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# WELCOME

2011 HAS BEEN ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR IAH.

A NUMBER OF THE REVIEW PROCESSES SET UP IN 2009 AND 2010 ARE BEGINNING TO COME TO FRUITION, AND THIS REPORT FOCUSES IN PARTICULAR ON THE REJUVENATION OF IAH'S SCIENTIFIC COMMISSIONS...

# HIGHLIGHTS 2011

Back in 2009 the present Council set itself the task of undertaking a strategic appraisal of all of IAH's operations. One key component of this "Forward Look" strategy has been a comprehensive review of our scientific commissions. This was initiated in 2010 and culminated in the establishment from July 2011 of a new set of commissions and networks. The process and outcome is summarised in this report, together with some examples of their current activities.

The outcomes of Forward Look discussions of 2010 were developed in early 2011 into a Plan of Action for the period up to 2020. This was distributed to IAH members in printed form and made available on the IAH website. Much of the work to bring

these ideas to fruition goes on quietly in the background. Thus, improvements to the functionality and security of the member database, efforts to establish better communication with members via the website and other means, and proposals for strengthening IAH's conferences have all been made during 2011.

Although we did not have a full congress in 2011, the offer from South Africa to join with them in their biennial conference was greatly appreciated. Thus in September 2011 some 320 participants gathered in the excellent surroundings of the refurbished CSIR conference centre in Pretoria for an intensive three day programme of keynote presentations, parallel technical sessions and poster presentations. The very full meeting programme nevertheless allowed time for IAH Council to meet and for the IAH Annual General Meeting and meetings of the Early Career Hydrogeologists Network. The highlight of the social programme was the conference dinner on the terrace. preceded by a lively and energetic participatory group drumming session.

Sometimes our initiatives take on a life of their own. The IAH LinkedIn group established by Sophie Vermooten immediately after the Forward Look meeting in July 2010 had reached five hundred members by its first birthday and continues to grow. Discussion threads include wide-ranging technical discussions, news, meeting announcements and job opportunities.

# THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

### INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

IAH believes that groundwater is not well enough understood and appreciated in the integrated water resources management arena. The Association continues to advocate for improved governance and policy provisions, backed up by suitable institutional arrangements to help rectify this situation. To this end, IAH maintains and is strengthening where possible its membership of UN-Water, the World Water Council and the Global Water Partnership.

Willi Struckmeier represented IAH as a partner of UN-Water at its meeting during Stockholm World Water Week. He also participated in a UN-ESCWA Workshop on Shared Water Resources in Beirut and an IAEA Workshop on IWRM in the Philippines and attended the Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus Conference in Bonn in November. In December, BGR and EuroGeoSurveys organised a Workshop on Groundwater Bodies in Europe in Berlin that was attended by a good number of IAH members.

The Association's liaison and advocacy efforts can also be realised through participating in international projects. To this end, IAH is a partner with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and UNESCO in a project on groundwater governance. This three year project aims to accelerate the adoption of improved groundwater governance by developing a global framework for action based on regional and local experiences. Secretary General Shammy Puri leads the project for IAH, and during the second half of 2011 IAH members have been working on four of the background thematic papers which will form the technical underpinning to regional consultations to be held during 2012.

# THE TIME CAPSULE PROJECT

The Time Capsule Project continues its efforts to record the work and life of some of the pioneers of hydrogeology and of IAH. During 2011, interviewing of Ghislain de Marsily was completed with a discussion of the evolution of his career from research on modelling and stochastic methods through to his current interest in the problem of water and feeding the growing global population. The material is being prepared for publishing, together with a recording of an overview of water issues for the 21st century given by Ghislain at Neuchâtel in November 2011.

Visits to the Time Capsule website were up from 3600 in 2010 to 4700 in 2011, with the Theis interview being the most in demand. The Time Capsule site is well linked to others, including the Wikipedia page on hydrogeology and several hydrogeology courses. Although there was some external financial support in 2011, the project depends on funding from the main IAH budget. This will continue during 2012 as part of our continuing efforts to meet the Association's educational objectives. The work of the Time Capsule project can be seen via the IAH website or at http://timecapsule.ecodev.ch.

