

Regional Vice President for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Report for 2013 by Igor Zektser

1. According to my recommendation and with my contribution, the Russian National Section (Committee) of IAH was created and new members of IAH were involved. This Section has developed its own website and work plan. Now the Section is organizing the collecting of membership fees which will be sent to IAH.
2. A National Section in Azerbaijan (the Chairman is Vice-President of Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan, Academician Ali-Zade) as well as the National Section for Kazakhstan (the Chairman is Dr. Sci. Oleg Podolny) continue working. Reports of their work were sent to you separately.
3. Under the framework of IAH, in May 2013 an international Conference titled "Hydrogeology on its modern stage: science, practice and education" was held at Lomonosov State University.
4. From 14th to 18th of May 2013 I as Chairman of the Working Group on Groundwater of GEM-IUGS organized a Meeting of the Working Group in Warsaw (Poland). The meeting was held at the Geological Institute of Poland. Specialists from Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Estonia and Azerbaijan took part in the meeting. Problems of current interest such as regional assessment of the resources of fresh groundwater and their use for water supply of populations were discussed at the meeting. The recommendations for increasing of water availability for population by means of clean and environmentally safe fresh groundwater were approved at the meeting. During the meeting I made a report about IAH activities in the field of groundwater.
5. I took part in the International Conference on Earth Observation and Social Impact, IGEO & SI, 2013 in Tainan (Taiwan), in "Caspian International Exhibition and Forum of Water Technologies" (CATEF 2013) in Baku (Azerbaijan) and in the Scientific Forum NARZAN-2013 "Technogenic processes in the hydrolithosphere: (diagnostics, prognoses, managing, automation)" in Kislovodsk (Russia) where I also made reports about the activity of IAH in the field of hydrogeology.