

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	Secretary Treasurer IAH-NL

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: Welcome - IAH Netherlands
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	IAH is hosting our website 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 elections are every 4 years. Every two years there is a (bi-)annual General Meeting where changes can also be decided. This is per vote at the meeting, but e-mail votes are also accepted.

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 (mainly the Netherlands Hydrological Association (NHV))

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	No
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• Approximate number attending	
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?	We hosted our yearly student thesis prize On 22 May 2025 (16:00-17:00 CET): IAH-NL hosted a mini-symposium on PFAS and groundwater with three presentations on this topic. Friday, 21 November 2025. IAH-NL supported the Hydrogeology in the Netherlands and More symposium, hosted at Wageningen University. A highlight of the day was the prestigious Darcy Lecture, delivered by Dr. Grant Ferguson (University of Saskatchewan) on the theme: "Living Fossils: Ancient Groundwaters in the Anthropocene."

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, on 2 January 2026 (14:00-17:00 CET): IAH-NL hosted an afternoon symposium entitled "The Past as a Key to the Future of Groundwater" at Utrecht University. Four prominent Dutch Hydrogeologists (Koos Groen, Roelof Stuurman, Pieter Stuyfzand and Hanneke Verweij) each shared reflections drawn from their impressive careers. Furthermore, on 11 June we organised the first Netherlands Groundwater Conference which was a great success with 150 participants. And as every year we will organise the Student thesis prize and the mini-symposium with three talks by early career hydrogeologists. (22 Oct.)
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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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