

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HYDROGEOLOGISTS

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Who are we?

IAH is an international organisation for scientists, engineers and other professionals working in the fields of groundwater resource planning, management and protection. It was founded in 1956 and has grown, with the increasing social and environmental importance of groundwater, to a membership of over 3500 in more than 135 countries. We welcome into membership all those, from whatever country, discipline or level of technical knowledge, who want to improve their understanding of groundwater issues and support its better management.

What do we do?

IAH harnesses the research, knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm of its members to promote the professional management of groundwater as part of the integrated management of water resources. Groundwater issues are not always well understood by the general public, policy makers and even some professionals in other disciplines. It is a role of IAH to provide an international voice for groundwater in world water policy and to champion its proper use and protection. IAH works with agencies in the UN system, especially UNESCO, FAO, IAEA and the World Bank, with other water-related NGOs, and is a member of the World Water Council. IAH is also affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences.

What do we offer?

IAH puts members in touch with hydrogeologists and other groundwater specialists worldwide. All share in the benefits of IAH member services listed below. Growing membership gives the Association the resources to carry out the important work of ensuring that the voice of groundwater is heard internationally.

- Hydrogeology Journal is one of the major cited international journals dealing with groundwater issues. Each annual volume is made up of eight issues, in total some 1400 pages, of peer-reviewed papers on hydrogeology and related topics, including as the first issue of the year, a thematic issue on a special topic;
- The IAH Newsletter (also on-line on our popular website) provides updates about the world of groundwater and the work of the Association;
- Our electronic newsletter, Groundwater eNews, is distributed six times a year to members and non-members.
- International and national conferences provide both a professional and social forum for groundwater specialists. Members are entitled to a discount on registration fees at national and international conferences organised by IAH and its national chapters;
- Commissions and Working Groups focus on particular topics, hold specialist meetings and produce memoirs and reports;
- National chapters in over 40 countries organise national meetings and promote national groundwater issues in their country, working alongside national associations for hydrogeology and groundwater;
- IAH publishes two book series and produces other technical and educational literature and information on groundwater. Many publications are available at special discounted prices for members.

How to join

Details of how to join IAH can be found on our web site (www.iah.org) or obtained from Sharon Warden at swarden@iah.org - IAH has no joining fee.

Special membership schemes

- Lower rate membership for students;
- Lower rates for anyone living in low and middle income countries;
- Sponsored membership - many hydrogeologists in developing countries would like to be members and would benefit from membership but they are prevented by the high level of the subscriptions in relation to local salaries or by problems of access to convertible currency. You can join IAH and share the benefits with a colleague in a developing country by adding a reduced rate subscription to your fee through this scheme;
- Corporate membership - companies can join IAH to help support our work and enrol up to six employees as personal members. Please enquire about rates.
- On-line membership for those wishing to receive all IAH services by e-mail or through the web.
- Retired membership for IAH members who are no longer in active professional employment and who would like to remain in IAH, but not take the Journal either in hard copy or on-line.

IAH would be pleased to welcome you as a member. If you would like more information please visit our web site or contact info@iah.org

