



Agenda

Chair Berit Arheimer

Zoom Meeting:

- 1. Opening remarks (Berit) & Tour de table (Claire) (presence and voting rights for the protocol) - 5 min**
No representative from ICCE or ICT.

- 2. Update on IAHS activities, especially those with deadlines by turn of year (info by Jean-Marie) - 10 min**

JMKO mentioned annual IAHS Ltd Board meeting held 17-18 February online. During meeting, discussed suggestions for changes to IAHS Statutes and IAHS Ltd Bye-laws. The latter changes were agreed upon during the meeting. Changes to IAHS Statutes 15.3 can only be made during the next IUGG General Assembly in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in 2027.

JMKO also reported that IAHS Management Team meetings held 5 times since the last Bureau meeting in December 2024.

JMKO reminded Bureau that the Presidents-Elect of IAHS and the Commissions step into post at the end of this Bureau meeting. JMKO thanked the outgoing Presidents for all their efforts and encouraged the contributions of the incoming Presidents. ICHWF commenced in 2023 with the appointment of Heidi Kreibich as President by BA so she will remain as President until elections in 2027, then as Past-President until 2029. A document is required to detail how the leaders of Commissions and Working Groups will change over time as it is currently not consistent.

JMKO highlighted the IAHS Awards for 2025. The nominations this year were all very commendable (7 for Dooge Medal, 6 for Volker Medal, 8 for the Falkenmark Award) and the large number of nominations was a result of good communication and engagement. JMKO requested the Bureau and National Representatives to encourage nominations for the 2026 IAHS Awards with a deadline of 31 December 2025.

Tison Award paper has been identified but are waiting for acceptance by the awardees before announcing it.

SYSTA awards for 2025 were shown – 3 for the 2nd International Sociohydrology Conference in Tokyo later in July, and 7 for the IAHS2025 Scientific Assembly in Roorkee, India, in October 2025.

JMKO summarised the IAHS Communications Strategy for 2025, including the Digital Water Globe, eNews, and HSJ Digest.

JMKO reported back on IAHS Publications – PIAHS (3 volumes published in 2024, 1 currently under review, 1 planned from the Scientific Assembly at Roorkee, and 1 in the pipeline from UNESCO). A full report on HSJ is given later, and JMKO noted that a Special Issue on African Hydrology is almost complete.

- 3. IAHS Scientific Assembly 2025-Roorkee (Salvatore) - 5 min**

Update from SG: scientific programme now complete (37 Oral presentations), flash poster presentations programme will be available soon (more than 300), overall more than 600 abstracts. Still possible to submit abstracts for posters. Four special events (see Bureau papers):

- IAHS awards ceremony
- Stockholm water prize laureates' presentations – Günter Blöschl, Taikan Oki and Andrea Rinaldo
- IAHS Agora – to meet the Commissions, highlight the Panta Rhei book and socialise
- Panel session "Science for Solutions", including representatives from UNESCO, WMO, IUGG, AGU, EGU, etc. to be chaired by Christophe Cudennec

SG said that the experiment with the new format for the Scientific Assembly programme has been successful as demonstrated by the high number of abstracts submitted. Next step is to identify the chairs for the oral and flash poster sessions. Chairs should be IAHS Officers who introduce the speakers and prepare questions. SG requested representatives of each Commission / Working Group to populate the Excel file in the next 2 weeks.

BA thanked SG for driving the new format for the Scientific Assembly with the aim of encouraging more vivid discussions and encouraged the session chairs to play a role in instigating stimulating discussion and questions. SG encouraged the chairs to make contact with the presenters in advance of the sessions.

SG thanked the LOC Chair (Sumit Sen) and Ankit Agarwal for all their hard work and communications relating to the organisation of the Scientific Assembly.

Sumit Sen (Chair of the LOC) joined the meeting to provide an update on the Assembly: 400 registered participants. 13 side events have been registered immediately before and after the Assembly and during it (e.g. WMO Hydrohub Think Tank 1 day activity). LOC is dealing with quite a few emails from the participants about visa applications. Still waiting for Ministry clearance for the meeting. SS noted that he was looking for help to reach out for more funding to support the Assembly and may contact the IAHS Management Team about this matter.