# NATIONAL CHAPTERS

National Chapters are an important way of bringing scientific and professional benefits to members. Many chapters have been active in support of regional and national meetings and in March 2011 the Moroccan Secretariat of State for Water and the Moroccan IAH National Chapter organised a workshop in Rabat to celebrate World Water Day. Nearly 100 water resources professionals from public and private sectors and the universities debated the management and protection of groundwater and pleaded for its rational utilisation. The meeting was presided over by Jamal Mafoud, the Secretary of State for the Environment and IAH President Willi Struckmeier. The photo below shows a group of workshop participants.

The Irish National Chapter held its 31st annual conference at Tullamore in April on the theme of "Evolving hydrogeology". 165 people attended, and Willi Struckmeier was an invited keynote speaker. In September the Spanish National Chapter held a three day conference in Zaragoza at which the final session was devoted to an appreciation of former IAH president Emilio Custodio, at which a book dedicated to him was presented.

As part of IAH's Forward Look process, a questionnaire survey of national chapters indicated there was much that could be done to improve central support for chapters. In particular, chapters requested help with hosting and developing pages within or websites linked to the main IAH website. Other suggestions for ways in which the Secretariat and the website could provide support included more prominence for training and career opportunities, better cooperation and communication between chapters, including shared access to the membership database and the mentoring of young professionals. Many of these were envisaged in the Forward Look and will be taken up.

At the end of 2011 efforts were underway to establish a new IAH chapter in Sweden and a meeting to set up the chapter took place early in 2012. At a conference in El Salvador, IAH Executive member Antonio Chambel convened a meeting to explore the possibility of setting up an IAH chapter for Central America.

Work to promote new chapters continues in several countries where groundwater is central to national development, there are significant numbers of groundwater professionals and where IAH ought to be stronger than it is at present. Thus, the British National Chapter, African Vice President and IAH Secretariat continue with their efforts to establish new chapters in Malawi and Tanzania. Initial discussions are underway with colleagues in several other countries. The number of national chapters now stands at 44, although not all could be said to be fully functional. The IAH Secretariat is working with all the national chapters to aid communication and development and also to share knowledge and resources.



The strong science base of the Association has always been its Commissions, some of which have a long history of activity and publication. However, they need to be able to respond to new issues and challenges, to establish new ways of working and to find new partners for their work. As part of IAH's overall Forward Look strategy, a review has been undertaken of the existing commissions, and the results are summarised here. In the meantime, our well established commissions have continued their activities, some of which are illustrated here, and some of the new ones have got off to a good start.

### THE NEW SCHEME

Under the new scheme, there is scope for four categories of groups – commissions, networks, working groups and panels – each with slightly different objectives, activities, outputs, obligations and ways of working.

A formal call for proposals was issued early in 2011. This enabled existing commissions

#### Name

to re-establish themselves as commissions or networks, and encouraged applications for new groups and subject areas. All existing Commissions were dissolved on 30 June 2011 and new commissions and networks established from 1 July.

# THE OUTCOME

The table summarises the outcome. The second column records the recommendation from IAH Council for the type of group and the third column the initial length of tenure.

It is especially important to have new groups established for young professionals and for outreach which address the need for the Association to help fulfil its long-term educational objectives. The last three in the table have been established after the initial round was completed, and the process remains open for proposals for new groups and topics. The commissions and networks welcome new participants to join in their activities.

Group Type Tenure (years)

Existing Commissions: re-applications		
Commission on Aquifer Dynamics and Coastal Zone Management	Network	4
Commission on Groundwater and Climate Change	Commission	4
Commission on Hydrogeology in Urban areas	Network	5
Commission on Hydrogeology of Karst	Commission	6
Commission on Managing Aquifer Recharge	Commission	5
Burdon Network for Developing Countries	Network	4
New applications		
Groundwater and the Millennium Development Goals	Commission	4
Ensuring Sustainability in Drinking Water Needs Through Capacity Building in Rural Areas	Commission	4
Early Career Hydrogeologists' Network	Network	4
Groundwater Outreach to Decision Makers	Commission	4
Subsequent applications approved		
Regional Groundwater Flow	Commission	4
Mineral and Thermal Waters	Commission	4
Groundwater and Ecosystems	Network	4

# COMMISSIONS AT WORK

#### Managed Aquifer Research

The Commission co-organised or promoted a number of activities to advance the science and application of MAR during 2011, contributing to conferences or workshops in Irvine, California, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Mexico City, Adelaide and Madrid. The commission takes its educational responsibilities seriously too; with courses on artificial recharge being run at the Pretoria conference and at the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT) in Australia.

