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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<th>Your name</th>
<th>Niamh Rogan</th>
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<td>Email address</td>
<td><a href="mailto:secretary@iah-ireland.org">secretary@iah-ireland.org</a></td>
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<td>Role/responsibility held in chapter</td>
<td>Secretary</td>
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2. YOUR CHAPTER’S INFORMATION

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<th>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>?</th>
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<td>Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.</td>
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<td>Does your chapter have its own website? If so, please confirm the URL.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.iah-ireland.org/">https://www.iah-ireland.org/</a></td>
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<td>If you do have a website, who is responsible for its management? Please provide contact details.</td>
<td>The website updates are managed by the IAH Education &amp; Publicity Secretary <a href="mailto:educationandpublicity@iah-ireland.org">educationandpublicity@iah-ireland.org</a></td>
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<td>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>.</td>
<td>No thank you.</td>
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<td>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?</td>
<td>Yes. Positions are held for 3 years. Votes are by meeting, in person or virtual.</td>
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3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

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<th>How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.</th>
<th>Years</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
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<td>Number of members</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>186</td>
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Numbers were increasing slightly up to 2019. The decrease in 2020 was likely because we were unable to hold in-person events (conference, fieldtrip, training courses) that usually increase numbers.

| What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer | No known obstacles but it probably requires a more focussed attention. |

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<th>Time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.</th>
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### 4. YOUR CHAPTER’S ACTIVITIES IN 2020

| Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise:  |
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| • Date and place of meeting  
• Approximate number attending | 3rd November 2020  
32 attendees. |

| Did your chapter hold other events e.g. technical and scientific meetings, seminars, conferences, field visits, training events?  |
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| • 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? Yes.  
• Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution? Yes, see TDM on 19th February 2020. | Technical Discussion Meetings  
12th November 2019  
The Hydrogeology of Irish Holy Wells  
Bruce Misstear, Trinity College Dublin  
3rd December 2019  
Field evidence in a pipe network model of Irish karst hydrology  
Philip Schuler, Trinity College Dublin  
19th February 2020  
In partnership with Irish Geological Association  
Climate Change and Ireland’s Landscape: Cold to Warm and back again over the last 2.6Ma  
Professor Pete Coxon, Trinity College Dublin  
3rd March 2020  
Emerging Organic contaminants in Irish groundwater: the occurrence of veterinary pharmaceuticals  
Damien Mooney, Trinity College Dublin |

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| **Annual David Burdon Memorial Lecture**  
11th February 2020  
The role of socio-hydrogeology in groundwater protection in developing countries  
Dr Viviana Re, the IAH Burdon Network and University of Pisa | **Annual Fieldtrip**  
12th September 2020  
Due to Covid restrictions, the fieldtrip was a half day coastal walk which started at Annagassan, Co. Louth. |

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| **Training Courses**  
8th October 2020  
Training Course - online  
Statistics and Data Analyses through R |
Number of participants: 42.

Conference
19th and 20th October 2020
IAH (Irish Group) Annual Conference - online
Characterisation and Management of Groundwater in Limestones
Number of participants: 285.

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

Annual Conference
26th & 27th April
Catchment Science and Management – The Role of Geoscience and Groundwater

Training Course
1st & 2nd June
Hydrology for Hydrogeologists

Fieldtrip
Depending on Covid restrictions, a fieldtrip will be held in Autumn.

Technical Discussion Meetings
TDMS were held remotely in January and February 2020. We hope to continue them, either in person or remotely, in Autumn.
Please see https://www.iah-ireland.org/ for more information.

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

Advertise annual IAH (Ireland) conference.

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