

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.	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.	Yes SGH SSH SSI – Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Hydrogeologie / Société suisse de l'hydrogéologie / Società svizzera di idrogeologia
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	Not yet to be discussed in the Swiss Chapter
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?	The committee of the Swiss Hydrogeological Society also constitutes the committee of the IAH National Chapter. Seven members are elected for three years each, with the possibility of re-election, representing the geographical, idiomatic, and professional diversity of the country and members. Elections are held by personal voting at the yearly general assembly meeting.

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	The Swiss Hydrogeological Society comprises more than 300 members, about one third of which are also IAH members. IAH membership status remains more or less stable, while national membership slightly increases continuously.
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What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	Although quite successful in attracting new/young professionals for our society, recruitment for concurrent IAH membership is more difficult, particularly regarding colleagues outside research and academia. The IAH fees are significantly higher than the low national membership fees of 30 Swiss Francs.
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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	The Swiss Hydrogeological Society organized an annual conference for members and non-members on 16 and 17 Mai 2025 with about 100 participants. The general assembly was held online on 9 April 2025.
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?	The Swiss chapter did participate to the organization of national events, such as the annual Swiss Geoscience Meeting.

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	As every year we will organize the annual Meeting of the Swiss Hydrogeological Society. We attend about 100 participants. Furthermore we plan a workshop on a national strategy on hydrogeology together with the Swiss Groundwater Network.
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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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