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Who we are

The International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) is a professional association for those within all disciplines related to groundwater. A scientific and educational organisation, IAH's mission is to further the understanding, wise use and protection of groundwater resources throughout the world.

Founded in 1956, we have grown, with the ever increasing social and environmental importance of groundwater, to more than 4000 members in over 130 countries.

We welcome into membership all those, from whatever discipline or level of technical knowledge, who are directly or indirectly engaged in study, research or management of groundwater and want to improve their understanding and support the aims of the Association. Companies and research organisations can apply for corporate membership. We also welcome corporate sponsors.

What we do

Groundwater is not always well understood by the general public, policy makers and professionals in other disciplines. IAH harnesses the research, knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm of its members to help improve this understanding and to promote the professional management of groundwater.

We provide a voice for groundwater in world water policy and to champion its proper use and protection. IAH works with agencies in the UN system, especially UNESCO, FAO, IAEA and WMO, with other water-related NGOs and is a member of the World Water Council and UN-Water. IAH is also affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences.

We encourage education and technology transfer, improving resources for groundwater professionals in developing countries. This is achieved by building networks of groundwater professionals within and between developing countries, by providing them with up to date technical material and by newsletters.

What we offer

- Rewarding contact with others sharing a common professional interest.
- National and international conferences allowing both a professional and social forum for groundwater specialists.
- Commissions and working groups which focus on particular topics, holding specialist meetings and producing memoirs and reports.

From IAH International

- The Hydrogeology Journal, the official journal of the Association, and one of the major cited international journals dealing with groundwater. Each issue is sent direct to members eight times a year and is also available online.
- Networking opportunities; at meetings and online.
- The option to participate in IAH's mentoring scheme.
- 30% discount on IAH books from Taylor and Francis, 40% discount on the Springer journal "Sustainable Water Resources Management", and 20% discount on all Springer English-language books
- Discounted registration fees at IAH congresses.
- Regular contact and newsletters covering activities in groundwater and within the Association.
- Other members' offers, competitions and initiatives.

From IAH Nationally

The Association has over 40 National Chapters and we are always endeavoring to promote more. Some are large and long established; others much newer.

National Chapters provide an opportunity for contact between professionals closer to home. Some chapters circulate national newsletters and maintain websites. Many organise national meetings on groundwater or lead field visits, for which IAH members receive a discount. All act as a much needed voice for groundwater within the national policy arena.

Sponsored membership

IAH operates a sponsored membership scheme, whereby groundwater specialists in low income countries, who do not have the personal resources to join the Association, can be sponsored. Full details of the scheme can be found on our website. To support a member in a low income country by paying extra on the IAH fee please tick the box on the application form. Individuals may also indicate interest in receiving sponsorship on the form.

Other special membership schemes

- Lower rate membership for students;
- Lower rates for anyone living in low and middle income countries;
- Corporate membership companies can join IAH to help support our work and nominate 3
 employees for a free personal membership and nominate additional employees at a 25% discount.
 Please enquire about rates.
- On-line membership for those wishing to receive all IAH services by e-mail or through the web.
- Retired membership for IAH members who are no longer in active professional employment and who would like to remain in IAH, but not take the Journal either in hard copy or on-line.

Support IAH

By joining IAH you support us in our efforts. The more members we have, the more powerful and effective our voice internationally and the wider we can reach in all aspects of our work.

Membership runs for a calendar year; members joining during the year will be sent back copies of publications they have missed. Membership fees are paid as a single annual subscription. There is no initial joining fee.

IAH would be pleased to welcome you as a member. If you would like more information please visit our web site or contact info@iah.org

Application for membership

To join IAH use our quick online service at http://www.iah.org (credit or debit card payments only) or complete this form and send by email (as a pdf for security), mail or fax to: swarden@iah.org

IAH Secretariat, PO Box 4130, Goring, Reading, RG8 6BJ United Kingdom: Fax: +44 118 380 5225

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Membership type

	Full Fee	Reduced Online Fee	Student Fee	Reduced Online Student Fee
Members in "high income" countries	[] EUR 88	[] EUR 78	[] EUR 30	[] EUR 20
Members in "middle income" countries	[] EUR 58	[] EUR 48	[] EUR 26	[] EUR 16
Members in "transitional income" countries	[] EUR 50	[] EUR 40	[] EUR 24	[] EUR 14
Members in "low income" countries	[] EUR 42	[] EUR 32	[] EUR 22	[] EUR 12

See web-site www.iah.org for other rates and details of which band your country falls under.

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Communications from IAH

IAH's preferred method of communication with its members is via email, for reasons of speed and
efficiency. From time to time we would like to contact you regarding IAH membership issues and with
announcements and news items that we feel would be of interest to our members. Being a community-
based association we will assume you are happy to receive such communication unless you indicate
otherwise below:

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[]	Tick if you DO NOT want to receive communication from IAH on behalf of other groundwater related organisations
How	to pay your IAH membership fee
Please Alterna Readir followi	dit card using email, faxback or mail complete the credit card authorisation below and email (as a pdf for security) to swarden@iah.org ively fax the full page to +44 118 380 5225 or you can mail it to IAH, PO Box 4130, Goring, g, RG8 6BJ United Kingdom. The deduction will be made in Euros. Payment can be made with the g credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, Visa Debit, Maestro, Delta and JCB. We do not American Express or Diners Club.
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