An Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria, South Africa at 16.15 on 19th September 2011

1 Present
Dr Willi Struckmeier, President in the chair, and 34 voting members.

2 Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were reported from Igor Zektser, Luiz Amore, Lenny Konikow and Cliff Voss.

3 Minutes of the AGM held on 15th September 2010
It was resolved that these be adopted; proposed by Dr Rai, seconded by Didier Pennequin.

4 Annual Report and Accounts for the Period to 31 December 2010
The Executive Manager presented the report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2010 and the report of the Independent Examiner. It was resolved that these should be received; proposed by Didier Pennequin and seconded by Dr Rai.

5 Appointment of Reporting Accountant
It was resolved that Locke Williams Associates, Blackthorn House, St Paul’s Square, Birmingham, B3 1RL, United Kingdom be appointed as reporting accountant for the Association to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General meeting. It was further resolved that IAH Council be authorized to fix the remuneration of the accountant; proposed by Ian Acworth, seconded by Ken Howard.

6 Report on International Activities
President Willi Struckmeier made a brief presentation on international liaison activities during the year, highlighting IAH’s presence at Stockholm Water Week and collaboration with UNESCO IHP, and mentioning his visits to Morocco for World Water Day and to the Irish annual national meeting.

7 Report on IAH’s Forward Look
Secretary General Shammy Puri made a brief presentation on progress with implementation of the Forward Look strategy, highlighting the five elements within which activities would be undertaken.

8 Report on the GEF Project
Secretary General Shammy Puri made a brief report on implementation of the GEF project.

9 Report on the Reform of the IAH Commissions
Vice President for Science and Programme Ken Howard updated the meeting on the commissions and networks, remarking that there were still subjects for which proposals would be welcome.

10 Report on the Young Professionals’ Meeting
Although this was on the agenda, it was not possible as the two meetings coincided.

11 Presentation of the President’s Award for 2011
The 2011 Presidents’ Award was made to Ken Howard in recognition of his long and productive scientific career and his support for the Association over many years as Chair of the IAH Commission on Urban Hydrogeology. Ken made a short speech of acceptance.

12 Election of Honorary Member
The General Assembly approved the election to Honorary Membership of Professor Mario Hernandez for his long support to IAH as chair of the Argentine national chapter and in promoting collaboration with IAH during his time as President of ALHSUD. He was not in Pretoria so an alternative opportunity to present the award would need to be investigated.

13 Distinguished Associate Award
It was proposed that the 2011 Distinguished Associate Award be given to the Hon Maria Mutagamba Minister of Water in the Government of Uganda for her advocacy of groundwater nationally and internationally through AMCOW, and for her support to the 2008 groundwater and climate conference in Kampala. Again, an opportunity to present the award will need to be found.

14 Comments by Members
Members were invited to forthcoming Congresses in Canada and Australia.

Closure The meeting closed at 18.00 hrs, and was followed by an informal reception.