#### **Groundwater Outreach**

This new IAH commission got off to a flying start. The American Groundwater Trust, USGS and San Antonio Water System organised a three day workshop under the auspices of the commission to help teachers from Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador to gain background in groundwater. They can take this knowledge back to their schools and be a means to draw the attention of their students and the local communities to the importance of groundwater and the need to conserve it and protect its quality.

#### Early Career Hydrogeologists' Network

The first steps towards the formation of an IAH group for early career professionals were taken at the Krakow Congress in September 2010. The founding group were invited to make a proposal for formal recognition under the new



commission structure, and this was accepted. A second meeting was held

in Pretoria (pictured) and the network will be very active at the Niagara Falls congress in September 2012.

#### Regional Groundwater Flow

This new commission became active towards the end of the year, and its interim chair József Tóth (Canada) and co-chairs Judit Mádl-Szőnyi (Hungary), Mengui Jin (China) and Joel Carrillo (Mexico) have already been active in fostering the research and application of the concept of regional groundwater flow by presentations in Colombia, Morocco, Thailand, Argentina, Hungary and Australia. Its first full meeting will take place at the Niagara Falls congress.

### Karst Hydrogeology

The Commission on the Hydrogeology of Karst held its annual meeting during the "International Conference on Karst Hydrogeology and Ecosystems", in Bowling Green, USA in June 2011. The photo shows the legendary karst and cave researcher William B. White explaining Mammoth Cave to conference participants during their field trip. During this conference, Young Karst Researcher Prizes 2011 were awarded to Ben Miller (USA), Sarah Truebe (USA) and Anita Erőss (Hungary).



### PUBLICATIONS

The Hydrogeology Journal (HJ) continues to grow in stature as a premier scientific publication for groundwater professionals, with eight issues having a total of 1615 pages in 2011 and a current target for 2012 of 1650 pages. The balance between high impact factor and the overall objective of maintaining geographical spread of authors and content is being maintained, but it is highly desirable to sustain the SCI above 1.0 and in the same range as comparable journals. The latest (2010) impact factor is 1.326.

The number of manuscripts submitted to HJ continues to increase – up from 200 per year in 2003 to over 300 in 2008 and 330 in 2011. The number of accepted papers in 2011 was 128, meaning that the acceptance rate which was around 50% in recent years has fallen to about one third. "Immediate rejects" before the formal review process, where the content of the submitted article is judged to be outside the scope of the journal or of very poor scientific quality, have risen from 20% in 2003 to 38% currently and account for some of this fall in overall acceptance rate.

The time from submission to online publication is currently approximately 9 months and to printing about 12 months, a welcome improvement on the 11 and 16 months respectively of two years ago. Citation evidence shows the importance to the Journal of good theme issues and good review articles. The 2011 theme issue was on the use of environmental tracers to provide insights into groundwater systems and the 2012 theme issue is on the economics of groundwater.

IAH News and Information is collated and edited by the IAH Secretariat and the usual three issues were produced during the year. 2010 saw the complete re-design of the newsletter layout, introducing a larger format and full colour printing. During 2011, we have tried to broaden the scope of the newsletter to include topical news stories about groundwater as well as IAH news. The IAH electronic newsletter was produced four times during the year, with a distribution of about 6000.

Progress with book publication remains slow, and only one new book was published by Taylor and Francis on behalf of IAH during 2011. This was the blue book ICH 27 edited by Holger Treidel, Jose Luis Martin-Bordes and Jason Gurdak: "Climate change effects on groundwater resources; a global synthesis of findings and recommendations: UNESCO-GRAPHIC case studies". This publishing collaboration has worked out well and is being extensively promoted by IAH, Taylor and Francis and UNESCO.

