

REGIONAL GROUNDWATER FLOW COMMISSION

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INTRODUCTION

The basic objective of the RGFC and Board is *internationally to foster the research and application of the concept of regional groundwater flow*. The means by which this objective is sought to be accomplished have been summarized in twelve groups of proposed "*Activities or Tasks*". The Annual Report follows the structure of the planned "*Activities or Tasks*".

i) Special Business meetings of the Regional Groundwater Flow Commission

- Board Meeting of the Regional Groundwater Flow Commission was held in Taole Country, Yinchuan Plain, China in conjunction with the "International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow: Theory, Applications and Future Developments" (27. 06. 2013).



Board Meeting in China, 2013 (Xiao-Wei Jiang, Leyla Abukova (Russia), Joe Tóth, Judit Mádl-Szónyi, Joel Carrillo, Menggui Jin)

Professor Leyla Abukova who is a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences was invited to the Meeting. Her main interest is petroleum hydrogeology. She intends to introduce regional groundwater flow theory in Russia. Consequently, Prof. Abukova was invited to be the "*Task Leader*" of Activity Group 2: Scientific Activities; Task: 2.vi of RGFC: "*Promotion of the regional groundwater flow theory and its research and application, with special emphasis on petroleum exploration and exploitation in Russia and its scientifically collaborating neighbouring countries.*" She accepted the invitation.

- The Annual Meeting of Regional Groundwater Flow Commission in 2013 was organized in the frame of the International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions in Budapest, September



RGFC General Meeting in Budapest, Hungary

ii) **Global inventory of individual and institutional expertise on the subject of regional groundwater flow**

- The number of supporters of the Regional Groundwater Flow Commission is continuously increasing. The updated list contains 160 scientists and professionals worldwide. (Timea Havril is responsible for recruiting supporters).

iii) **Stand-alone Specialist Meetings/Symposia**

- **The International Symposium on Regional groundwater flow: Theory, Applications and Future Development, Xi'an, China 21-23 June, 2013**

During 21-23 June 2013, the International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow: Theory, Applications and Future Development was held successfully in Xi'an, China. This symposium was hosted by China Geological Survey (CGS) and the Regional Groundwater Flow Commission (RGFC) of IAH, and mainly organized by China University of Geosciences (Beijing, Wuhan) and Xi'an Center of China Geological Survey. There were 33 invited speakers from 12 countries. The symposium covered different aspects of the theory of regional groundwater flow, including recent advances, study methods, applications and future development. More than 160 delegates attended this Symposium.

In the symposium, Prof. József Tóth from Canada reviewed the history of development of regional groundwater flow theory in the past half a century in detail; Prof. Anders Wörman from Sweden presented the recent advances of regional groundwater flow theory in the context of surface water-groundwater interaction; Dr. Dong-guang Wen of CGS introduced the major progresses of China's regional hydrogeologic investigation in recent years; Dr. Guang-cai Hou of Xi'an Center of CGS introduced the advances in the investigation and research of aquifer systems and groundwater flow systems in the Ordos Basin. Many other researchers presented studies on different aspects of characteristics of regional groundwater flow in basins around the world by utilizing groundwater pressure, groundwater chemistry, groundwater temperature, etc. There were also some presentations on the top boundary of the groundwater basin and the three-dimensional characteristics of groundwater flow systems, which are critical to the future development of the theory of regional groundwater flow.

Abstract volume: http://regionalgwflow.iah.org/doc/Symposium_Proceedings.pdf



Group photo of the delegates of Xi'an Congress, China

There was a field trip to the Ordos Basin, one of the most intensively investigated basins in China. The participants found out that the Ordos basin is a perfect study area for further development of the theory of regional groundwater flow. The symposium, where views and experiences were exchanged on the advances and future development of the theory of regional groundwater flow, will enhance international cooperation and thus further development of the regional groundwater flow theory.



