



## CONSTITUTION OF THE ITALIAN COMMITTEE OF THE IAH

### ARTICLE 1

#### Definition and Aims

1. The name of the Committee shall be the “ Italian Committee of the International Association of Hydrogeologists”
2. The Committee shall operate within the framework provided by the Rules of IAH.
3. The Committee shall have as its aims
  - Representation of the Italian members of IAH in the activities of the parent body and in other international activities as appropriate.
  - Appointment of reporters to the Council Meetings of IAH.
  - Promotion of activities which further groundwater science and technology.
  - Promotion of groundwater issues in Italy and providing a link between the international groundwater community and hydrogeologists in Italy.
  - Collaboration with other groups in Italy concerned with international and national water-related activities.

### ARTICLE 2

#### Membership

1. The affairs of the Italian Committee shall be managed by:
  - Up to ten elected members of IAH. Members of IAH are eligible for election if they reside in Italy or their domicile is in Italy.
  - Serving members of the Council of IAH resident in Italy.
  - The Chairman of the Hydrogeological Group of the Italian Geological Society.
  - Up to four co-opted members.
2. The members of the Committee will serve for five years term beginning on the day of election. Elected and co-opted members shall cease to be members at the end of these five years. No members, if elected or co-opted, shall serve more than two terms consecutively.
3. The officers of the committee shall be a Chairman and a Secretary/Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Committee from amongst their membership. The Chairman shall serve for one five-year term, which is not renewable; the Secretary/Treasurer, if elected, may serve for a further term.
4. The Chairman will preside over meetings of the Committee.

5. The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for preparing minutes of meetings and other general administrative work. He/she will collect and hold the funds belonging to the Committee and shall present regular (normally annual) accounts.
6. The Secretary/Treasurer will advertise vacancies on the elected members of committee in the spring of each year. Self-proposed candidates as new committee members will be presented to the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will organise a ballot between the IAH associates of the membership if there are more candidates than vacancies on the Committee.
7. The committee will set the annual membership fee for the Italian members of IAH who choose to pay through the Committee.
8. Unless otherwise determined by majority vote of all serving members of the Committee, upon dissolution any residual assets of the Committee shall pass to the International Association of Hydrogeologists or to its successor body.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **Meetings**

1. The Italian Committee of IAH shall meet at least twice per calendar year and more frequently if requested by the members of the Committee.
2. A quorum shall consist of four elected members of the Committee. Each member of the Committee, whether elected or otherwise, shall have one vote. Decisions will be made by a majority vote with the Chairman having the casting vote if necessary. If a quorum cannot be achieved, business may continue, but the next meeting of the Committee at which there is a quorum must ratify decisions.
3. The Committee shall be required to disseminate a yearly report on his activities and to provide a financial report.
4. The Italian Committee of IAH shall convene a General Meeting for all the associates per calendar year.
5. The Committee shall provide, a fair time before his term, to call the election of the new Committee.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **Changes to the constitution**

1. Changes to this constitution may be made upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the Committee.