SG mentioned video interview in front of poster – 80 poster presenters have selected this option so social media coverage will be very important.

4. Update on Finances and budgets 2025 & 2026 (Treasurer) - 10 min

Finances 2024 presented by outgoing Treasurer KH. Budgets for 2025 and 2026 and forward look presented by incoming Treasurer KS from 1 January 2025. KS encouraged IAHS Officers and members about how they can contribute to IAHS finances and activities, including publishing in HSJ and citing HSJ papers.

KS noted that 80% of IAHS income is from HSJ publisher T&F. In the currently uncertain publishing landscape caution must be exercised as the royalties are difficult to predict. Other funding is from IUGG and though only 7% comes from Participant Licence fees these are important for funding SYSTA. All meetings contributing Participant Licence (PL) fees are supported with SYSTA funding which has exceeded the PL income.

Expenditure is mainly IAHS Ltd staff, SYSTA awards, Regional Committees and the Digital Water Globe. There will be an HSJ Editorial Retreat in Roorkee and the costs are covered directly by a donation from T&F.

BA noted that IAHS is a charity and should not accumulate large surpluses. SG and KS responded that caution is needed in future expenditure due to the uncertainty in income sources especially in the uncertain publishing environment, likely increased costs and the importance of maintaining the paid IAHS Ltd staff who are critical for supporting IAHS members and activities.

5. Handover of President and President-Elect (Berit) - 10 min

BA gave a short presentation reflecting on her term as IAHS President. Highlights were the UN 2023 Water Conference in New York, the set-up of the science for solutions HELPING Scientific Decade and the initiation of the IAHS Digital Water Globe. She also highlighted the evolution of IAHS including new Working Groups on UPH and History of Hydrology, new regional committees, and the new IC Human-Water Feedbacks, and focus on communications and connecting people (e.g. created IAHS Communications Officer post, improved the IAHS website, EDI statement, establishment of IAHS Management Team meeting regularly). BA thanked the IAHS Bureau, IAHS Management Team, IAHS Ltd and IAHS Secretariat for their support.

SG thanked BA for her service as IAHS President. He confirmed that this is the administrative handover of President role, but the ceremonial one will be in Roorkee at the Scientific Assembly. SG gave an overview of his priorities for the next few months as incoming IAHS President: supporting and promoting HSJ; using the new meeting format for the IUGG General Assembly in Incheon, Republic of Korea in 2027; preparing a HELPING stakeholder paper to be targeted at Nature-Water or Science, and a follow-up paper in HSJ with key messages for stakeholders; developing a new initiative with WMO and UNESCO (solved problems in hydrology); proposal for introduction for IAHS Fellows like AGU. More details of these initiatives will be shared with the Bureau in due course.

6. Summary updated working plans 2024-2025: International Commissions, Working Groups/Committees-Tenure and conditions, IAHS office/academy (info: Achievements 2025, focus on community papers & IAHS meetings only) - 35 min

ICCE (no representative) – conference planned in northern Italy in 2026. Topical special issue in HSJ planned.

ICCLAS (Chris White) – meeting as a group more regularly. Special issue of HSJ planned. Discussing holding a dedicated ICCLAS workshop or link in with activities of other IAHS Commissions (co-badging).

ICT (no representative) – no report submitted.

ICWQ (Dedi Liu) – China-Africa Water Forum coming up in July. Planning to extend Commission to include ecosystems. Working towards an MOU between other Chinese institutions and IAHS.

ICWRS (Gökçen Uysal) – conference planned in 2026 in Australia, applying for IUGG meeting grant. Have published a community paper on the history of the Commission and have another one in the pipeline on HELPING.

ICGW (Antonio Zarlenga) – in-person meeting planned for autumn 2025. Working on community paper with early career hydrologists. SG recommended having a joint meeting with ICSH in 2026.

