

# 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
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.	<a href="https://www.iah-ireland.org/">https://www.iah-ireland.org/</a>  The website updates are managed by the IAH Education & Publicity Secretary <a href="mailto:educationandpublicity@iah-ireland.org">educationandpublicity@iah-ireland.org</a>
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> .	No thank you.
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.  Positions are held for 3 years.  Votes are by meeting, in person or virtual.

## 3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	<b>Years</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Number of members</b>	127	138	146	186	134
	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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time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	
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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"> <li>• Date and place of meeting</li> <li>• Approximate number attending</li> </ul>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</p> <p>32 attendees.</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? <b>Yes.</b></li> <li>• Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution? <b>Yes, see TDM on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Technical Discussion Meetings</u></b></p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b> <i>The Hydrogeology of Irish Holy Wells</i> Bruce Misstear, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019</b> <i>Field evidence in a pipe network model of Irish karst hydrology</i> Philip Schuler, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b> <b>In partnership with Irish Geological Association</b> <i>Climate Change and Ireland's Landscape: Cold to Warm and back again over the last 2.6Ma</i> Professor Pete Coxon, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</b> <i>Emerging Organic contaminants in Irish groundwater: the occurrence of veterinary pharmaceuticals</i> Damien Mooney, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p><b><u>Annual David Burdon Memorial Lecture</u></b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b> <i>The role of socio-hydrogeology in groundwater protection in developing countries</i> Dr Viviana Re, the IAH Burdon Network and University of Pisa</p> <p><b><u>Annual Fieldtrip</u></b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b> <i>Due to Covid restrictions, the fieldtrip was a half day coastal walk which started at Annagassan, Co. Louth.</i></p> <p><b><u>Training Courses</u></b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> <b>Training Course - online</b> <i>Statistics and Data Analyses through R</i></p>

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	<p><i>Number of participants: 42.</i></p> <p><b>Conference</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> <b>IAH (Irish Group) Annual Conference - online</b> <i>Characterisation and Management of Groundwater in Limestones</i></p> <p><i>Number of participants: 285.</i></p>
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## 5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2021?</p> <p>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><b>Annual Conference</b> 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> April <i>Catchment Science and Management – The Role of Geoscience and Groundwater</i></p> <p><b>Training Course</b> 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> June <i>Hydrology for Hydrogeologists</i></p> <p><b>Fieldtrip</b> Depending on Covid restrictions, a fieldtrip will be held in Autumn.</p> <p><b>Technical Discussion Meetings</b> TDMS were held remotely in January and February 2020. We hope to continue them, either in person or remotely, in Autumn.</p> <p>Please see <a href="https://www.iah-ireland.org/">https://www.iah-ireland.org/</a> for more information.</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>Advertise annual IAH (Ireland) conference.</p>

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