

IAH (Irish Group)
2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 20th November 2018

Burdon Secretary Report

Annual David Burdon Memorial Lecture – 6th February 2018

The invited guest speaker this year was Dr. Adrian Healy from the Water Research Institute, Cardiff University. The presentation was entitled “*Exploiting Groundwater Resources in Urban Africa: Understanding Choices and Consequences*”.

Update on IAH (Irish Group) ‘Twinning’ with Uganda.

Liaison with the Ugandan Network of Groundwater Professionals in relation to an action plan to implement a ‘twinning’ collaboration is continuing but progress has been slow.

**Burdon Groundwater Network for International Development (IAH-BGID) –
Activities Update**

Burdon Network Annual General Meeting at South Korea Congress – 10th September 2018

The IAH-BGID convened its AGM at the recent IAH Congress in Dubrovnik on ‘The Role of Groundwater in Reducing Poverty’. The meeting started with a brief network introduction and an update of the activities organised in 2018:

- IAH-BGID logo launch
- IAH-BGID Free Book Scheme
- Special Session organization at IAH 2018
- Update on the proposal of a IAH-BGID book

Subsequently the discussion was focused on how to improve the network activities and how to provide more benefits to members in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The following items were discussed/agreed:

- IAH-BGID to encourage/support the formation of national chapters in Africa (in collaboration with IAH-Vice President for SSA). At present there are chapters in: South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda and Namibia.
- IAH-BGID to explore with IAH Secretariat how to facilitate IAH fees payment and to attract members to sponsor colleagues from low income countries.
- IAH free book scheme: invite corporate sponsorship to allow replication of the initiative at a higher frequency. Additionally, IAH could consider asking members to donate books (members may be more inclined to donate a book rather than to give money).
- Offer option for expression of interest in mentoring on the membership application form.
- IAH-BGID should promote countries twinning arrangements.
- IAH-BGID communication: Circulate a quarterly email update on network activities.
- IAH-BGID should encourage universities to film lectures of interest for SSA and record keynote lectures to be made available on the IAH education webpage.
- IAH-BGID should investigate ways to link work done in Africa with the network. Also ensure that the IAH-BGID logo appears in the main events in Africa. IAH-BGID should help promote these events via social media.

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