ICSH (Elena Volpi) – No ICSH workshop in 2025 due to Scientific Assembly. Planning the 2026 STAHY meeting to be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, with Hodson Makurira chairing the LOC working with the ECC and ARC. 2025 STAHY Best Paper award will be presented in 2026 alongside the 2026 award.

ICSIH (Mel Sandells) – Snow Hydrology meeting to be held in Jaca, Spain, in February 2026. ICSIH is contributing to the 2025 International Year of Glacier Preservation and also the UN Decade of Cryospheric Sciences (2025-2034). Have ongoing activities with IACS and been approached to form a joint commission. Are exploring this and will develop with the IAHS Bureau and IAHS Ltd Board. SG pointed out that IACS were originally an IAHS Commission before moving to an IUGG Association and that a joint venture is a good idea. Will also have a side event at Roorkee.

ICRS (Lisa Milani) – planning shared meetings with ICSW.

ICHWF (Heidi Kreibich) – Panta Rhei synthesis paper published in HSJ a few months ago. 4 initiatives for community papers. 2nd Sociohydrology Conference in Tokyo on 19-21 July. Expect 350 participants and anticipate future conferences. Contributed to the 2026 World Water Development Report on “Water and Gender” but this is currently delayed. SG pointed out that it is very important to include the Japanese community in 2027 General Assembly in Republic of Korea.

ICSW (Moctar Dembélé) – Contributing to the 2nd Sociohydrology Conference (with ICHWF), 16th annual Catchment Summer School in Birmingham, UK, at end of August, October 2025 IAHS Scientific Assembly side event, active in HELPING working groups, organising a session on African Hydrology at AGU in December 2025.

History of Hydrology (Okke Batelaan) – thanked Keith Beven for setting up and leading the working group over the past few years. KB is writing a “History of Hydrology” book. Published a community paper in HSJ and there is an ongoing HSJ special issue. Meeting held in June 2025. Planning weekly podcasts and more History of Hydrology interviews.

MOXXI (no representative) – SG noted that they published a community paper recently in HSJ and are participating fully at the 2025 Scientific Assembly.

CANDHY (Wouter Buytaert) – established the HELPING Working group “Co-Creating Water Knowledge” and contributed to a community paper submitted to HSJ. Big presence at the UNESCO IHP 50th Anniversary event in June 2025. Second CANDHY community paper underway led by Fernando Nardi. Planning a workshop on integrating community science into hydrology.

Latin American Regional Committee, LARC (James McPhee) – Latin American Committee 3rd meeting in Lima, Peru, in March attended by 20 people from across Latin America. Next workshop planned in Colombia either in 2026 or 2027. Ongoing special issue on Latin American Hydrology in HSJ is still accepting submissions.

UPH (Pedro Chaffe) – UPH Latin American paper will be submitted to HSJ in the next 2 months.

African Regional Committee, ARC (Hodson Makurira) – has 5 regional groups across Africa, meeting every 3 months and enthusiastically contributing to the West Africa webinar series. Working on a community paper, a review paper on southern Africa hydrology, and a further community paper. Funding from IAHS for a mobility grant – more than 150 applications, plan to make 3 awards between July and December 2025 for early career researchers to visit other institutions in Africa. Also involved in 2026 ICSH workshop preparation. IAHS is supporting participation of early career southern Africa hydrologists at the 2025 WaterNet symposium.

Early Career Committee (Moctar Dembélé) – Active with other early career groups such as Young Hydrologic Society (YHS) at AGU and EGU (special session with YHS at EGU 2025 General Assembly). Two early career side-events planned for IAHS Scientific Assembly and still looking for speakers. Contributing to the newly established IUGG Early Career Committee.

IAHS Academy (Fernando Nardi) – First edition of the IAHS academy will be held in China in mid-January 2026, with local host Fuqiang Tian. Exact dates will be fixed once availability of the course leaders is known. Ningbo University is the hosting institution, providing inexpensive accommodation for participants and for the lectures. Also supported by UNESCO and WMO.