Field trip to the Ordos Basin: Xiao-Wei Jiang and his discharge-area research well; The ever-challenging traditional soap-hole testing

- **International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow systems in Karst Regions 4-7 September, 2013 Budapest, Hungary**

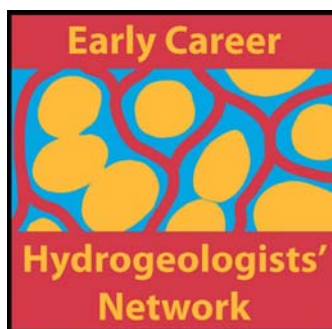
In early September 2013 members of the IAH Commissions on Karst and on Regional Groundwater Flow participated in the joint conference "International Conference on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions," in Budapest, Hungary. The meeting was organized in honor of Professor József Tóth, on his 80th birthday. The declared objective of the Symposium was to introduce the concept of gravitational groundwater flow systems in the thinking and practice of the karst community. Therefore the Symposium was organized by the Regional

Groundwater Flow Commission of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), Karst Commission of IAH, Karst Hydrogeology and by the Speleogenesis Commission of the International Union of Speleology (UIS). A variety of sessions, along with business meetings and a joint plenary session of the two IAH Commissions over three days worked to enhance cross-fertilization of ideas across the conference's two themes between 150 researchers from 35 countries. <http://www.karstflow2013.org/>

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Group photo of the attendance of the Budapest Congress (Prof. Andrea Mindszenty, Dr. Szilvia Simon, Prof Ken Howard President of IAH, Prof József Tóth, Dr. Alexander Klimchouk, Prof. Derek Ford and Dr. Nico Goldscheider in the first line)



A relatively large number of young scientists participated in the conference. As a progressive initiation of the Program Committee of the "International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions" with the promotion/support of the *Early Career Network (ECHN)* of IAH, several special Sessions were dedicated to *Early Career Hydrogeologists (PhD and MSc students)*. This initiation fitted well into the general objective of the Symposium which was to introduce the concept of gravitational groundwater flow systems in the thinking and practice of the karst community. The overall quality of the ECH presentations was outstanding. Among them 6 young participants were awarded.

The Karst Commission awarded a record three Young Karst Researcher Awards including the top award to Amélie Dausse from the University of Montpellier in France. The Professor József Tóth IAH Commemorative Award was granted to Tímea Havril, ELTE University in Budapest.



The chairman and co-chair of the Karst Commission of IAH together with the winners of "Young Karst Researcher Prize" 2013: Arnauld Malard, Nico Goldscheider, Viktória Ötvös, Ildikó Erhardt, Neven Kresic, Amélie Dausse



Ken Howard, the president of IAH, with the winners of the "Professor József Tóth IAH Commemorative Award": Junzhi Wang and Tímea Havril

A highlight of the conference was the gala dinner in honor of Professor Tóth, who was awarded the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, the country's almost highest civilian honor. The Symposium closing event was a one day field trip to the famous Buda Thermal Karst including caves and spas and the farewell dinner on the board of Roham in the Danube.

The field trip introduced Europe's largest thermal water system, the Buda Thermal Karst (BTK) to the visitors. During the field trip the recent and paleo-hydrogeological characteristics of the flow systems of the BTK were shown in outcrops, in caves as well as in the spas.



Péter Kovács state secretary, Prof. József Tóth, Prof. Ken Howard the President of IAH with the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary granted to József Tóth

iv) Short courses and training courses

• **REGFLOW and MANKARST joint Course**

Prior to the International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions, Budapest a joint MANKARST-REGFLOW training course was organized at the Eötvös Loránd University. The aim of the REGFLOW course was to introduce the concept of gravity driven groundwater flow, its geological and environmental consequences, application and relevant investigation methods. (Lecturers: József Tóth, Judit Mádl-Szőnyi, Szilvia Simon, Brigitta Czauner). The MANKARST course had a special focus on karst in the context of flow system theory. The course had the following goals: Provision of a fundamental understanding and holistic perspective of karst systems, their unique nature, resources and vulnerability. Presentation of the most important investigative methods with a focus on geophysical and tracing techniques for the characterization of both local / shallow and regional / deep karst systems. Discussion of innovative approaches to karst groundwater quality monitoring, protection and management with local examples, but a global perspective. (Lecturers: Nico Goldscheider & Tim Bechtel, IAH Karst Commission). The courses were attended by 70 students, about half from Hungary and the rest from throughout the world.

Course notes: <http://www.karstflow2013.org/?nic=training-course>

• **Short courses and Colloquium co-managed by Prof. J.J. Carrillo Rivera, Institute of Geography, UNAM, Mexico**

“Climate Change and Systemic Perspective of Water” (in Spanish) with Faculties of Economy and Engineering. Universidad Católica y FOPAE, Bogotá. May 8-11, del 2013. Colombia

International Course: “Groundwater and Climate Change” (in Spanish). Organized by the Red Centroamericana de Manejo de Recursos Hídricos, CARA; Canadian International Development Agency, The University of Calgary. San Salvador, 4 y 5 de Noviembre, del 2013. Salvador Republic.

