

# 2020 CHAPTER REPORT



Each national chapter is required by IAH Rule 6.5 to provide an annual report on its activities. This helps us to report the Association's activities and is published on the IAH web site. It is also expected that, under the terms of the chapter's constitution or rules, the national committee will make an annual report to members in their country.

## 1. ABOUT YOU

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Role/responsibility held in chapter	Secretary

## 2. YOUR CHAPTER'S INFORMATION

Is your chapter's information correct on IAH's website: <a href="https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters">https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters</a> Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.	Yes.. No change in the Committee
Does your chapter have its own website? If so, please confirm the URL. If you do have a website, who is responsible for its management? Please provide contact details.	Yes. <a href="http://www.hidroder.org.tr">http://www.hidroder.org.tr</a> Responsible person: Assoc. Prof. Koray K. Yilmaz yilmazk@metu.edu.tr
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see <a href="https://germany.iah.org/">https://germany.iah.org/</a> .	Yes... That would be great.
Does your chapter have an elected committee? If yes, how often are elections held and how are they managed e.g. postal/email vote/at meetings?	Yes.. Committee is elected for 3 years. Before the Covid-19 pandemia elections at General Assembly meetings..

## 3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	For the last 1-1.5 year, stable
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	IAH fee rates and language are the major challenges. Members prefer to limit their membership to our local association.

## 4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2020

Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Date and place of meeting</li></ul>	The General Directorate of Relations with Civil Society postponed annual meetings and elections for all associations. Therefore unfortunately, no annual meeting has been
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximate number attending</li> </ul>	<p>organized except the Executive Committee meetings.</p>
<p>Did your chapter hold other events e.g. technical and scientific meetings, seminars, conferences, field visits, training events?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you have already reported these to the IAH Secretariat, only summary information is required.</li> <li>If not, these please provide a summary of dates, location, number of participants, topics, etc. and how successful you felt each event was.</li> <li>Do you have photos we can use?</li> <li>Are your events open to IAH non-members?</li> <li>Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution?</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A webinar by Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ekmekçi, 28 May 2020, Ankara “Water Resources Management: Approaches and The Practice in Turkey” (183 participants online) (<a href="http://www.youtube.com/c/JeolojiMuhendisleriOdasi">www.youtube.com/c/JeolojiMuhendisleriOdasi</a>) There was great interest. The meeting lasted for about 4 hours with 2 and half hrs of questions and discussions.</li> <li>Press Release for the World Water Day, 22 March 2020</li> <li>We had to cancel the biannual symposium HYDRO’2020..</li> </ol>

## 5. YOUR CHAPTER’S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2021? If yes, please provide brief details, including if your plans are limited because of e.g. lack of funds or local interest/volunteer support to help</p>	<p>We plan to organize webinars on diverse topics on hydrogeology and groundwater resources..  The pandemia however affected to a great extent our plans and limited us.</p>
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## 6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

<p>Please use this section to make any additional comments/suggestions e.g. what support from IAH centrally might assist your chapter, future plans you would like to see for IAH</p>
<p>Membership to IAH should be increased. However, members to our local Association are reluctant in general to become members to IAH too. I would suggest to organize a non-technical meeting with a representative of the IAH to promote the membership to the Association.</p>

Please send your report as a Word document and any questions or comments to the IAH Secretariat ([jdavey@iah.org](mailto:jdavey@iah.org) with a copy to [knicholson@iah.org](mailto:knicholson@iah.org)). Thank you for your time.