SG recommendations for the Commissions and Working Groups: noted that Commissions and Working Groups are organising many community papers and topical workshops. These workshops should be IAHS events with IAHS members / officers as the core organisers. Similarly HELPING Working Group meeting should be IAHS meetings. Encouraged that at least 90% of community papers should be submitted to HSJ. Commission committees should interact with relevant HELPING Working Groups.

Health Break: 10 min

HSJ Report (Attilio Castellarin) – thanked the HSJ Editorial Office and the HSJ Co-Editors for their support. The journal is going well: significant increase in the number of submissions (thanks to more Special Issues), similar downloads as this time last year, 30 days-response time has been maintained. However, the impact factor of HSJ has declined slightly year-on-year – predicted as the 23 UPH paper is now outside the timeframe for the impact factor calculation. This is bad news for IAHS since HSJ Royalties are the main income source for the Association and funds the IAHS initiatives. Need to maintain a good profile for HSJ in order to attract good papers especially from rising early career researchers. The HSJ Co-Editors are taking actions to try and improve the HSJ Impact Factor. IAHS officers and members can help as well by citing HSJ papers and making submissions to HSJ. Many institutions are changing their subscription to read and publish agreements. AC therefore urged Bureau members to check their institutional subscription to HSJ and to contact the HSJ Editorial team if there are any concerns. AC noted that the HSJ Editorial Retreat to be held at the start of the Scientific Assembly, and funded by Taylor & Francis, aims to brainstorm about the future and trigger initiatives to promote HSJ. One suggestion for increasing the

visibility of HSJ is that all IAHS medallists and awardees are required to submit a paper (it could be a review paper, or a commentary or opinion paper) to HSJ within 1 year. AC requested Bureau to endorse this proposal. Finally, AC mentioned three ongoing HSJ Special Issues that are attracting high quality papers, and also community papers submitted by HELPING Working Groups. The Panta Rhei synthesis paper will attract attention.

7. EDI task force initiative (Archana) - 5 min

AS gave a short presentation, including the background to EDI and IAHS, the role and activities of the IAHS EDI Task Force established in 2024 (including conference behaviours, codes of conduct, and an inclusive and equitable publishing approach), a call for IAHS EDI Task Force members (call in 2024 was rushed, plan another call after this meeting), and the IUGG EDI Committee (started in April 2025). The IUGG is planning a carer's grant programme to help carers to attend conferences. Question about whether the carer's grant funding will be taken from Association funding from IUGG. AS is planning an IAHS EDI Task Force side event during the IAHS Scientific Assembly. The IAHS EDI Task Force Action Plan will be presented to Bureau in 2026.

8. Digital Water Globe-Recommendations for the future (Kate & Mario) - 10 min

KH presented the Recommendations of the Fixed Term Working Group on the Future of the DWG. A small design team will look at the vision and design specification for a renovated DWG (DWG2) which is simpler. DWG2 proposal will be presented at the December 2025 Bureau meeting including costs, KPIs and timeline.

Bureau voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Fixed Term Working Group (18/18). EMM gave the latest number of DWG Personal Profiles (106). It is encouraging that there are more undergraduate DWG contributions, but the number of female personal profiles remains low (38 out of 106). EMM reported that the DWG Editorial Team is very enthusiastic and engaged and is preparing a community paper on how IAHS DWG promotes dialogue with the Sustainable Development Goals, the IAHS Unsolved Problems in Hydrology, and the IAHS HELPING working groups, in a first kick-off through a contribution to the XXVI Braz. Symp. Wat. Res., in November 2025.

9. HELPING decade: updates (by Chair & Theme leaders) - 10 min

HELPING Chair & Theme leaders not present. JMKO observed a need to have more structure in HELPING. For example – need to ensure that all the more than 1000 members of the Working Groups are IAHS members.