“National Colloquium Groundwater”. Co-Organizer with the International Atomic Energy Agency; la Procuraduria Ambiental y del Ordenamiento Territorial del DF; CONACyT; Institute of Geography, UNAM; CIGA-UNAM, universities of Zacatecas and Puebla. Venue IMTA, Jiutepec, Morelos, 07-09 November, 2013. Mexico



Group Photo of the Members of the National Colloquium: Groundwater in Mexico.

v) **Introduction of RGF concept and its consequences at early levels of education, for decision makers and general public**

- **Media stage: by Dr. Brian Smerdon**

The 20 minute news program focused on Australia's Great Artesian Basin.

"Hidden Treasure" (Australian TV program ABC Landline, 2013): Dr. Smerdon was interviewed to discuss the groundwater conditions of Great Artesian Basin.

<http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2013/s3882758.htm>

vi) **Transfer of knowledge of theoretical and practical aspects of RGF to other IAH Commissions and Networks and to IAH National Chapters**

- The Hungarian National Chapter of the IAH organized a conference entitled: IAH Central European Groundwater Conference 2013, Geothermal Applications and Specialties in Groundwater Flow and Resources, May 8-10, 2013 Mórahalom, Hungary. Prof. Joe Tóth and Judit Mádl-Szőnyi as keynote speakers involved the concept of regional groundwater flow for their presentations.
- The RGFC and Karst Commission of IAH together with the Karst Hydrogeology and Speleogenesis Commission of the International Union of Speleology (UIS) organized a Joint Session during the "International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions", Budapest, Hungary, in September, 2013. During the Meeting the potential scientific, educational and research cooperation were discussed.



Joint Meeting of Karst and Regional Groundwater Flow Commissions of IAH and Speleogenesis Commission of the International Union of Speleology (UIS) (Menggui Jin, Neven Kresic, Nico Goldscheider, Alexander Klimchouk)

vii) Promotion of the environmental and economic importance of the concept of RGF at the UN and National governments

Joel Carrillo-Rivera and the member of Parliament of Saudi Arabia Kingdom, Dr Sultan Hasan AlSultan elaborate a programme to encourage the teaching of Groundwater Flow Systems at all levels of society in the country.

Judit Mádl-Szőnyi attended the Scientific Pre-Congress of the 2013 Budapest Water Summit which was held in Budapest, Hungary, October, 2013. (<http://budapestwatersummit.hu/>) (Partners are World Water Council, UNESCO, Hungarian Government, Hungarian Academy of Sciences).

viii) To communicate the "Activities and Tasks" of the Committee on the website of the RGF Commission (within the IAH website)

RGFC Internet Homepage launched <http://regionalgwflow.iah.org/index.html>. Dr. Anita Erőss is responsible for the continuous communication.

Scientific activities under the aegis of RGFC in the form of individuals or research groups

- a) Scientific activities of Joe Tóth (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada)
- **Geothermal phenomena in the context of gravity-driven basinal flow of groundwater.** ELTE, May 2 Budapest, Hungary. (1 hour; Abstract + Selected Reference)
 - **A common cause of co-location between HC-fields and geothermal anomalies: groundwater flow.** European Geothermal PhD Day, May 5-7, 2013, Szeged, Hungary. (25 minutes; Abstract + Selected References)
 - **Geothermal phenomena in the context of gravity-driven basinal flow of groundwater.** Plenary keynote. IAH Central European Conference 2013, Geothermal Applications, Specialties in Groundwater Flow and Resources, Mórahalom, May 8-10, 2013, Hungary. (30 minutes; Abstract + Selected References)
 - **Groundwater flow systems and modern hydrogeology: the story of a half century.** China University of Geosciences, Beijing, June 18, 2013, Beijing, China. (1 hour; Abstract + Selected References)
 - **Groundwater flow systems and modern hydrogeology: the story of a half century.** *International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow Systems: Theory, Applications and Future Development*, June 22-23, 2013, Xi'an, China. (1 hour; Abstract + Selected References)
 - **Groundwater Flow Systems: Analysis, Characterization and Agency in Karst Genesis.** China University of Geosciences, Wuhan, June 30, 2013, Beijing, China.
 - **Regional Groundwater Flow and Karst Terrains, (Short Course: "REGFLOW")**
Session 1: The Theory of Regional Groundwater Flow: History, Hydraulics, Consequences;

