



2014 Annual Report of the Slovak National Chapter of the IAH

Slovak National Chapter (SNCh) of the IAH works within the frame of the Slovak Association of Hydrogeologists (Slovenská Asociácia Hydrogeológov – SAH), which is a professional legal body among the Slovak non-governmental organizations.

In the beginning of the 2014, Slovak National Chapter of the IAH consisted of 12 individual members, mainly of researchers from universities and from the Geological Survey of the Slovak Republic, as well as specialists from the private sphere of hydrogeological investigation and practice. Later this year two of the chapter members – assoc. Prof. Marian Fendek and RNDr. Mária Némethyová finished their membership in the Slovak National Chapter of IAH.

The main goal of the Slovak National Chapter of the IAH is to promote hydrogeology among the public with special orientation on young generation – university students, postdocs and young researchers, which are educated in the only one hydrogeological study programme in Slovakia, registered at the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic as Master degree study programme in Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava.

The main activities in 2014 were oriented on:

- Active participation of national chapter members in international and domestic scientific conferences and workshops as:
 - *14th Hydrogeological Congress of Czech Association of Hydrogeologists (ČAH), co-organized by Czech National Chapter of Hydrogeologists, held on 2 – 5 September, 2014 in Liberec, Czech Republic.* SNCh was represented by Miriam Fendeková, acting as member of the Honourably Presidency of the congress and by Assoc. Prof. Peter Némethy. One oral presentation and two posters were delivered,
 - *7th Global FRIEND-WATER CONFERENCE, Montpellier, France, 7 – 10 October 2014,* with active participation of Miriam Fendeková and Marián Fendek,
 - *17th Slovak Hydrogeological Conference, organized by SAH and co-organized by Slovak National Chapter of IAH, held on 14 – 17 October, 2014 in Piešťany* under the motto: New challenges in water protection. The most members of the IAH Slovak National Chapter participated actively in organizing of the conference and in oral and poster sessions,
 - *6th Leonardo Conference 2014: HYPER DROUGHTS, 13 – 14. November, 2014, Prague, Czech Republic,* with active participation of Miriam Fendeková in conference Scientific Committee and together with Marián Fendek in poster session,
 - *Workshop on Groundwater protection problems, 11 December, 2014 in Bratislava* with active participation of Peter Malík and Peter Némethy

Short summaries of the events were published in the SAH news, No. 42, 2014.

- preparation on active participation in *the International conference on groundwater vulnerability*, organized by University of Silesia and the Polish Chapter of the IAH, 25 – 29 May, Ustron, Poland, with Peter Malík, acting as member of the Scientific Committee,

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- preparation on active participation in *the International conference on Groundwater in Karst, Birmingham*, organized by University of Birmingham and IAH Karst, 20 – 26 June 2015, Birmingham, UK.

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