

2025 CHAPTER REPORT



Each national chapter is required by [IAH Rule 8.5](#) to provide an annual report on its activities. This helps us to report the Association's activities and is published on the IAH website. 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 of the Spanish Chapter

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, it is ok
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.	http://www.aih-ge.org/
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	No
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 Every three years, at meetings

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Stable, we have 307 members at the end of 2025, 8 more than 2024
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	Volunteer time and IAH fee rates

4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2025

Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Date and place of meetingApproximate number attending	We have annual ordinary assemblies (19 members attended the last one) and a congress every 1-2 years. Last one was on September 2024 in University of Coruña (Spain). More than 100 were inscribed, but not all of them are members. Next one will be in July 2026 in Barcelona.
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Did your chapter hold other events e.g. technical and scientific meetings, seminars, conferences, field visits, training events?

- 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?

These were the main activities in 2025. Detailed

information and photos have already been provided:
- Strengthening communication channels (LinkedIn, X and YouTube) and continuous update of the AIH-GE website (<https://www.iah-ge.org>).

- Institutional collaboration with the Spanish Groundwater Action Plan (PAAS), including the preparation of national guidelines for groundwater well construction and closure, to be published by the Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition. The first guide about closure has been already published by the Ministry in December 2025:

https://www.miteco.gob.es/content/dam/miteco/es/agua/temas/estado-y-calidad-de-las-aguas/guia_captaciones_aguas_subterraneas_210126.pdf

- I Workshop on Nature-Based Solutions and Groundwater Management (Madrid, March 18th 2025), with more than 170 participants onsite and online

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4I43Yw3Ask>).

- Support to the 28th Salt Water Intrusion Meeting (SWIM, Barcelona, June 2025), including the AIH-GE Best Poster Award.

- Free training course on groundwater well design, construction, maintenance and sealing (Alicante, February 10th–13th 2025), with 75 participants from different professional backgrounds.

- Hidrogeodía 2025 (<https://www.iah-ge.org/hidrogeodia/>), celebrated in 27 Spanish provinces and 10 countries worldwide, with more than 2,000 participants and enhanced safety coverage.

- IX edition of the Hydrogeological Modelling Course, held in Salamanca (Spain) in July 2025, focused on groundwater modelling using open-source software.

- Outreach talks presenting AIH-GE activities in Spanish MSc programmes related to hydrogeology during the 2024–2025 academic year.

- 16th AIH-GE Awards (2025 edition): Alfons Bayó Award for Young Researchers, Award for Selfless Commitment to Hydrogeology, and Custodio & Llamas Award for Professional Career in Hydrogeology.

- Two grants of 1,500 € awarded to Master's students in hydrogeology-related programmes.

- Continued collaboration with the citizen science initiative “Apadrina un LIG hidrogeológico”

(<https://www.iah-ge.org/apadrina-un-lig-hidrogeologico/>).

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5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2026? 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lección Magistral Emilio Custodio, co-organised with the Latin American chapters of IAH and hosted in Mexico.- CIAS 2026 – Iberian Congress on Groundwater (Barcelona, July 2026), including pre- and post-congress courses and field trips https://cias2026.webs.upv.es- X edition of the Groundwater Modelling Course, to be held as a post-congress course of CIAS 2026.- Hidrogeodía 2026 (March 2026), to be held in Spain and internationally, building on the strong expansion achieved in previous editions.- Institutional collaboration with the Spanish Groundwater Action Plan (PAAS), including the preparation of national guidelines for groundwater well construction, to be published in 2026 by the Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition
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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>