

2025 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

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 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.	Yes, but the updating is under process Social Media - aih.iah.mexico@gmail.com Facebook: Asociación Internacional de Hidrogeólogos Capítulo México Instagram: aih_mexico LinkedIn: AIH-IAH México
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	Yes, we are hosted already
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, the election of the board is outlined in our statutes. The board is elected every three years, starting from the establishment of the association in 2024. Voting takes place via a formal call, which is sent by email and announced during a virtual assembly. An election committee is appointed specifically to organize and oversee the election process. Further details can be found in our statutes.

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	2024 – 65 members approximately 2025 – 80 members approximately 2026 - 94 members approximately About 45% growth since 2024.
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What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	We face some competition national from another groundwater-focused association.														

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	The Mexico Chapter held its General Meeting on August 12, 2025, via Zoom, with 26 members in attendance. The meeting included a review of 2024–2025 activities, financial and administrative updates, planning for 2025–2026 outreach initiatives, and progress on the bid to host the 2027 IAH World Congress in Guadalajara. Members also approved governance updates and defined commitments for future educational and outreach activities.
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?	1. April 3, 2025: IAH Mexico organized the conference <i>Multi-Depth Devices and the Future of Groundwater Studies</i> at UNAM's Institute of Geology, presented in person by John Cherry, with nearly 60 attendees and Facebook livestreaming. 2. May 19, 2025: IAH Mexico organized an international webinar on Managed Aquifer Recharge, bringing together experts from Mexico, Spain, and Colombia to discuss technical, regulatory, environmental, and social challenges, as well as implementation strategies in response to water scarcity and climate change. 3. We organized Hydrogeodía events in Mexico City and Monterrey, engaging students and the public through field

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	activities to raise awareness of groundwater, aquifer recharge, ecosystems, and sustainable water management. ~60 participants in total. 4. As an innovative outreach activity, we produced a series of groundwater outreach videos in which 10 children (4-11 years old) asked questions about groundwater to "Dr. Water" (Dr. Everton Oliveira) from the Sustainable Water Institute of Brazil. These educational videos were developed jointly by the IAH Mexico Chapter and the Sustainable Water Institute of Brazil to promote groundwater awareness among children and the general public.
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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	Yes. Our major strategic activity for 2026 is the preparation of the IAH International Groundwater Congress to be held in Guadalajara in 2027. This includes scientific and organizational planning, development of institutional and industry partnerships, fundraising and sponsorship activities, and national and international outreach. We also plan to develop Hydrogeodía by organizing activities in additional cities across Mexico, with the aim of raising public awareness of groundwater and its importance for sustainable water management. The implementation of these activities depends largely on volunteer support from our members and on securing external funding. Limited financial resources and the availability of volunteers may constrain the scale and number of activities that can be organized during 2026.
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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, plans you would like to see for IAH

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Regarding the IAH Conference 2027, we request IAH central support, especially promotion, membership recruitment, sponsorship connections, and communication/outreach support.