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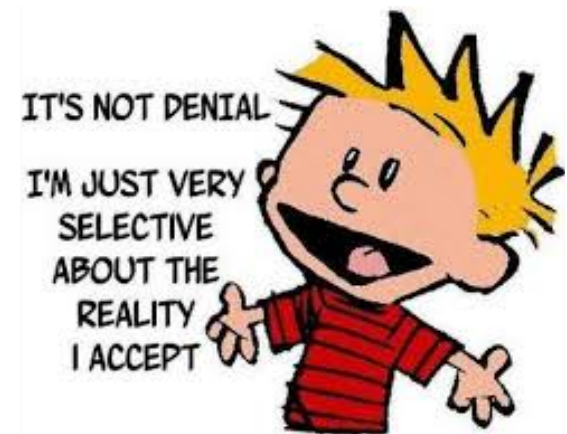


Why IAHS?

Mission: From Fact Resistance to Factfulness

"Common sense" and "virtual bubbles" instead of science

- ✓ Scientists are needed more than ever!
- ✓ Water issues are urgent and fundamental!
- ✓ IAHS is one global voice - *together we can help making a better world!*



Berits Vision for IAHS – ready to serve the community!

- Addressing the major global challenges:
 - UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
 - UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (Paris agreement)
 - Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- Advancing Hydrological Sciences:
 - Sharing research infrastructure (data, models, and competence).
 - Solving the Unsolved Problems in Hydrology (UPH).
 - Initiating joint publications of synthesis papers.
- Connecting people:
 - Involving the entire globe – leaving nobody behind.
 - Linking research to practice and public outreach.
 - Collaborating with global sister organizations.



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Outcome

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Highlights:

- ✓ UN conference on Water in NY 2023, invited to many side-events and to speak in Plenum.
- ✓ Setting up the **Science for Solutions** decade run by IAHS to help with water crisis.
- ✓ 1st chair of the HELPING initiative, now engaging 1200 scientists globally in 30 working groups with collecting, data, running webinars and writing community papers.



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Highlights:

- ✓ IAHS Digital Water Globe – digital acceleration after Covid19.
- ✓ IAHS evolution: New WG on UPH and History of hydrology; New regional committees (Africa & Latin America); New IC Human-Water feedbacks; Assemblies in Montreal and Berlin; Arranging numerous EGU sessions and Splinter meetings.
- ✓ HELPING community paper published in HSJ, more follow from several working groups and ICs.

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Highlights:

- ✓ Internal processes and communication:
 - EDI; Clarification of vision, mission, roles; Reporting procedures; Management team; the Falkenmark award; a Communication officer and new Website/social media....
- ✓ IAHS Digital Water Globe + 3 funding proposals on scientific outreach to various research councils (e.g. EU Horizon) without success.
- ✓ Engaged with EGU, WMO, Unesco-IHP and UN water.

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Thank you for the confidence 2021-2025!