Preparation of Selected Paper volumes from the Lisbon and Krakow congresses is underway, and discussions are in hand with the organisers of the conference in South Africa for a Selected Paper volume. The ICH blue book edited by John Mather, Nick Howden and others on the history of hydrogeology has nearly 20 accepted contributions which have been revised and the graphics improved where necessary. Work is now underway on the production of the book which is planned for publication later in 2012.

Book sales are doing well but a wider and larger market is being sought outside IAH through increased distribution of journal review copies and within the Association by additional



### AWARDS

The annual awards were announced at the Association's AGM in Pretoria. The Presidents' Award recognises outstanding international contributions to the development or application of groundwater science and to furthering IAH's mission to promote understanding and management of groundwater resources. President Willi Struckmeier presented the 2011 award to Professor Ken Howard, who fully meets both criteria.

Ken graduated from Exeter University in 1974 in Physics and Geology, and obtained an MSc in Hydrogeology at the University of Birmingham in 1975. He then completed a PhD under the wise guidance of Professor John Lloyd on the hydrochemistry of the Lincolnshire Chalk aquifer. In 1981 Ken moved to the University of Toronto at Scarborough, becoming full professor of hydrogeology with tenure in 1997. His research interests range widely over hydrogeological science, with special interest in the impacts of human activities on the quantity and quality of groundwater resources in many parts of the world.

Ken has been an IAH member since 1987 and was Regional VP for North America from 2000 to 2008. He is currently VP for Scientific Programme Coordination and in this role led the review and reform of the Association's science commissions. He is, however, probably best known to IAH members as chair from 1997 to 2011 of the Commission on Groundwater in Urban Areas. This has been one of the Association's most consistently active Commissions, due in no small measure to the skill and enthusiasm of his leadership.

The AGM in Pretoria approved the award of Honorary Membership to Mario Hernandez of Argentina. Mario has been Professor of Hydrogeology at La Plata University since 1980 and a long-time adviser on groundwater to the government of Argentina. He has been a stalwart of IAH for many years, was president of the Argentine National Chapter and members may recall his role in seeing the 2002 Mar del Plata congress from inception to successful conclusion. Mario was president of ALHSUD for eight years, during which he encouraged links with IAH by promoting our publications and welcoming IAH speakers to the ALHSUD biennial conference. Mario was not in Pretoria to receive the award, and an opportunity was found to present the award to him at the GEF project regional consultation for Latin America in Montevideo in April 2012.

The recipient of the 2011 IAH Distinguished Associate Award was the Hon. Maria Mutagamba, Minister of Water and Environment in the Government of Uganda since 2006. She became prominent regionally as a member of the Nile Basin Council of Ministers in charge of Water Affairs and as President of the African Ministers Council for Water (AMCOW). Through her involvement in AMCOW, Maria played a key role in the creation of the Africa Groundwater Commission to spearhead groundwater issues on the Africa continent. In 2008, through her leadership, Uganda hosted the first ever conference on Groundwater and Climate Change. She has been prominent in promoting the growth of the water sector in Uganda where groundwater development and management has been the key focus for meeting both national development objectives and the MDGs.

IAH is pleased to acknowledge Maria's leadership and personal contribution to groundwater development and management in Africa with this award. She was unable to be at the conference in Pretoria, but our President was able to present the award at the African Water Week conference in Cairo in May 2012, as shown below.



### MEMBERSHIP

At the end of 2011 the Association had 3784 members, almost exactly the same as a year earlier. While it is good news that membership has continued to hold up well during these tough economic times, the 4000 total still remains elusive, and further growth is essential for the long-term professional and financial viability of IAH. To this end, both IAH centrally and our national chapters need to make more focused efforts to encourage students of hydrogeology and young groundwater professionals to join the Association.

The figure shows recent membership trends by region, emphasising the need for us to pay greater attention to promoting membership in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, Eastern Europe and in Latin America. For several of these regions, recent declines in membership appear to have been arrested, but overall there remains considerable scope for strengthening our membership in all regions.

Taking account of the continuing sound financial performance of the Association, Council decided in September 2011 not to raise the membership fee for 2012, and the headline fee rate therefore remains at €75, with corresponding rates for the other categories of membership.

