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At the beginning of 2011 we organized an international conference devoted to groundwater resources under the umbrella of IAH. The proceedings of the Conference are published.

National chapters of IAH have been created in Russia, Azerbaijan and Khazakhstan, and these chapters will be asked to send short reports concerning the beginning of their activities. This year I will try to organize chapters in two or three other CIS countries, but until now it's only my wishes.

I want to continue my activities in two ways a) organizing an international conference on groundwater like the one in Moscow at the beginning of 2011 and b) to activate the participation of the specialists of the former Soviet Union in IAH activities including the creation of new national chapters of IAH in the CIS countries. As regional Vice-President my time will be devoted to involving two or three independent CIS countries to participate in the IAH and help them in the coordination of hydrogeological investigations in their countries. Also I will try to organize two or three scientific conferences devoted to the prospects of groundwater use as reliable source for water supply for cities. Now I don't know where and when I will do it, but I will try to do it with the national chapters.

I contacted the head of the national chapter in Khazakhstan Professor A. Satpaev and Deputy Head of the national chapter in Azerbaidjan Professor A. Alikperov by phone and asked them to contact you directly and inform you about their activities for now and for future.

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