

## IAH NEWS

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### SPAIN - DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN MADRID

Responding to our call for national celebrations of IAH's 60th anniversary, the IAH Spanish Chapter (AIH-GE) organized an event in Madrid on 20th June. The event coincided with the 35th anniversary of AIH-GE, and was organized jointly with other Spanish associations - the Groundwater Club (CAS) and the Spanish Association of Hydrogeologists (AEH). After an opening ceremony session including representatives of the Spanish Ministry of Environment, Spanish Geological Survey (IGME) and the presidents of the three associations (AIH-GE, CAS and AEH), a presentation about hydrogeological experiences from the past was given by Ramon Llamas, Emilio Custodio, Andrés Sahuquillo and Juan López-Geta. Other presentations concerning the present situation and the future of hydrogeology in Spain were given by Juan Duran (investigation and administration standpoints) and Jorge Molinero (training and private companies).

A round table was organized involving participants from the three associations to discuss the role of Spanish hydrogeological associations as representatives of professionals and companies to confront society's challenges. According to a suggestion from AIH, members declared as Millennium Members in Cape Town in 2000 were nominated as Honorary Members of AIH-GE. In addition a diploma was given to all members of AIH-GE councils as recognition for their work in contributing to AIH-GE. More details can be seen on the web site recently created by AIH-GE in a similar environment to the main IAH site, particularly at the link given below.

Other major activities scheduled by AIH-GE include a training course on "Groundwater Modeling" in Valencia in July and a Spanish-Portuguese congress on groundwater in the second cycle of hydrological planning for the EU Water Framework Directive. Links with Ibero-america are always active, with the Argentine Chapter by way of Emilio Custodio and also with the 13th AHLSUD congress in Yucatan, Mexico on 22th-26th August which members of the Spanish chapter committee will be attending.

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