

2013 Annual Report of the Slovak National Chapter of the IAH

The Slovak National Chapter (SNCh) of the IAH works within the framework of the Slovak Association of Hydrogeologists (Slovenská Asociácia Hydrogeológov – SAH), which is a professional legal body among Slovak non-governmental organizations.

At the beginning of 2013, the Slovak National Chapter of the IAH consisted of 13 individual members, mainly researchers from universities and from the Geological Survey of the Slovak Republic, as well as specialists from the private sphere of hydrogeological investigation and practice. Later this year one of the chapter members – RNDr. Zoltán Hlavatý unexpectedly passed away.

The main goal of the Slovak National Chapter of the IAH is to promote hydrogeology among the public with special orientation towards the younger generation – university students, postdocs and young researchers who are educated in the study programme of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava.

The main activities in 2013 were oriented towards:

- Active participation of national chapter members in international and domestic scientific conferences and workshops, such as:
 - *Mine water solutions in extreme environments*, Lima, Peru on 13–22 April, 2013, with two oral presentations with participation of SNCh member Peter Malík,
 - ICWRER (International conference on water resources and environment research), Koblenz, Germany, 3 – 7 June, 2013, with active participation of Miriam Fendeková and Marián Fendek, both SNCh members,
 - Hydrogeochemistry 2013, Sosnowiec, Poland on 20 21 June, 2013, with membership in the Scientific Committee and active participation of Zlatica Ženišová and Renáta Fľaková, both SNCh members,
 - Workshop of Adolf Patera 2013 Extreme hydrological processes in river basins, Prague, Czech Republic on 13 November, 2013 with active participation of Miriam Fendeková and Marián Fendek,
 - Slovak scientific conference *Influence of water on geotechnical constructions*, Bratislava, Slovakia on 3 – 4 May, 2013, co-author of the oral presentation was Miriam Fendeková
 - Slovak scientific conference *Low temperature heating 2013*, Donovaly, 22 23 May, 2013, where the SNCh was represented by Marián Fendek and Miriam Fendeková.

Short summaries of the events were published in the SAH news No. 39, 2013.

 Participation in preparation of the 14th Hydrogeological Congress of Czech Association of Hydrogeologists (ČAH), co-organized by Czech National Chapter of Hydrogeologists, to be held on 2 – 5 September, 2014 in Liberec, Czech Republic. SNCh was in this preparatory phase represented by Miriam Fendeková, acting as a member of the Honourably Presidency of the congress.

• Reporting on chapter's activities on the General Assembly of the Slovak Association of Hydrogeologists (5 December, 2013), complemented by information on changes in membership fees and activities of the IAH in the field of new members attraction. Miriam Fendekova stands to the position of chairman of the Slovak National Chapter of IAH for the next two years.

Miriam Fendeková Chairman of the National Chapter

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