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In 2011, the Slovenian IAH chapter (SKIAH) consisted of 64 members, and the number of both total and student members has in total decreased from the preceding year due to economic crisis, personal and other reasons. Annual meeting was held on 09 December 2011. The major goal of Slovenian chapter was and is to increase the promotion and general public awareness of hydrogeology.

The following activities were held in 2011:

- The continuation of the project of the restoration of Slovenian water wells, organized by the company Helios in the cooperation with our members. In 2011, six new wells have been restored, and the total number of such wells has risen to 77.
- A graphic honorary certification for chapter members with large contributions to hydrogeology has been presented, and will be issued to these members in a near future.
- Work on legislation - our chapter members have cooperated with the *Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning*, regarding the preparation of the guidelines and formal acts on the hydrogeological reports regarding the environmental emissions and heat in waters and the *Decree on the emission of substances and heat in the discharge of wastewater into waters and public sewage system* is in the final stage of acceptance.
- Organization of 5th Hydrogeological colloquium (01 December 2011), an annual meeting of four invited lecturers, co-organized by the Chair of Applied Geology at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering. Lecturers were invited from Austria (1), Slovenia (1) and Croatia (1), with presented topics on hydrogeology and hydrogeochemistry.
- The criteria for the definition of the title of a *hydrogeologist* have been defined (for now, only the necessary academic degrees), as this is still not regarded as a formal title in Slovenia.
- Establishment of commission for defining the criteria for drilling in water protected areas.

Planned activities for 2012:

- Two conferences, first one on the topic "Water for Life" and the second on the topic Management of Waters.
- Excursion to active water drilling site in Croatia in May 2012.

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