

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	Secretary

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, the information 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.	https://www.aih-cl.cl/ Responsible: Cristhián Escudero Role: Assistant Contact: aihchile@gmail.com / cristhian.escudero@gmail.com
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	We would be interested.
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?	Our chapter has an elected committee. The elections are held every two years. Voting occurs by hand-raising during an in-person meeting in April of the corresponding year.

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Increasing.
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	Chile's longitude makes it difficult to recruit people in regions outside Santiago. The high IAH fee rates as well.

4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2025

Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise:	Yes, we have an annual meeting. The AGM takes place in person in April each year at a conference centre within a
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• Date and place of meeting • Approximate number attending	hotel (depending on availability; usually at Hotel NH Santiago, but in 2025 it was held during the national congress). Approximately attends more than 40 people.
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?	Yes, we organise other events during 2025, like: - 5 technical talk: (i) Dr Pablo Wainstein about glaciers; (ii) Katherine Moreno about northern Chile sinkhole; (iii) MSc Lilian Valdebenito about environmental legislation; (iv) MSc Diego Fernández about lithium resources; and (v) Dr Hervé Jourde about hydrogeology of northern Chile - 2 annual technical/scientific training course: (i) “Introduction to numerical modelling” by Dr Sarah Leray, Dr Etienne Bresciani and Dr Etienne Marti (>30 people); (ii) “Urban hydrogeology” by Dr Ricardo Hirata and Dr Bruno Conicelli (<20 people). - 1 social event at “La Finestra” restaurant in December (>60 people). - First Chilean Hydrogeological Congress (>150 people). Most of these events are open to IAH non-members. When it is a paid activity, IAH members can attend free of charge or at a significant discount.

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, we have some activities planned for 2026: - one technical talk per month, - one training course in hydrogeochemistry in November, - one social event in November.
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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