Individual IAH members, national chapters and members of the general public continue to make contributions to support our Sponsored Members Scheme. This enables membership to be offered to groundwater professionals from developing countries who are not able to pay their own membership fee. At the end of 2011, we had a total of 242 sponsored members and we know that sponsored membership is greatly appreciated by the recipients. IAH has established a separate Sponsored Membership Fund to augment this component of the Association's activities and we continue to seek suitable candidates for sponsorship.

Corporate Membership has remained steady, and at the end of 2011 we had 44 Corporate Members. We also now have our first Corporate Sponsor, DHI-WASY, who enjoy the additional benefits that this provides, including prominence for their logo in the IAH pages at the back of the Hydrogeology Journal.

# STAFF

Routine administration of the Association is functioning well and the Secretariat is able to devote more time to initiatives such as the Forward Look, website development and publicity and recruitment and national chapters. To facilitate further development of these initiatives, the Secretariat recommended that the Association's bookkeeping and accounting capacity should be strengthened. The recommendation was that this should be achieved by engaging a bookkeeping contractor rather than by employing an additional staff member within the Secretariat. Council agreed to this proposal at its meeting in Pretoria, and the Secretariat proceeded with a successful advertising and contracting process at the end of 2011 for start at the beginning of 2012.

In the meantime, Sharon Warden has continued to provide her assured touch on membership issues, and worked with our website contractor at the end of 2010 and early 2011 to implement improvements to the security and functioning of our member database and renewals processing. Technical Editorial Adviser Sue Duncan maintains the high standard of her work on the journal papers and has become a key member of the editorial team. The Association will continue to provide support for its staff to take up suitable training opportunities.

# TRADING ACTIVITIES

The company World-Wide Groundwater Limited was established as the trading subsidiary of the Association. There was very little activity in 2007 and 2008 and in 2009 Council agreed to make the company dormant and to transfer its assets back to the parent company. The company was re-activated at the beginning of 2011 with the prospect of undertaking consultancy work in partnership with FAO and UNESCO on a GEF (global environment facility) project on groundwater governance. Thus in 2011 the Association received from FAO two contract payments of a total of some £55,000. These funds were disbursed from WWGW to provide instalment payments for four consultancy contracts for the preparation of thematic papers required for the project. Further income from this project is anticipated in 2012.

### IAH MEMBERSHIP BY REGION (END OF YEAR FIGURES)





# EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL

The governing body of IAH is its Council, which is responsible for determining the Association's general policy. Council is elected every four years and the present Council will serve until the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Niagara Falls congress in September 2012. Council met in Pretoria on 18th September 2011.

The IAH Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Secretary General, VP Finance and Membership and VP Scientific Programme is responsible for the day to day operation of the Association's business and activities in conjunction with the Secretariat. The Executive met at UNESCO in Paris from 10th to 12th February 2011. Recent experience suggests that meeting once a year is not sufficient to properly direct and oversee IAH's work and the Executive met again in the UK from 16th to 18th June and on 17th September in Pretoria.

# MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no changes to the membership of Council during the year.

President	Willi Struckmeier	Germany
Secretary General	Shammy Puri	United Kingdom
Vice President, Finance and Membership	Antonio Chambel	Portugal
Vice President, Scientific Programme Coordination	Ken Howard	Canada
Vice President, North America	Leonard Konikow	United States
Vice President, Latin America and the Caribbean	Luiz Amore	Brazil
Vice President, Sub Saharan Africa	Segun Adelana	Nigeria
Vice President, Middle East and North Africa	Mohammed Aboufirass	Morocco
Vice President, Western Europe	Didier Pennequin	France
Vice President, Eastern Europe and Central Asia	lgor Zektser	Russia
Vice President, Asia	Shivendra Nath Rai	India
Vice President, Australasia and the Pacific	lan Acworth	Australia
Past President	Stephen Foster	United Kingdom

In addition to its elected members, Council is able to co-opt other members of the Association to enable it to undertake its work more effectively. At present, co-opted members who are invited to Council meetings as non-voting advisers are the editor of the Hydrogeology Journal, Cliff Voss, the books editor, Nick Robins, the representative of the Early Career Hydrogeologist's Network, Judith Flügge, and the Executive Manager John Chilton.

