



International Association of Hydrogeologists

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During 2013 I was twice able to attend meetings of the IAH Council - in June in Reading, England, and in September in Perth, Australia. The orientation and meeting in England was particularly appreciated with regard to: updating my understanding of IAH activities and progress on the “Forward Look”, and my responsibilities both to the IAH Council and as a Trustee of the organization as charity.

The Executive Board of the U.S. National Chapter (USNC) of IAH meets every two months by tele-conference and face-to-face twice a year at the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) Groundwater Summit in the spring of each year, and at the Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual meeting. I participated in all Board Meetings, except the 2013 GSA Annual Meeting in Denver. The USNC Chapter of IAH has been a co-sponsor of the Groundwater Summit for several years, including the 2013 conference in San Antonio Texas (sponsoring eight technical sessions and one field trip), and the 2014 conference in Denver Colorado. I distributed brochures sent to me by the IAH organizers for the 2015 IAH Congress in Rome to the 2014 NGWA Summit participants. Grant Ferguson, Canadian National Chapter of IAH (IAH-CNC) President, also attended the conference, and we met briefly.

The USNC also plans to sponsor a Pardee Session and two additional sessions, in concert with the Canadian National Chapter of IAH, at the 2014 GSA Annual meeting in Vancouver. Brochures for the Rome IAH Congress will also be distributed at GSA and other professional meetings. Informal get-togethers are planned between the US and Canadian Chapters at this Annual GSA meeting in October 2014.

In 2013/2014 the USNC sponsored approximately six professionals from developing countries, made efforts to help establish a Bolivian Chapter of IAH in concert with Hydrogeologists without Borders (HWB), and sponsored 8 students in 2013 and 5 students in 2014 with IAH membership. The Chapter also supported the efforts of Uniwater, is instituting a new “International Service Award”, is coordinating with the American Geological Institute, and is close to its initial monetary goal in a philanthropic Endowment Fund. The finances of the National Chapter are healthy, although membership has declined a little bit and this is being addressed by the Executive Board.

The Canadian National Chapter of IAH is planning an IAH-CNC conference in Waterloo in 2015 to coincide with the University of Waterloo's Farvolden Day. Like the US, Canada's IAH membership has declined slightly (both chapters are below 300). CNC's finances are reported as sound; I contacted the Chapter as to the potential for profit sharing proceeds of the Niagara Congress with the IAH International Office, which was an action item responsibility from me from the Reading Council Meeting. The Annual IAH-CNC conference was held at the end of September/beginning of October 2013 in Montreal, jointly with other professional societies, and was attended by over 800 people.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you all in Morocco.

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