

# 2021 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	President

## 2. YOUR CHAPTER'S INFORMATION

<p>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></p> <p>Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.</p>	<p>Yes, the information about our chapter is correct on IAH's website. There has been a change in the board of directors and updated information can be found at <a href="https://www.aih-cl.org/acerca">https://www.aih-cl.org/acerca</a>.</p>
<p>Does your chapter have its own website? If so, please confirm the URL.</p> <p>If you do have a website, who is responsible for its management? Please provide contact details.</p>	<p>Yes, our chapter has its own website</p> <p>URL: <a href="http://aih-cl.org">http://aih-cl.org</a></p> <p>The responsible for its management is:</p> <p>Daniel Stiven Balzan Alzate</p> <p>Contact email: <a href="mailto:aihchile@gmail.com">aihchile@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>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>.</p>	<p>Yes, we are interested. Please contact us to provide support to <a href="mailto:aihchile@gmail.com">aihchile@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>Does your chapter have an elected committee?</p> <p>If yes, how often are elections held and how are they managed e.g. postal/email vote/at meetings?</p>	<p>Yes, we have an elected committee.</p> <p>The elections of the new committee were held at the end of 2021 according to the local chapter statutes that regulate our activities as an Association, where first candidates were defined (nominations) and then led to elections by the members of the AIH-CL via electronic voting.</p> <p>The new board of directors is:</p> <p>Beatriz Labarca- President</p> <p>Sergio Iriarte- Vice-president</p> <p>Felipe Avilés- Secretary</p>

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	Benoit Viguier- Treasurer Igor Aguirre- Director.
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## 3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Local memberships were stable (taking into account the global situation caused by Covid-19) in 2021 compared to 2020. In 2020 we had a total of 59 members of which 3 were corporate partners, while by 2021 we had a total of 53 partners of which 3 were corporate partners.
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	We currently find three challenges for recruiting partners: 1 - Lack of face-to-face activities due to the pandemic. 2 - IAH membership rates. 3 - The competition with the Chilean Chapter of the Latin American Association of Underground Hydrology for Development (Alhsud).

## 4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2021

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> <li>• Approximate number attending</li> </ul>	Given the global pandemic situation, it has not been possible to hold the annual meeting since 2020, however, for this year 2022 it is scheduled to be held with all members as soon as possible.
Did your chapter hold other events e.g. technical and scientific meetings, seminars, conferences, field visits, training events? <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>	Our chapter has held a series of events in 2021, which consisted of technical seminars and an annual course held in early 2022. <b>Technical seminars:</b> 1- Integrated Surface-Subsurface Modelling for Watershed Planning Purposes: Advantages and Challenges. Delivered by <b>Pedro Sanzana</b> . Date: 24/02/2021 Place: Online

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	<p>Participants: 200</p> <p>2- Modelling Our Water Resources. Current Availability and Risks and Projections to 2050. Delivered by <b>Ximena Vargas</b>.</p> <p>Date: 20/05/2021</p> <p>Place: Online</p> <p>Participants: 80</p> <p>3- River-aquifer connection and the challenge of its incorporation in the determination of environmental flow. Delivered by <b>Matías Peredo</b>.</p> <p>Date: 24/06/2021</p> <p>Place: On line</p> <p>Participants: 120</p> <p>4 - Understanding the water balance in the volcanic basins of the Nevados del Chillán. Delivered by <b>José Luis Arumí</b>.</p> <p>Date: 13/07/2021</p> <p>Place: On line</p> <p>Participants: 100</p> <p>5- Use of gridded data to improve the understanding of hydrological processes at basin scale. Delivered by <b>Mauricio Zambrano</b>.</p> <p>Date: 01/09/2021</p> <p>Place: On line</p> <p>Participants: 60</p> <p>6- Groundwater: How to detect and control illegal drilling and abusive extractions. Delivered by <b>Antonio Chambel</b>.</p> <p>Date: 23/09/2021</p> <p>Place: Online</p> <p>Participants: 150</p>
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	<p>7- Integrated Aquifer Recharge Approaches to ensure sustainable freshwater availability in saline groundwater environments. Delivered by <b>Niels Hartog</b>.</p> <p>Date: 11/11/2021</p> <p>Venue: Online</p> <p>Participants: 60</p> <p><b><u>Annual Course:</u></b></p> <p>Urban hydrogeology. Executed by different speakers:</p> <p><b>Anna Jurado, Estanisalo Pujades, Laura Scheiber and Rotman Criollo.</b></p> <p>Date: 03/29/2022 to 03/31/2022</p> <p>Place: Online</p> <p>Participants: 30</p>
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## 5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2022?</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>This year we started our activities with a course that was originally planned for 2021 but for different reasons related to the pandemic was postponed until March 2022.</p> <p>In addition, the new board of directors convened the first camaraderie activity, a space in which the members of the committee were introduced and the expectations of the members with respect to the Association were known.</p> <p>The programmed activities will continue with four technical talks to be held in June, August, September and November. Finally, a new course will be held in October.</p>
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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

**In 2022 and in general during the term of the new board the IAI-CL will seek:**

- Encourage the participation of IAH members to promote technical exchange and share experiences through the creation of working groups or interest groups.
- Promote the training of hydrogeologists in Chile. Make available digital material and explanatory notes to support learning in hydrodynamic, hydrogeochemical, geotechnical, etc.
- Strengthen the visibility of the IAH. Expose scientific ideas in a public way in front of certain topics of national interest.