# FINANCE

Despite the continuing global economic uncertainty, the Association has had another good year financially. The Association's total income was almost the same in 2011 as in 2010, reflecting the stability of membership numbers reported elsewhere in this report. Combined income from the journal contract, book and journal royalties and donations was also more or less the same as in 2010.

The total resources expended in 2011 were somewhat lower than in 2010. with the result that the Association has a net operating surplus of income over expenditure of £660. Of the major items of expenditure, journal printing, salaries, publicity, websites and databases were much the same as in 2010. Travel costs were some £26,000 higher in 2011 than in 2010. These reflect the increased cost of travel for Council, Executive and Secretariat associated with the conference in Pretoria. the extra executive meeting in the middle of the year, and the meeting of the journal editorial team. During the year there were also additional visits connected with the representation of IAH at conferences and at international meetings of UNESCO and our other UN partners. These are part of the Association's efforts to meet the Forward Look objectives of raising the profile of IAH,

promoting membership, and advocating for groundwater at major international fora.

Continuing fluctuations in currency exchange rates can make direct year-onyear comparisons difficult. If our primary intention had been to operate to a balanced budget, this would be considered to be as close as it was realistically possible to get. However, the summary statement shows that currency fluctuations over the year produced net foreign exchange losses of £4800. This converts the small operating surplus to a net loss of £4100, leaving a total balance of funds of £257,600 carried forward at the end of the year.

Despite setting a deficit budget, overall expenditure was less than planned, mainly because use of the Burdon, Education and Development and Sponsorship Funds has been less than anticipated. While it is incumbent upon the Executive and Secretariat to act responsibly on behalf of the membership with the Association's funds, at the same time there is a need to continue to use the resources for the benefit of members, and ways will continue to be explored for achieving this aim.

Overall, IAH remains in a strong financial position at the end of 2011. The formal financial statement for the year is downloadable from the website.

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HYDROGEOLOGISTS

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

Incoming Resources Membership fees Contract and subvention income Investment income Donations Royalties Miscellaneous Total resources received		£	20 3 21 0	£ 7,610 5,892 0 1,519 2,013 5,761 <b>,795</b>	EUR(€) 236,579 32,195 0 37,735 26,354 8,094 340,957
Resources expended					
Member services	Salaries Printing and publications	17,405 117,112			
	Other	25,987	16	),504	192,155
Donations and grants payable			(	635	7,943
Support costs	Salaries	24,876			
	Travel and subsistence	58,604			
	Printing, stationery and database administration	5,250			
	Other	3,927	92	2,657	110,929
Management and administration of the charity	Salaries	15,708			
	Strategic review and training	1,448			
	Accountancy fee Other	1,560 0	- 1	3,716	22,407
Finance costs (bank charges) and depreciation	Ottici	0		5,623	6,732
Total resources expended			284	,135	340,166
Net Income/Expenditure				660	790
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)			(4	,782)	(5,725)
Net incoming resources			(4	122)	(4,935)
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2011			261	,737	313,352
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2011			257	,615	308,417
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2011					
		2011 £	2010 £	2011 EUR(€)	2009 EUR(€)
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Fixed Assets		461	997	552	1,194
Current Assets	Cash and debtors due	295,812	272,854	354,146	326,661
Creditors	Amounts due within one year	(38,658)	(12,114)	(46,281)	(14,503)
Net Assets Represented by:		257,615	261,737	308,417	313,352
	Unrestricted Funds	200,241	202,226	239,729	242,105
Funds	Burdon Fund	57,374 <b>257,615</b>	59,511 <b>261,737</b>	68,688 <b>308,417</b>	71,247 <b>313,352</b>
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Statement by the Association's reporting accountant: These summarised accounts are extracted from the full financial statement of the Association which were subject to an unqualified report by Locke Williams Associates LLP, Blackthorn House, St Pauls Square, Birmingham, B3 1RL. The independent examiners have confirmed that the summarised accounts are consistent with the full accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011. The annual report and accounts were adopted by the IAH Council in July 2012 and will be submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies.

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to gain a complete understanding of the financial affairs of the Association. For further information, the full accounts, the reporting accountants' report on those accounts and the trustees' annual report should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from the IAH International Office or downloaded from www.iah.org.

Throughout this report the conversion from sterling (£) to Euro (€) is at the rate of €1.1972 = £1.