

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

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.	Everything 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.	President (Me) and Member João Miranda joaomirandageo@gmail.com
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	https://portugal.iah.org/ is correct in IAH website
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, 3-3 years at meeting

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Stable
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	Competition from other societies

4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2025

Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise: - Date and place of meeting - Approximate number attending	3 in 3 years hybrid meeting 10
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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?	Field visit: hydrogeoday in the Azores (open to IAH non-members) hydrogeoday Guimarães (open to IAH non-members) Participation in events - Congresso Nacional da água, Algarve [national congresso of water] - International Mine Water Association, Guimarães
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5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

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	• Hydrogeoday activities (march) - with activities involving the non-academic community; • Participation in the organizing and scientific committee of TIAC'26 - 5th Spanish-Portuguese Symposium on marine intrusion technology in coastal aquifers (March). • Participation in the organizing and scientific committee of CIAS2026 - Iberian Congress on Groundwater 2026 (July); • Meeting of members of the Portuguese group of hydrogeologists at a Science Centre • National meeting in groundwater in collaboration with other societies.
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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

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The biggest issue identified in the Portugal chapter is the disconnect between members and the chapter's activities. We aim to foster more reciprocal contact to share knowledge and science, provided by members (authors and trainees) and disseminated by the IAH-GP. To that end, we are planning a free meeting (field visit, lunch, and networking) for associates to build closer relationships and increase willingness to participate and share.

To recruit new members, we plan to hold a scientific meeting in a non-centralized format, discussing local problems and themes with academic and local partners, to raise visibility of IAH's goals and activities, attract recruits, and strengthen relationships with society and local partners. We are having difficulties with sponsorship to bring specialists to the specific place to speak and network.

We are planning to host the ECHN- global pilot program for “summer school” in hydrogeology. We are awaiting an answer from the IAH to support the event.

We are planning an international event about the hydrogeology of islands for 2028. We already have some sponsors, but not enough to start spreading the event.