

2024 CHAPTER REPORT



Each national chapter is required by IAH Rule 6.5 to provide an annual report on its activities. This helps us to report the Association's activities and is published on the IAH web site. It is also expected that, under the terms of the chapter's constitution or rules, the national committee will make an annual report to members in their country.

1. ABOUT YOU

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Role/responsibility held in chapter	President

2. YOUR CHAPTER'S INFORMATION

<p>Is your chapter's information correct on IAH's website: https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters</p> <p>Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>ARGENTINA</p> <p>President: Eduardo Kruse kruse@fcnym.unlp.edu.ar</p> <p>Secretary: Corina Rodríguez corinairis@yahoo.com</p> <p>Treasurer: Patricia Laurencena plarencena@hotmail.com</p> <p>Website: https://aihgacomar.wordpress.com/</p>
<p>Does your chapter have its own website? If so, please confirm the URL.</p> <p>If you do have a website, who is responsible for its management? Please provide contact details.</p>	<p>https://aihgacomar.wordpress.com/</p> <p>Felipe Herrera StormRider-CH@hotmail.com</p> <p>Noelia Hurtado noehur@hotmail.com</p>

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Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	Yes, we are very interested in having our website in IAH hosting
Does your chapter have an elected committee? If yes, how often are elections held and how are they managed e.g. postal/email vote/at meetings?	Yes Committee President: Eduardo Kruse Vicepresident: Roberto Esteban Miguel Secretary: Corina Rodríguez Treasurer: Patricia Laurencena Vocals: Lorena Ceballo Carla Moscardi Joaquín Teruel Maria Josefa Fioriti The election takes place as defined by the association's statute. The committee is elected every 2 years and takes place at an Assembly (meeting).

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	The economic conditions in the country are complicated and this affects affiliation possibilities. The number of members in recent years has remained stable.
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	One of the main challenges is the recruitment of younger professionals. Membership fees are very low and this affects the possibilities of providing benefits to members and this reduces the potential interest in becoming a member.

4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2024

Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date and place of meeting Approximate number attending 	Argentine Chapter of the IAH, together with ALHSUD and the National University of La Pampa, organized the XII Argentine Hydrogeology Congress and the XVI Latin American Hydrogeology Congress "Dr. Emilio Custodio" from September 16 to 20, 2024. This event, held under the theme "Groundwater: Challenges for
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	<p>Sustainable Management," was attended by over 150 participants, with 101 oral presentations and 18 poster presentations. The full papers were published in three volumes: 1 - Regional Hydrogeology, 2 - Hydrochemistry, Quality, and Pollution, and 3 - Hydrogeology of Salt Flats and others. https://congresohidrogeologia.unlpam.edu.ar/evento</p> <p>The Congress featured keynote lectures delivered by John Cherry, Ricardo Hirata, Miguel Rangel, Ingrid Vargas, Carla Moscardi, and Corina Rodríguez.</p>
<p>Did your chapter hold other events e.g. technical and scientific meetings, seminars, conferences, field visits, training events?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have already reported these to the IAH Secretariat, only summary information is required. • If not, these please provide a summary of dates, location, number of participants, topics, etc. and how successful you felt each event was. • Do you have photos we can use? • Are your events open to IAH non-members? • Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution? 	<p>In addition to the XII Argentine Hydrogeology Congress, three pre-congress courses were held on September 15 and 16, attended by a total of 50 students: "Water Chemistry and Quality" (taught by Dr. Carlos Schulz and Dr. Eduardo Mariño), "Environmental Hydrogeology" (taught by Dr. Miguel Auge), and "Groundwater Exploration" (taught by Dr. Esteban Tálamo).</p> <p>A special tribute was given to Dr. Emilio Custodio, in recognition of his contributions to human resource development, the study, and understanding of groundwater in Argentina.</p> <p>Coinciding with the Congress, the Assembly of the Argentine Chapter of the IAH took place, during which the group's leadership for the 2024-2026 period was elected.</p>

5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2025?</p> <p>If yes, please provide brief details, including if your plans are limited because of e.g. lack of funds or local interest/volunteer support to help</p>	<p>The main activity of the IAH Argentina Chapter during 2025 is to consolidate the Revista Argentina de Hidrogeología (RAHi). This is a periodical publication that aims to cover a gap in terms of the need for articles on hydrogeology in Spanish. It is promoted by the Argentine Chapter, with the collaboration of researchers from universities and science and technology institutes from all over Latin America.</p> <p>The articles refer to scientific research and technical papers on hydrogeology, with a special focus on the different regions of Argentina. From theoretical and methodological studies to applied research, the RAHi promotes the advancement of hydrogeological knowledge through open</p>
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	<p>access, free distribution and a commitment to the 'ad honorem' work of its team.</p> <p>Each year, RAHi publishes a digital issue, available on the IAH-GA website. The link to the journal is as follows:</p> <p>https://aihgacomar.wordpress.com/revista-argentina-de-hidrogeologia/</p> <p>In addition, seminars and conferences in association with various national and international organisations are planned for 2025. The organisation of the Hydrogeology Congress 2026, which is planned to be held in the city of Mar del Plata, is currently in progress.</p> <p>The greatest difficulty in making progress in the 2025 plans is related to the lack of economic resources and the need to have a greater number of members in the IAH Argentina Chapter.</p>
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6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

<p>Please use this section to make any additional comments/suggestions e.g. what support from IAH centrally might assist your chapter, future plans you would like to see for IAH</p>
<p>SUPPORT FROM THE IAH CENTRAL THAT COULD ASSIST THE ARGENTINE CHAPTER</p> <p>1- Diffusion of the Argentinean Journal of Hydrogeology (Revista Argentina de Hidrogeología (RAHi):</p> <p>https://aihgacomar.wordpress.com/revista-argentina-de-hidrogeologia/</p> <p>Also, suggestions or proposals that make possible an indexing process of this journal will be very welcome.</p> <p>2- Acceptance of the proposal to use IAH hosting for our web page.</p> <p>3- Participation in IAH central working groups.</p> <p>4- Support to increase the membership of the association, both locally and internationally.</p>