

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IAH NETWORK ON GROUNDWATER IN URBAN AREAS FOR 2012

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The Co-Director positions are currently open for nominations. I am also keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in taking on the work of the Director

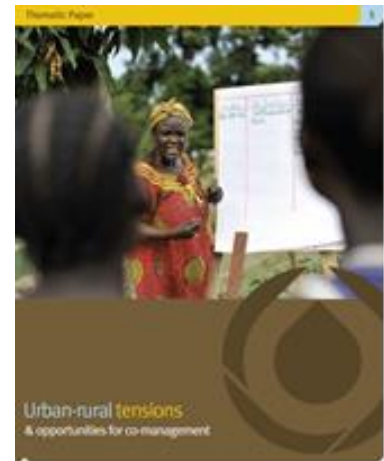
Activities and outputs during the calendar year 2012

Following its formal launch on July 1st, 2011 the IAH Network on Groundwater in Urban Areas saw its first full year of activity in 2012. It didn't meet in a formal sense but continued to provide a networking service to members, providing introductions and referrals as appropriate, playing a co-ordinating role where necessary and linking members to various urban groundwater activities and initiatives.

Specific member activities during 2012 include but are not limited to:

1) The preparation and on-line publication of a Commissioned Research Paper dealing with Urban Groundwater Governance (November, 2012). 39pp.

http://www.groundwatergovernance.org/fileadmin/user_upload/groundwatergovernance/docs/Thematic_papers/GWG_Thematic_Paper_3_web.pdf



2) A session at the Geological Society of America Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina (November 4-7, 2012) convened by Jack Sharp (Univ. of Texas) and Anne Jefferson (Kent State Univ.) entitled: "Urban Groundwater, Streams, and Watersheds" (November, 2012).

3) An invited keynote address entitled: Peri-urban conflicts over groundwater due to population growth – the governance challenge. Presented at the 5th International Groundwater Congress (IGWC), Aurangabad, Maharashtra India, December 18th-21st, 2012 (Howard, K.W.F., 2012)

4) Preparation of a manuscript (Wolf, L., Howard, K.W.F. and Kralisch), entitled Innovative groundwater management to be published in "Potable Water Supply Options – Beyond Reverse Osmosis", eds. Burn, S., Gray, S. and Begbie, D..

While there are no plans for imminent meetings of the Urban Groundwater Network, discussions are underway for a regional meeting in Korea (2015) with groundwater in coastal megacities as a possible theme.

As always, the Network welcomes programming input from all IAH members interested in urban groundwater issues. This includes ideas for future meetings and book/manuscript initiatives.

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