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**Aims of Commission**

IAH-MAR was established in January 2002 by the IAH Executive aiming “to expand water resources and improve water quality in ways that are appropriate, environmentally sustainable, technically viable, economical, and socially desirable. It will do this by encouraging development and adoption of improved practices for management of aquifer recharge. This will be achieved by increasing awareness of MAR among IAH members, related professions and the community, by facilitating international exchange of information between members (e.g. via a web page and an email list), by disseminating results of research and practical experience (e.g. via conferences and reference database), and by undertaking joint projects and activities identified as important by its members.”

**Major Activities in 2007:**

- The ISMAR6 symposium was held in Phoenix, Arizona on October 28 to November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, and attracted 280 delegates, about half from outside the US. 52 papers were presented and are available in the conference proceedings and hard copies or CDs are available from [www.acaciapublishing.com](http://www.acaciapublishing.com)
- More than 200 delegates attended a plenary session of IAH-MAR in the opening session of ISMAR6 at which Ivan Johnson received in person the Award of IAH Honorary Membership that had been conferred at the IAH Congress at Lisbon for sustained and distinguished service to hydrogeology and IAH, notably in the area of managed aquifer recharge and land subsidence. Herman Bouwer was conferred with a special Award from IAH recognising his distinguished service to hydrogeology in the field of managed aquifer recharge. A series of news items were received concerning activities advancing MAR around the world.
- Twenty nine delegates attended a special meeting of IAH-MAR and UNESCO at which six new work groups were initiated; their objectives being;
  1. Governance review;
  2. Document benefits and costs of MAR projects;
  3. Publication of MAR materials in Spanish and Chinese;
  4. MAR movie;
  5. Clogging review;
  6. MAR demonstration and training network;

More details including names of working group leaders are described in the notes from the meeting, mounted on the IAH-MAR website: [www.iah.org/recharge](http://www.iah.org/recharge) .

- The venue for ISMAR7 was proposed and accepted. It will be hosted in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates in fall of 2010.
- The Department of Water Affairs & Forestry (DWAF), South Africa, has recently published their Artificial Recharge Strategy. This is now available for viewing/downloading from their website <http://www.dwaf.gov.za>.
- In 2007 UNESCO published the proceedings of ISMAR5, Berlin June 2005 as a CD which was made available to attendees at ISMAR6, and can be downloaded from the IAH-MAR web site.
- British Geological Survey updated the IAH-MAR web site consistent with the IAH web site upgrade. BGS support in maintaining the web site is gratefully acknowledged. Flinders University via Centre for Groundwater Studies has continued to host the email list which can be joined from the website. There are more than 200 members on this list.