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**HELLENIC
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ACTIVITIES OF THE HELLENIC COMMITTEE OF HYDROGEOLOGY DURING THE YEAR 2012

During 2012, the Hellenic Committee of Hydrogeology (HCH) continued its usual activities, regarding on the one hand its permanent research programmes and on the other the monitoring (and intervening if necessary) on water resource issues in Greece. In general its activities can be summarized in the following areas:

1 Meetings of the Board

During 2012, three meetings of the Board took place;

a) *January 27, 2012*: Main themes of the meeting:

- debriefing on the 9th International Hydrogeological Congress held in Kalavrita 5-8 October 2011.

- planning the 10th Hydrogeological Congress to be held in Thessaloniki in October 2014

b) *May 14, 2012*: Main themes of the meeting:

- debriefing and planning meeting of the Board with participation of many members of the committee and invited representatives of the Greek Geological Consultants and Contractors Association, the Hellenic Association of Geologists and the Hellenic Geotechnical Chamber.

c) *11 September, 2012*: Main themes of the meeting:

- Formation of the HCH Board, election of the new President and Members of the Board Commission, as follows:

- Chairman*: Professor George Stamatis, Professor of Agricultural University of Athens

- Vice Chairman*: Konstantinos Nikas, Dr. Hydrogeologist of IGME

- General Secretary*: Gerasimos Gioxas, Dr. Geologist

- Special Secretary*: Basil Perleros, Dr. Geologist

- Financial Manager*: George Stournaras, Professor of University of Athens

- Briefing on the organization of the 10th Hydrogeological Congress

- Briefing on the upcoming activities of the Committee

- Contribution to the IAH Commissions and Networks by Greek representatives.

2 Planning the 10th Hydrogeological Congress

The HCH is organizing the 10th Hydrogeological Congress of Greece, to be held in October 2014 in collaboration with the Association of Geologists and Mining Engineers of Cyprus, with the participation of other scientists, working on relative "water" disciplines such as Engineering Hydrology, Meteorology, Climatology, Chemical, Agronomy and others. A president of the Organizing Committee was appointed - Konstantinos Voudouris, Associate Professor of Hydrogeology in the Department of Geology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

3 Organizing a meeting on the theme “World Water Day”

The HCH organized a meeting on the theme “World Water Day of 2012”. The main theme of the meeting was “Water Resources and Climate Change – Modern Challenges in Water Management”. The event was held at the Congress Centre of the Agricultural University of Athens. A follow up event was the taking of visitors to the special University wing named “Professors E. Davis Museum” where a collection of Minerals and Rocks of Greece is presented. Professor of the University of Athens George Stournaras, President of HCH at the time and Mr. George Stamatis Professor of Agricultural University of Athens represented HCH with specific presentations, remarks and suggestions.

4 Participation in special seminars organized by the Bank of Greece

Participation in special seminars organized by the Bank of Greece focusing on “Climate Change and Impacts on Water Resources on March 21, 2012”. Professor George Stournaras and Professor George Stamatis represented HCH with specific suggestions.

5 Participation in Meetings of the Biopolitics International Organisation – BIO

- Participation in the Workshop on “Hymettus area - Modern Aquatic Reality” organized by the International BIO (Biopolitics International Organisation - BIO) on November 15, 2012 at Athens Hotel CARAVEL involving many stakeholders of Local Authorities of the Hymettus area and neighboring municipalities. HCH represented with specific suggestions Professor George Stournaras and Professor Georgios Stamatis, President of HCH.
- Participation in an event of the Biopolitics International Organisation – BIO, during the “Athens Money Show” held at the Athens Hilton Hotel on December 21, 2012. HCH was represented by a specific speech by Professor George Stournaras of the University of Athens.

6 Interventions to local media

HCH intervened with interviews on radio and television and with articles in the press on the topics “Global climate change and water impact in Greece”, “Current legislative framework for water and its implementation”, “Protection of Water Resources in Greece”, “Problems of Seawater Intrusion and Nitrate pollution”.

The Greek Committee of Hydrogeology continues its cooperation with the World Water Council and the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean.

**The Board of the
Greek Committee of Hydrogeology**