proposed for 2019.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

IAH has a mix of ad hoc and scheduled engagement with many other groups. This approach helps us to build our influence with a wider community with a range of interests in groundwater, in line with IAH's mission and goals. It ensures a variety of networking and knowledge-sharing opportunities and helps to improve the profile of groundwater and the professional community. In turn, as the IAH makes its voice heard clearly, we hope to see an increase in the number of members worldwide. Particular issues that we try to influence include protection of drinking water resources, agriculture and irrigation, the wider environment and ecosystems.

SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

We have members in 129 countries and more than 40 national chapters. IAH national chapters can form the focus of the groundwater community in a country and provide great opportunities for meetings and networking. They provide professional and social benefits to our members and community, and also enable the Association to promote sound and sustainable groundwater use at a country and regional level. National chapter committees are run on a voluntary basis by members and we are hugely grateful for their efforts.

Mentoring

We began our mentoring scheme for IAH members in 2012 with an initial trial, following guidance from a mentoring and career development expert. Following further calls for participation in 2015 and 2016 we reopened the scheme to new participants in 2018.

Chapters sharing ideas

Members of our national chapters met at the IAH Annual Congress in Korea and swapped notes on benefits they offer members in their countries. We encouraged chapters to think both about their own regions and also in sharing ideas and initiatives more widely so that all can benefit.



The collage features the cover of the report 'International Association of Hydrogeologists Strategic Overview Series MINING ENTERPRISES & GROUNDWATER'. It also shows screenshots of the IAH website in Polish, including sections for 'Witamy' (Welcome) and 'Kontakt' (Contact), and the IAH Japan Chapter website with sections for 'IAH Japan' and 'IAHについて' (About IAH).

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 December 2018

Incoming resources		£	£	EUR(€)	USD(\$)
Membership fees			227,771	254,876	288,358
Contract and subvention income			37,264	41,698	47,176
Investment income			145	162	184
Donations			19,101	21,374	24,182
Royalties			26,700	29,877	33,802
Other income			6,483	7,254	8,207
Total resources received			317,464	355,242	401,909
Resources expended					
Member services	Salaries		23,846		
	Printing and publications		110,796		
	Hydrogeology Journal				
	Editorial Office		15,160		
	Refunds to National Chapters and other grants		7,621		
	Other		20,648	199,261	225,438
Donations and grants payable			6,000	6,714	7,596
Support costs	Salaries		29,966		
	Travel and subsistence		42,263		
	Printing, stationery and database administration		10,862		
	Website development		2,160		
	Other		6,626	91,877	116,316
Management and administration of the charity	Salaries		19,208		
	Strategic review and training		2,142		
	Accountancy fee		2,182		
	Other		23,532	26,332	29,792
Finance costs (bank charges) and depreciation			4,729	5,292	5,987
Total resources expended			304,209	340,410	385,129
Net income/expenditure			13,255	14,832	16,781
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)			(47)	(53)	(60)
Net incoming resources			13,208	14,780	16,721
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2018			98,906	110,676	125,215
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2018			112,114	125,456	141,936



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