

## **Report on the Activities of the Kazakhstan National Committee of IAH in 2015**

The activities of the Kazakhstan National Committee of IAH in 2015 were aimed primarily at promoting the goals and objectives of IAH, on informing hydrogeologists of Kazakhstan on the activities of IAH, and on attracting of new members of IAH. Unfortunately, economic problems, including the fall of the course of the national currency more than two times, caused difficulties in attracting hydrogeologists of Kazakhstan to join IAH.

The international scientific and practical conference "The role of groundwater in the sustainable development of arid regions", dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Institute of Hydrogeology and Geoecology on behalf of UM Ahmedsafin (under the auspices of IAH) was almost prepared (collected application forms for participation and abstracts) to be held in Almaty (Kazakhstan) in October 2015. Unfortunately, due to economic problems, the conference has not been held.

President of the National Committee Oleg Podolny (as National Focal Point) and a member of IAH Valentina Salybekova (as an expert-hydrogeologists) are performing the project of UNESCO-IHP "Groundwater Resources Governance in Transboundary Aquifers" on the Pretashkent transboundary aquifer.

And Oleg Podolny participated in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congress of IAH in September 2015 in Rome with the submission "Assessment of Pretashkent transboundary aquifer".

At the beginning of September 2016, an International conference "Water Resources of Central Asia and Their Use" is planned to be held in Almaty. The Kazakhstan National Committee of IAH is involved in its organization.

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