



NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL CHAPTERS OF WEST AND CENTRAL EUROPE
of the International Association of Hydrogeologists

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GROUNDWATER:

BREAKING INVISIBILITY

SHARING VISIBILITY



Map of IAH West and Central Europe, 2023 (* corrected)

WELCOME

to the Edition #1 of the W&C Europe NC of IAH. Thank you for your contributions for improvement based in the prototype Edition #0.

The NC associated to the Region were updated. Their respective countries (main territories) can be seen on the map to the left.

2nd generation of EUROCODE 7 and groundwater

Free Webinar about the 2nd Generation of Eurocode 7 - Basis of Design and how the influence of Groundwater is incorporated in the new code (22 February 2023) (see page 2)

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

The National Chapters (NC) of IAH for the Region of West and Central Europe are now 22 in a world total of 50. This means a considerable number of members, diversity, and a rich culture broth from which constantly spring new ideas, new science and projects furthering education in groundwater, professional development and applications, and opportunities for hydrogeoethical interaction of hydrogeologists with all sectors of society, law, sustainable water resources management for development, in justice and peace in the Region and elsewhere.

Along the more than 65 years of active life of IAH, the West and Central European NCs with its many thousands of hydrogeologists working in official and private organizations, in schools, research centres, even contributing to informal groups focused on groundwater and natural resources protection, not forgetting hydrogeologists that haven't yet joined IAH, have decisively contributed to make groundwater visible. Their science production, professional outcomes, educational and outreach events also deserve visibility.

WORLD WATER DAY 2023

In 2022 The WWD was for the first time dedicated to groundwater. The IAH was involved at all levels with great success. Let's plan activities to the 22nd of March 2023 (see page 2)

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We expect this newsletter to contribute to link our twenty-two vibrant NCs to make the regional groundwater community and the groundwater itself clearly visible for all.

The newsletter will focus on information relevant to the W&C Europe Region, by disseminating information of common or sub-regional interest in a timely manner.

This information may come from several sources: the IAH headquarters, from other Regions, other associations and trusted organizations, publications, calls for attention for impending subjects related to groundwater, or news about relevant aspects of the IAH life in the Region.

However, we expect that most of the information to be published here will come from you, the NCs themselves.

Therefore, we kindly ask the NC leaders to timely send information on planned events and initiatives to be shared in a next edition of the Newsletter.

The email identified in the header of first page of the Newsletter is waiting for your contributions and, of course, whenever you need to meet the vice-presidency of IAH for the Region.

Please send information for the Newsletter in an already condensed form: a title, plus few lines for an explanation and identification, the internet links for more detailed information (please avoid PDF), and a logo. Consider an allusive image to attract the reader.

Eligible for publication are, for example, next future scientific, editorial, and educational-cultural events organized by the NC or its members, in which members of other NCs in the Region are called to contribute or participate, of interest to the Region.

It also applies to calls for submitting papers in publications of special regional importance. Calls for research projects, grants, etc., or public announcements (mandatory) of academic, research or professional vacancies may be considered.

These were just examples. The focus is the Region.

We invite NC leaders, or someone endorsed, to submit (once a year?) an original text on current issues of special importance on groundwater with relevance to his/her NC and the Region. The text should not exceed 400 words, with a title, authorship, 3 keywords and a figure. Keep references to a maximum of three, if needed.

All information requested for publication in the newsletter will eventually be subject to edition and approval to the sole discretion of the newsletter manager. The subject of the information will be associated with the NC that provided it.

The newsletter will be sent to the leaders of the NCs for their information and eventual dissemination to members, at their discretion.

We anticipate the newsletter to be released as regularly as possible in the last week of each month (this one is an exception, I hope). So, the information solicited to be included in the next edition should arrive before the 20th of each month. The size of the Newsletter may change, but we estimate that it could be a between 2- and 4-pages, in PDF format.

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Second Generation of Eurocode 7 – Basis of Design and how the influence of Groundwater is incorporated in the new code

Eurocode 7 is known as the European standard for geotechnical engineering design and is widely considered as a great success story. The second generation of the standard is currently being drafted by the CEN/TC250 SC7 and will represent a significant step forward towards further harmonization and efficient guidance for geotechnical design.

More and registration to the free online webinar:

<https://webinar-eurocode7-groundwater.nen-evenementen.nl/>

WORLD WATER DAY 2023 - ACCELERATING CHANGE

This World Water Day is about accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis through actions taken to tackle the global water crisis. It is your turn to organize a public campaign and bring together people to hold events. Get inspiration from the successful HIDROGEODÍA (Hydrogeoday) concept from the Spanish Chapter. Let us know your projects.

<https://www.unwater.org/about-un-water/what-we-do/inspire-action>

<https://www.aih-ge.org/hidrogeodia/>

Proposals for next webinar of the IAH W&C European Chapters

It is open a call for proposals for the next webinars of this successful series. Response by email to the address in the header.

Have you already renewed your membership ?

Do you know that students of any degree pay Ø currency?

IAH has adopted new membership conditions for 2023. Find it (and much more) in the IAH website:

<https://iah.org/>

Planning an event?

Submit an event to IAH:

<https://iah.org/submit-an-event>

Have you signed the BRABEL Declaration?

Or the São Paulo-Brussels Groundwater Declaration – shared challenges, share the will worldwide!

<https://iah.org/news/make-a-difference-in-groundwater>

Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Take a read:

<https://iah.org/about/statement-on-equity-diversity-and-inclusion>