Session 2: Groundwater Flow Systems: Analysis, Characterization and Agency in Karst genesis. "International Short Course on Regional Groundwater Flow (REGFLOW) and Karst Hydrogeology (MANKARST)", September 2-3, 2013, Budapest, Hungary. (2x90 minutes; Abstract + Selected References compiled)

- **The place and era of the birth of the Regional Groundwater Flow Theory.** *International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions. September 4-7, 2013 Budapest, Hungary. (30 minutes Abstract)*
 - **Some Memorable Events in 50 years of Chasing Groundwater Flow-Systems,** Wrap up talk. *International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions. September 4-7, 2013 Budapest, Hungary. (30 minutes; Talk PPT is done)*
- b) Scientific activities of Hydrogeology and Geothermal Group, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (Group members: Judit Mádl-Szőnyi, Anita Erőss, Szilvia Simon, Brigitta Czauner, Eszter Pulay, Timea Havril, Ferenc Zsemle)

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- Mádlné Szőnyi Judit, Simon Szilvia, Tóth József – Hydrodynamic Interaction between Gravity-Driven and Over-pressured Groundwater Flow and its Consequences on Soil and Wetland Salinization. In: Luís Riberio, Tibor Y. Stigter, António Chambel, M. Teresa Condesso de Melo, José Paulo Monteiro, Albino Medeiros (ed.) *Groundwater and Ecosystems: International Association of Hydrogeologists Selected Papers 18*. London: CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group, 2013. pp. 267-280.
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Research projects:

- Hungarian Research Foundation (OTKA) (101356)
Project manager: J Mádl-Szőnyi, Associate Professor of Hydrogeology
Duration of the project: 03. 2012 - 02. 2016
Abstract: Hypogenic karst systems are in the focus of research interest in the last decades. The Buda Thermal Karst system is an active hypogenic karst area where fluids with their dynamics, effects and products can be studied directly. Hypogenic karst development and its manifestations caused by flowing groundwater will be interpreted in flow system context. The proposed comprehensive study will provide an overview about the controlling factors of hypogenic processes and will enhance our knowledge on microbially mediated speleogenesis. Generalization of the results may be applicable in similar settings worldwide.

c) Scientific activities of UNAM, Mexico under the aegis of RGFC in 2012 (Group Leader: Prof. J Joel Carrillo Rivera)

Conference presentations:

Modern Hydrogeology (in Spanish)

Invited lecture (1.5 hrs) for the 2013-NGWA Summit meeting, San Antonio, Texas, USA, 30th April 2013, Hyatt Regency. USA

Integrative approach for studying water sources and their vulnerability to climate change in semi-arid regions (Drâa Basin, Morocco)

International Conference on Water Resources in Arid Environments.

JJ Carrillo-Rivera, S Ouyse, GJ Hernández-García.

Riyadh, 6-9 January. 2013. Saudi Arabia

Regional Groundwater flow boundary conditions and their implications in water management control.

The International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow: Theory, Applications and Future Development. Xi'an, 21-23 June, 2013. China

Surface and groundwater basins: ¿do they coincide? Some political, economic and management implications in water for Mexico. (in Spanish)

Institute Economy Research, UNAM.

CU, DF, 20 & 21 February, 2013. Mexico

Is groundwater functioning in the Mexico Basin independent? Systemic environmental answer. (in Spanish)

Centre of Atmospheric Sciences and the Colegio Nacional.

Institute of Geophysics, UNAM, 5 April, 2013. Mexico

Importance of the interaction among groundwater flow systems and other components of the environment.
Centre for Biology Research and Conservation (in Spanish)
Autonomous University of the State of Morelos. 26 April, 2013. Mexico



Closing ceremony, National Colloquium Groundwater (Lic. Adriana Rivera Cerecedo, Technical Secretary Climate Change Commission, Senate of the Republic; Ing. Marco Antonio Salas Salinas, Sub-coordinator Integrate water management, IMTA, CONAGUA. Dr. Omar Moncada Maya, Director Institute of Geography, UNAM; Lic. Luis Javier Aguilar Montiel, Director of Studies of Environmental Protection (PAOT); Ing. Rubén Chávez Guillén, Manager of Groundwater, CONAGUA.

