

**1** Before 1985, there were few Chinese participators for International Association of Hydrogeologists which founding in 1956. The Chinese team who are senior hydrogeologist attended the 17th and 18th IAH congress in 1985. More and more Chinese delegates presented the conferences since then. And a lot of young career hydrogeologists are interesting for IAH action. The IAH National Chapter of China was first established in 1987 and continuously since that time. The IAH members in P.R. China were increased in these years. The IAH members in Hong Kong and Taiwan, who have close contacted with China Chapter. IAH congress meeting have hold in China in twice. The IAH China chapter serves for all IAH members and other scientists promoting groundwater sciences in China. There were many national conferences on Hydrogeology and groundwater sciences with more than one hundred attendees in each of the conferences.

**2** IAH congress meeting have hold in China in twice. The 21th congress holds in Guilin city, 10-15 October, 1988 which theme is Karst Hydrogeology and Karst environmental Protection. The 34th congress holds in Beijing, 9-14 October, 2006 which theme is Groundwater – Present status and future. Since 1985, More and more Chinese delegates presented the IAH conferences abroad.



**3** There were a lot of national conferences on Hydrogeology and Groundwater sciences almost every year since 1987. Those national conferences associate with Commission on Hydrogeology, Geology Society of China in operation. There were more than one hundred attendees in each of those conferences.



**4** More than ten Commissions of IAH have activity in China. There are Chinese expert working in those commission. Such as Chen Jianyao in Commission on Groundwater and Climate Change, Yuan Daoxian in Commission for the Hydrogeology of Karst, Wang Weiping in Commission on Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR), Han Zaisheng in Commission on Transboundary Aquifer Resource Management (TARM), Jin Menggui and Jiang Xiaowei in Commission on Regional Groundwater Flow, Wang Junzhi in Early Career Hydrogeologists Network.

IAH CHINA chapter and commissions working together on the organisation of international scientific meetings. Such as International Symposium on Regional Groundwater Flow have held successfully in Xi'an, China in Jun 2013 and the 8th International Symposium on Managed Aquifer Recharge (ISMAR8) by Commission on Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) was held in Beijing, October 2013.

There were many IAH expert came to China for present and soeoch. Such as: Prof. Ken Howard, Dr. P. Dillon, Prof. Stephen Foster and Dr. Cliff I. Voss.

**5** Many Chinese IAH members were the editors of *Hydrogeology Journal*. IAH China Chapter is responsible for the Chinese translation for the abstract of HJ.

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**6** More and more young hydrogeoligits are interesting for IAH activity. Some of them have jointed the organization. The IAH members of China were 51 in 2011 and currently are 71 in 2016. The IAH members are included mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao. Those regions are part of China. The IAH China chapter serves for all IAH members and other scientists promoting groundwater sciences in China.



The IAH members in China were steady and increased in the years.

**7 Conclusions**  
 Throughout 2016, the International Association of Hydrogeologists are recognising and celebrating its 60th anniversary. Chinese participators for IAH were in 1985 and founding IAH China National Chapter in 1987. But we were thriving. The the National Chapter in China is flourishing and promot to further the understanding, wise use and protection of groundwater resources throughout the China.

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