

2016 Annual Report

I have been elected as IAH Vice-President in September 2016. Since that time, I established contacts with IAH national groups of Russia, Kazakhstan and Mongolia, IAH members from Azerbaijan. The main problems with IAH membership existing in the region is a high level of annual fee and how to send money to IAH. Many people complained that the fee is too high for young specialists and even mid-career hydrogeologists of the region. They also don't have benefits of the reduced fee on Hydrogeological congresses as they cannot afford to participate.

At present, there are national groups in Russia, Kazakhstan and Mongolia. In other countries of the region there are 2-3 IAH members or no members.

To disseminate the IAH activities, the decision to organize international conference under the IAH umbrella in Essentuki (North Caucasus, Russia) in November 2017 has been taken. One of the key presentations on the conference will be devoted to IAH and its role as the biggest professional body of hydrogeologists. The registration fee for IAH members will be reduced.

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