Conflicts for groundwater: the case of the Mexico basin. (in Spanish)

70 year anniversary of the Institute of Geography, UNAM
National Autonomous University of Mexico. 31 October, 2013. Mexico

Groundwater information and negative environmental responses in México (in Spanish).

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- Marchetti, ZY y Carrillo-Rivera, JJ. 2013. Tracing groundwater discharge in the floodplain of the Parana River, Argentina; implications for its biological communities. *River Research and Applications*. published online: 4 Jan 2013; DOI:10.1002/rra.2629
- Peñuela-Arévalo LA y Carrillo-Rivera JJ, 2013. Discharge areas as a useful tool for understanding recharge areas, study case: Mexico. *Environmental Earth Science*, V. 68 (4), p. 999 – 1013, Febrero; DOI 10.1007/s12665-012-1803-z
- Carrillo-Rivera, JJ. S. Ouyse y GJ Hernández-García. 2013. Integrative Approach for Studying Water Sources and Their Vulnerability to Climate Change in Semi-Arid Regions: Drâa Basin, Morocco. *International Journal of Water Resources and Arid Environments* 3(1): 26-36, 2013 ISSN 2079-7079.
- Maderey Rascón, LE; Jimenez A; Carrillo-Rivera, JJ. 2013. Global Climate Change And Its Effect on Hydrological Resources of Mexico's Central Region. *Scientific Annals of "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" IASI University, Geography Series*. Vol 59, No 1 (2013) (online Version): ISSN: 1223-5334; eISSN: 2284-6379. Romania.
- Liliana A Peñuela-Arévalo y J Joel Carrillo-Rivera. 2013. Definición de zonas de recarga y descarga de agua subterránea a partir de indicadores superficiales, centro-sur de la Mesa Central, México. ISSN 0188-4611 *Revista Investigaciones Geográficas*. Num 81, pp18-32.

- Fagundo-Castillo, JR; M Alconada-Magliano; JJ Carrillo-Rivera y P González-Hernández, 2013. Caracterización de los flujos de agua subterránea a partir de su salinidad. Tecnología y Ciencias del Agua, México. Aceptado para publicación septiembre 02, 2013.
- Carrillo-Rivera JJ y S Ouyse, 2013. Evaluation of Groundwater flow system functioning in Mexico to reduce drought impacts. Selected papers of the International Drought Symposium: Integrating Science and Policy. California University at Riverside, California USA. Published in "Drought in Arid and Semi-arid Regions: A Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-Country Perspective". ISBN 978-94-007-6635-8, eBook ISBN 978-94-007-6636-5, pp 269-280, Springer, 2013
- Carrillo-Rivera J., Ouyse S. 2013. Groundwater Salinity Due to Urban Growth. In: Meyers R.(Ed.) Encyclopedia of Sustainability Science and Technology: Springer Reference (www.springerreference.com). Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, DOI: 10.1007/SpringerReference_308737 2013-02-27 18:24:08 UTC
- Ortega-Guerrero M., Carrillo-Rivera JJ. 2013. Land Subsidence in Urban Environment. In: Meyers R. (Ed.) Encyclopedia of Sustainability Science and Technology: Springer Reference (www.springerreference.com). Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg. DOI: 10.1007/SpringerReference_310764 2013-02-27 18:45:37 UTC

Posters:

- Groundwater flow systems manifestation in the Middle Drâa sub-basin (Morocco). Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions. 4-7 September, 2013, Budapest, Hungary. (Samira Ouyse, Miguel Ramirez Beltrán y JJ Carrillo-Rivera, JJ). Hungary
- Functioning of gravitational groundwater flow systems in Mesa Central Mexico. Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions. 4-7 September, 2013, Budapest, Hungary. (L. Peñuela-Arévalo y JJ Carrillo-Rivera, JJ). Hungary
- Could groundwater discharge contribute to the regional differentiation of vegetation in the Parana River fluvial system? Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions. 4-7 September 2013, Budapest, Hungary. (Zuleica Marchetti y JJ Carrillo-Rivera, JJ). Hungary
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- Source of flooding identification by the application of the flow system theory: the Dammam, Saudi Arabia. Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions. 4-7 September, 2013, Budapest, Hungary. (Sultan ALSultan y JJ Carrillo-Rivera, JJ) Hungary

