

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 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

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.	It is only a part of the Slovak Association of Hydrogeologists website, http://sah-podzemnavoda.sk/cms/news.php responsible person: Mr. František Bottlík (frantisek.bottlik@geology.sk)
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	Total number of our members is too small to maintain such a webpage
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?	Having 10 members in the Chapter, only the president is elected Election is in a four-years cycle, in "per rollam" mode (email vote)

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Less or more stable
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	Language is perhaps the most limiting factor, but as we understood, in combination with membership fee as well (if strictly following "value for money" attitude, potential new members will not be able to fully participate and make use of the free Hydrogeology Journal access or other materials provided by IAH because of the language barrier)

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4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2025

<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>Chapter meetings are regularly organised in a two-year cycle, usually together with the general assembly of the Slovak Association of Hydrogeologists (SAH) what happened also in 2024. We met together on October 3, 2024 as 7 members attending the general assembly of the Slovak Association of Hydrogeologists (SAH). The next meeting is planned on the SAH conference at the end of May 2026.</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? 	<p>Usually, our activities are performed in close cooperation with the national professional association of hydrogeologists – SAH (Slovak Association of Hydrogeologists).</p> <p>Events (if organised) traditionally are open to IAH non-members.</p> <p>In May 20-22, 2025, the 7th field hydrogeological seminar on the topic "Groundwater in interaction with anthropogenic activities" was organised in the Donovlay mountain resort, with 66 participants. 5 IAH members were attending this event as well. The seminar also included an excursion to important hydrogeological sites – karstic springs and galleries – in the nearby mountain areas, managed by the Central Slovak Waterworks Company, a.s. In addition to practical demonstrations, impacts of tunnel construction on karstic groundwater were also presented in the form of lectures aimed at both negative and possible positive effects of tunnel construction with parallel capture of groundwater even as drinking water source.</p>

5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2026?</p>	<p>Activities of Slovak IAH chapter for 2026 are now (February 2026) concentrated on the organization of the traditional (22nd) hydrogeological conference in</p>
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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

Valčianska dolina valley – hotel Impozant in May 19 – 22, 2026. Two days for presentations and one day for field trip are planned for this occasion.

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

Slovak IAH chapter was up to the end of August 2025 strongly involved in cooperation with IAH Karst Commission, where Peter Malík served as a chairman until the period when the newly elected chairpersons took their responsibilities. During the first half of the year 2025, passports for 22 NIKAS springs (springs of national importance) were created and communicated with the MIKAS project team. Perhaps IAH can engage wide range of groundwater professionals around the world to join this cooperative effort.