

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

Your name	Benedicta Ronchi
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Role/responsibility held in chapter	Secretary

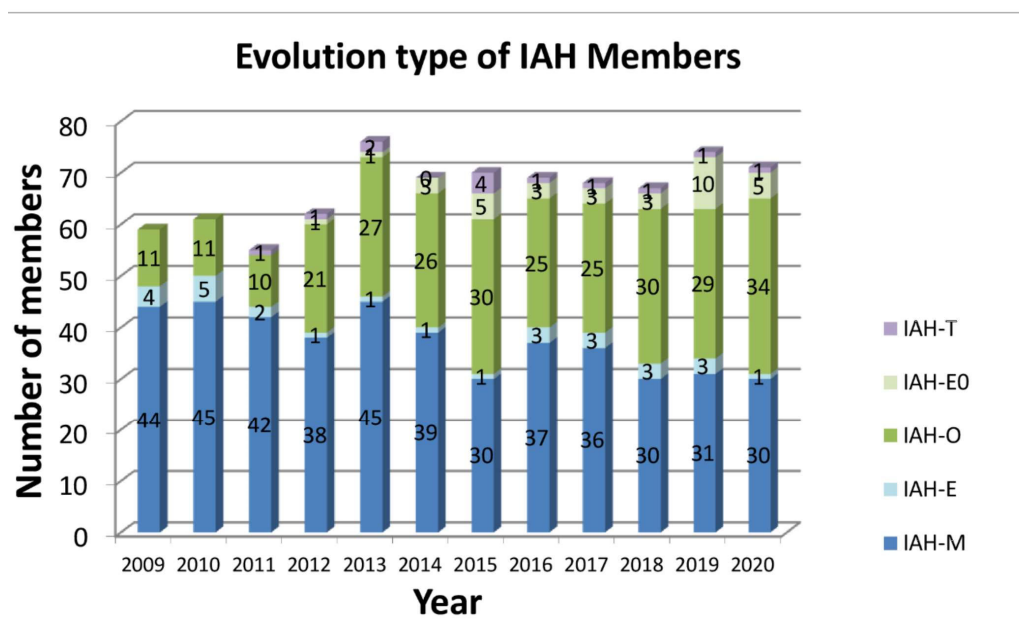
2. YOUR CHAPTER'S INFORMATION

Is your chapter's information correct on IAH's website: https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.	Yes
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.	https://belgium.iah.org/ Bart Rogiers: bart.rogiers@sckcen.be Samuel Wildemeersch: s.wildemeersch@spaque.be
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	It is already the case.
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. The board is elected for 3 years during an annual General Assembly.

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Stable. 71 individual IAH Members and 3 corporate members.
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	The study day is usually a recruitment day but this activity has been cancelled in 2020 due to COVID.

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4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2020

<p>Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date and place of meeting • Approximate number attending 	<p>YES - 12/02/2021- virtual meeting due to COVID. 30 attending</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"> • If you have already reported these to the IAH Secretariat, only summary information is required. • If not, these please provide a summary of dates, location, number of participants, topics, etc. and how successful you felt each event was. • Do you have photos we can use? • Are your events open to IAH non-members? • Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study day: cancelled due to COVID - October 2020: evening courses on modelling (3 evenings) in Namur with 6 participants: open to non-members (in French) - October 2020: evening courses on modelling (3 evenings) in Leuven with 14 participants: open to non-members (in Dutch) - Young hydrogeologist day, postponed to 2021 due to COVID. <p>The committee has focused its efforts on the preparation of IAH congress 2021. A lot of sponsoring has been gathered and the scientific program has been fine tuned. Financial models have been simulated to fix the registration fees, taking into account the pandemic. Different meetings have been organized between IAH, IAH Brasil</p>

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	and IAH Belgium to organize both congresses in the best conditions despite COVID.
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5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

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	In 2021 all efforts will be focused on the congress IAH2021. We will organize our annual Young hydrogeologist day around November with the help of the University of Liège with a prize for the best thesis of 2020 and 2021.
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6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

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