

# 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	Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hydrogeological Engineers and Water Resources Research Association (HİDRODER)

## 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.	The information on the website is correct.
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.	Our department's own website: <a href="https://www.hydroder.org.tr">https://www.hydroder.org.tr</a> Website management responsible: Aydın Emre Ayan aemreayan@gmail.com
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> .	We may try to get involved in future years.
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?	In our chapter, our management and supervisory board members are renewed every three years through elections. We conduct the elections in person at meetings. Management meetings are held both in person and online. We make decisions regarding the chapter by the Management Board resolution. We record these decisions with wet signatures.

## 3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Our local membership status is increasing. The rate of increase is low.
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<p>What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.</p>	<p>Members are currently working in hydrogeology-related fields at universities and institutions. Generally, recent graduates from hydrogeology engineering departments are becoming members. The small number of graduates and the difficulty in finding jobs immediately limit the number of members. Membership is voluntary, so there is no coercion.</p>
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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"> <li>• Date and place of meeting</li> <li>• Approximate number attending</li> </ul>	<p>This year, our general assembly meeting was held on May 23, 2025. The meeting took place at Süleyman Demirel University. 29 people attended the meeting.</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?</li> <li>• Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution?</li> </ul>	<p>The Hydrogeological Engineers and Water Resources Research Association (HidroDer), the Turkish National Chapter of the International Union of Hydrogeologists, organizes symposiums every two years. The third symposium in this series was held at Süleyman Demirel University, Department of Geological Engineering, between May 22-24, 2025. The IAH was informed about the symposium.</p> <p>Furthermore, on October 15, 2025, a webinar titled "Current Applications from the Perspective of Hydrogeology History and the Function of HİDRODER" was held by our Association's founding secretary and 3rd Term President, and also the Head of the Hydrogeology Engineering Program at Hacettepe University, Prof. Dr. Mehmet EKMEKÇİ.</p> <p>Our events are open to non-IAH and HİDRODER members.</p> <p>No joint events were organized with other organizations.</p>

## 5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

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<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>	<p>We plan to continue our webinars in 2026. Our first webinar of 2026 was held on January 14, 2026. This presentation was given by İsmail Sevim, Head of the Groundwater Department of the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works. The title of the presentation was "The work of the Groundwater Department of the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works within the scope of Sustainable Groundwater Management".</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>The fourth symposium, to be held with the support of the Association, "HIDRO'2027: Symposium on Innovative Studies in Water Resources Research and Development" will be held between June 18-20, 2027, at the International Water Resources Department of Izmir Institute of Technology.</p>