

IAH Karst Commission – Annual Report for 2016

Activities of the IAH Karst Commission (KC) are also documented on our website, www.iah.org/karst. This report summarizes the most important highlights:

In 2016, the Karst Commission held its official annual meeting at the Eurokarst 2016 conference in Neuchâtel, Switzerland: <http://www.eurokarst.org/>

KC co-chair Neven Kresic and KC members Attila Kovacs and Pierre-Yves Jeannin were among the invited keynote lecturers at this conference. Various scientific sessions covered a broad range of current topics in karst hydrogeology.

The “Young Karst Researcher Prizes” 2016 were awarded to Timea Havril (Hungary), Axayacatl Maceda (Mexico / Switzerland) and Lorraine Dewaide (Belgium).

KC chairman Nico Goldscheider offered a 2-day field trip to the glacierised alpine karst system of Tsanfleuron-Sanetsch; KC member Pierre-Yves Jeannin co-organized a field trip to the karst systems of the Swiss Jura Mountains.

The 3rd international field course “Characterization and Engineering of Karst Aquifers (CEKA)” was held in Trebinje, Bosnia & Herzegovina, June 2016. The course was organized by the Centre for Karst Hydrogeology, University of Belgrade, and the Geological Survey of the Republic of Srpska, Zvornik, in cooperation with the Northern Arizona University:

<http://www.karst.edu.rs>

The 8th edition of the HYDROKARST training course was held in Yucatan, Mexico, August 2016, jointly organized by the karst hydrogeology group at the University of Malaga and the group of Latin American Hydrogeologists, and sponsored by UNESCO:

<http://cehiuma.uma.es/en/hidrokarst.asp>

The main joint scientific cooperation project of the KC, the World Karst Aquifer Mapping project (WOKAM) progressed well. Several working meetings were held in Karlsruhe, Berlin and Paris, in close cooperation between the project core team at KIT, BGR and UNESCO.

The KC continued to organize two international lecture series: The Karlsruhe Karst Lectures included only one presentation in 2016, by KC member Lou Maurice. This presentation was at the same time a keynote lecture at the German groundwater congress in Karlsruhe:

<http://www.agw.kit.edu/karstvortraege.php>

The Edward Aquifer Distinguished Lecture Series included two presentations by renowned international hydrogeologists who are, however, not KC members.

Several joint publication projects were successfully accomplished, including a book edited by KC members Zoran Stevanovic, Neven Kresic & Neno Kukuric, entitled “Karst Without Boundaries” in the IAH Green Book Series.

Chairman: Nico Goldscheider (Germany)

Co-Chair: Neven Kresic (USA) & Jiang Guanghui (China)