

IAH Karst Commission – Annual Report for 2013

All activities of the IAH Karst Commission (KC) are reported and documented on our up-to-date website: www.iah.org/karst. This report summarizes the most relevant highlights in inverse chronological order:

- 4-7 September 2013: The Karst Commission has co-organized the “International Symposium and Training Course on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions” in Budapest, Hungary, in cooperation with the IAH Commission on Regional Groundwater Flow and the International Union of Speleology (UIS). Details:
<http://www.karstflow2013.org/>
- The KC has organized its annual meeting during this symposium. The Young Karst Researcher Prizes 2013 were awarded to Amélie Dausse (France), Arnauld Malard (Switzerland) and to Ildikó Erhardt & Viktória Ötvös (Hungary, shared prize).
- 2-3 September 2013: Prior to the symposium, the KC and the Commission of Regional Groundwater Flow have organized a training course on regional groundwater flow (REGFLOW) and karst hydrogeology (MANKARST, 6th edition). The principal lecturers included Tim Bechtel & Nico Goldscheider (MANKARST) and Jozsef Toth & Judit Madl-Szonyi (REGFLOW). About 70 participants attended the two courses.
- 14-17 April 2013: Conference on “Mine Water Solutions in Extreme Environments”, Lima Peru. Mining in karst was among the conference topics, and KC lecturers Bartolomé Andreo & Tim Bechtel have presented the 5th edition of the MANKARST training course, while David Evans and Neven Kresic delivered the Conference’s keynote addresses.
- 8-13 April 2013: International Symposia on Karst Water under Global Change Pressure, Guilin, China, organized by the UNESCO International Research Centre of Karst (IRCK), in close cooperation and with active contributions of the KC.
- Several publication projects have been accomplished in 2013, e.g. the book “Water in Karst. Management, Vulnerability, and Restoration” by Neven Kresic, a special issue of the German journal Grundwasser on Karst Hydrogeology, edited by Nico Goldscheider & Tobias Geyer, and the 4th article of our series “Reviews in Karst Hydrogeology”, focusing major environmental geological problems in karst areas of Southwestern China.

For details see: <http://www.iah.org/karst/publications.html>

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