IAH China Chapter – Annual Report for 2012

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The IAH China NC had an active year in 2012:

- The Conference of Climate Change and the Groundwater Environment was convened in Wuhan City on 24-26, October 2012. It was hosted by the IAH China National Chapter, the China Geological Survey, the Hydrogeological Committee of CGS and the China University of Geosciences. 150 hydrogeological colleagues attended the meeting and 100 papers were presented.

- 36 Chinese delegates attended the 2012 IAH Congress in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada and gave a number of oral papers. Four session leaders and chairmen came from China. They were Chen Jianyao, Han Zaisheng, Liu Zaihua and Jiang Guanghui. They proposed and helped to organize the sessions, helped promote the Congress, encouraged abstract submissions and reviewed abstracts.
The Chinese IAH Chapter currently has about 51 members. More and more young hydrogeologists are interested in IAH activities. Some of them have joined the organization, and it is hoped that others will follow.

The Regional Consultation on Groundwater Resources Governance for Asia and the Pacific Region was organized in Shijiazhuang City, 3-5 December 2012. This scientific and technical consultation is a fundamental component of the project on Groundwater Governance that the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) and World Bank are executing jointly. The IAH China Chapter was well represented at the consultation.

Looking forward to 2013, there will be more Chinese delegates attending the 2013 IAH Congress in Perth, Australia, Two IAH conferences will be held in China, the International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow: Theory, Applications and Future Development on 22-23 June 2013 in Xi’an and the 8th International Symposium on Managed Aquifer Recharge, ISMAR8 will be in held from 15-19 October 2013 in Beijing. The IAH China National Chapter is one of the Organizers.

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