(Honours) Doctors Dissertation

Liliana Peñuela Arévalo (MSc)

"Groundwater Flow Systems Characterization in the Central-Southern Mesa Central, Mexico" (in Spanish). Ph D in Geography, Faculty of Philosophy and Literature, Postgraduate Programme in Geography (Institute of Geography), UNAM. Graduated with Honours 09 de April, 2013 (Tutor, JJ Carrillo-Rivera)

Research projects:

- Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica, Viena, Austria.
Project Manager: JJ Carrillo Rivera, Researcher Institute of Geography, UNAM
Duration of Project November 2012 to September 2015
Name. *"Isotopic approaches in defining regional recharge-discharge processes related to groundwater quality and flow patterns response in a catchment subject to intensive extraction: San Luis Potosí-City, Mexico"*. Vienna, Austria. Research Contract no 17478.
- d) Scientific activities of China University of Geosciences-Wuhan under the aegis of RGFC in 2012 (Group members: Menggui Jin, Xing Liang, Renquan Zhang, Sun Ronglin, Li Jing, Niu Hong)

Publications:

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- Zhang RQ, Liang X, Jin. 2013. The evolution of groundwater flow systems in the Quaternary of Hebei Plain since the Last Glacial Maximum. Earth Science Frontiers, 20(3): 217-226. (in Chinese with English abstract)

Conference presentation

- Zhang RQ, Tóthian Theory is the Paradigm of Modern Hydrogeology. International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions. Budapest, Hungary. Sept 4-7, 2013.
- Jin MG, Soil water flow system and its applications in agricultural water management. International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow: Theory, Applications and Future Development, Xi'an, China. June 22-23, 2013.
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- Li XW, Jin MG. Soil water flow system of mulched drip irrigation with brackish water. The 40th IAH International Congress, Perth, Australia. Sept, 15-20, 2013.
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- Niu Hong, Comparison of numerical modeling of groundwater flow system using given head and flux upper boundary. Master dissertation, China University of Geosciences, May 2013. (in Chinese with English abstract)

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Research projects:

Application guide of the theory and method on groundwater flow system. Funded by China Geological Survey (No. 12120733908). Project manager: Xing Liang. Duration of the project: 2008-2012. The project will summarize the theory and method of groundwater flow system and focus on their application. The application procedures will be compiled and representative case studies will be provided for different geological conditions such as the areas of karst, fractured medium and unconsolidated materials.

Coordinate regulation mechanism of water, salinity and trace elements in a cotton field with film mulched drip irrigation using brackish water. Funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China (41172218). Project manager: Menggui Jin. Duration of the project: 2012-2015. This project will investigate the patterns of soil water flow system in cotton field with mulched drip irrigation using brackish water and their effects on water flow, distribution and consumption of nutrients, salt transport and accumulation, and so on. The study will find controlling modes on water, salt and nutrient for mulched drip irrigation with saline water for the purpose of more efficient use of water and nutrients. The results will be of significance for spreading saline water irrigation and prevention and cure of soil salinization in arid areas.

- e) Scientific activities of China University of Geosciences-Beijing under the aegis of RGFC in 2012 (Group members: Xiao-Wei Jiang, Li Wan, Xu-Sheng Wang, Ran An)

Books:

Jiang XW, Wan L, Wang XS. Advances in the Theory of Regional Groundwater Flow. Geological Publishing House, Beijing. (In Chinese)

Presentations:

Jiang XW. Recent Advances in the Theory of Regional Groundwater Flow. *International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow: Theory, Applications and Future Development*, Xi'An, China, June 22~23, 2013.

Jiang XW. Theoretical and field studies on hydraulics and chemistry of groundwater around stagnation points in nested flow systems. *International Symposium on Hierarchical Flow Systems in Karst Regions*, Budapest, Hungary, September 2~7, 2013.

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Jiang XW. Field identification of groundwater flow systems and stagnant zones in basins using geophysical methods. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, December 9~13, 2013.

Master thesis:

Han HF. A Study on Groundwater Flow Systems in the Wudunao Watershed. Master thesis, China University of Geosciences, Beijing.

Honors:

Jiang XW's PhD dissertation "A study on aquifer systems and groundwater flow systems in drainage basins" was selected to be one of the 100 "National excellent doctoral dissertations of China" in the year 2013.

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