

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.	No ARGENTINA President: Eduardo Kruse kruse@fcnym.unlp.edu.ar Secretary: Corina Rodríguez corinairis@yahoo.com Treasurer: Patricia Laurencena plarencena@hotmail.com Website: https://aihgacomar.wordpress.com/
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Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	Yes, we are very interested in having our website in IAH hosting
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 Committee President: Eduardo Kruse Vicepresident: Roberto Esteban Miguel Secretary: Corina Rodríguez Treasurer: Patricia Laurencena Vocals: Lorena Ceballo Carla Moscardi Joaquín Teruel Maria Josefa Fioriti The election takes place as defined by the association's statute. The committee is elected every 2 years and takes place at an Assembly (meeting).

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	The economic conditions in the country are complicated and this affects affiliation possibilities. The number of members in recent years has remained stable.
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	One of the main challenges is the recruitment of younger professionals. Membership fees are very low and this affects the possibilities of providing benefits to members and this reduces the potential interest in becoming a member. In this regard, it is necessary to report that this year (May 26) the General Inspection of Justice (Inspección General de Justicia) of Argentina, in accordance with what was established in the last annual assembly of the IAH Argentine Chapter, authorized an amendment to the statute. Following this amendment, undergraduate university students related to the field of Hydrogeology may be included as associate members. This

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	is an important step toward increasing the chapter's membership."
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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	During 2025, meetings and preparatory encounters were organized to plan the Argentine Hydrogeological Congress to be held in 2026 in the city of Mar del Plata (Argentina). Activities included interviews with specialists and funding applications to various institutions, some of which were granted
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?	- Revista Argentina de Hidrogeología In 2025, the IAH Argentine Chapter continued publishing the Revista Argentina de Hidrogeología (Argentine Journal of Hydrogeology). The Argentine Chapter is responsible for editing and publishing this journal, with Dr. Esteban Miguel (Vice President of the Argentine Chapter) serving as Editor-in-Chief. It is the first publication of its kind in Argentina and publishes scientific research, technical papers, and hydrogeological case studies with open access and at no cost to authors. Original, unpublished works related to hydrogeology are accepted, including theoretical, methodological, and applied contributions, as well as scientific research, technical documents, and experiences aimed at groundwater knowledge and management. Starting from Volume 4, the 'Miscellaneous' section allows for the submission of scientific research and technical documents outside the special issue topic, without requiring a prior invitation. In 2025, 5 articles were published: 3 of a scientific nature and 2 of a technical-methodological nature. Published articles and author guidelines can be found at: https://aihgacomar.wordpress.com/revista-argentina-de-hidrogeologia/ - Hydrogeoday in Argentina The Argentine Chapter of IAH, together with the Chilecito Agricultural Experiment

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	Station of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), organized the 'Hydrogeoday' at the end of March 2026. This activity, promoted by the Spanish Chapter of IAH and held in Chilecito (Argentina), aimed to raise awareness about the importance of groundwater in the Central Antinaco-Los Colorados Valley and its use in irrigated agriculture. The event was attended by numerous participants from schools, local farmers, and the general community. - Other activities: The IAH Argentine Chapter actively participated in the meetings organized by IAH Latam, which serves as a forum for discussing hydrogeological issues related to groundwater in Latin America. Furthermore, its participation in the scientific committee involved in organizing the World Groundwater Congress—to be held in Guadalajara (Mexico) in 2027—should be highlighted. Additionally, it is worth noting the work carried out by the Argentine Chapter, represented by its president, acting as manager for the translation of HJ (Hydrogeology Journal) abstracts into Spanish."
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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	The Argentine Chapter of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) and the Institute of Coastal and Quaternary Geology of the National University of Mar del Plata are organizing the XIII Argentine Congress of Hydrogeology and IX Hispanic-Latin American Seminar on Current Issues in Groundwater Hydrology. This event will take place in the city of Mar del Plata
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	(Argentina), from September 21 to 25, 2026. The congress will feature more than 120 papers distributed across the following thematic areas: Regional Hydrogeology; Hydrogeochemistry, Isotopes, and Groundwater Quality; Urban and Peri-urban Hydrogeology; Groundwater-Dependent Ecosystems; Socio-hydrology, Groundwater Planning and Governance; Water and Production Processes; and the Hispanic-Latin American Seminar: Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, and New Tracers in Hydrogeology. Keynote lectures are scheduled to be delivered by Dr. Ricardo Hirata, Dr. J. Jaime Gómez-Hernández, Dr. Emilia Bocanegra, and Dr. Esteban Tálamo. Details for this event can be viewed at: https://congresohidrogeologia.mdp.edu.ar/
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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

SUPPORT FROM THE IAH CENTRAL THAT COULD ASSIST THE ARGENTINE CHAPTER

1- Diffusion of the Argentinean Journal of Hydrogeology (Revista Argentina de Hidrogeología (RAHi):

<https://aihgacomar.wordpress.com/revista-argentina-de-hidrogeologia/>

Also, suggestions or proposals that make possible an indexing process of this journal will be very welcome.

2- Acceptance of the proposal to use IAH hosting for our web page.

3- Participation in IAH central working groups.

4- Support to increase the membership of the association, both locally and internationally.