10. Relationships with partners (info)

a) UN organizations and others: UNESCO, WMO, IAEA, UN Water, WaterNet (Jean-Marie) - 10 min

Report from JMKO:

UN Water – IAHS will be participating in the 2026 UN Water conference co-convened by Senegal and UAE. IAHS is a member of the working capacity working group and the UN-Water Exert Group on the 2030 Agenda. IAHS was represented at the UNESCO 50th IHP celebrations in Paris in June 2025. IAHS is contributing to the 2026 World Water Development Report on Water and Gender.

WMO – new framework agreement planned with IAHS. Side event planned at Roorkee Scientific Assembly (APFM and IDMP).

IUGG – JMKO and SG will attend the preparatory meeting later in July for the 2027 IUGG General Assembly in Incheon, Republic of Korea. IUGG advertises all the Associations in its flyers at the EGU and AGU General Assemblies. JMKO reminded the Bureau about applications for the 2026 IUGG Meeting support grant scheme, with deadline of **15 September 2025**. Any applications should be shared with JMKO in advance of this deadline.

Africa-China Consortium MOU being finalised.

2025 WaterNet Symposium is being held 29-31 October in Lusaka, Zambia.

Report from CC: officially representing IAHS in a number of international initiatives, including UNESCO and WMO HydroHub. Tries to attend all the online meetings. UNESCO is considering making a regular water-scientific report, similar to IPCC with IAHS invited to be part of the task force on how to shape and inform. Also invited to contribute to a revision of the WMO International Glossary of Hydrology. Working with several UN-Water focussed activities over the next 3 years. Note that the first UN-Water meeting was in the 1970s, second in 2023 and the third will be 2026 illustrating that water has moved up the agenda and IAHS must be part of this.

11. Any other business - 5 min

None

12. Date for the next meeting

Action on JMKO to send a Doodle poll to set the date of the next meeting towards the end of 2025.

13. Closure - 5 min

SG thanked BA and also the IAHS Management Team and the IAHS Ltd staff for their support and looks forward to meeting in Roorkee.

The meeting closed at 15.05 UK time.

14. Attendees

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IAHS	PE	Salvatore Grimaldi	Italy	SG
	P	Berit Arheimer	Sweden	BA
	3 VPs	Christophe Cudennec	France	CC
		Archana Sarkar	India	AS
		Fuqiang Tian	China	FT
	SG	Jean-Marie Kileshye Onema	DR Congo / RSA	JMKO
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ICCLAS	PE	Christopher White	Australia/UK	
ICCLAS	VP	Lindsay Beevers	UK	
ICGW	VP	Makoto Kagabu	Japan	
ICGW	VP	Chengpeng Lu	China	
ICGW	S	Antonio Zarlenga	Italy	
ICHWF	P	Heidi Kreibich	Germany	
ICRS	P	Amir AghaKouchak	Iran / USA	
ICRS	VP	Lisa Milani	Italy/USA	
ICSH	P	Elena Volpi	Italy	
ICSH	S	Svenja Fischer	Germany	

ICSH	ECC	Jew Das	India
ICSIH	PE	James McPhee	USA/Chile
ICSIH	P	Melody Sandells	UK
ICSW	PE	Alain Dezetter	France
ICSW	VP	Ernest Amoussou	Bénin
ICSW	ECC	Moctar Dembélé	Burkina Faso/Ghana
ICWQ	PE	Dedi Liu	China
ICWQ	VP	Remegio B. Confesor	USA/Norway
ICWQ	VP	Ann van Griensven	Belgium
ICWQ	S	Alena Bartosova	Czech Rep. / Sweden
ICWRS	PE	Pedro Chaffe	Brazil
ICWRS	VP	Suxia Liu	China
ICWRS	S	Gökçen Uysal	Turkey
ICWRS	ECC	Chris Leon	Fiji/Japan
WG	CandHy	Wouter Buytaert	UK
WG	History of Hydrology	Okke Batelaan	Australia
Committee	ECC	Moctar Dembélé	Burkina Faso/Ghana
Committee	Africa	Hodson Makurira	Zimbabwe
Committee	Latin America	James McPhee	Chile
Academy	Chair	Fernando Nardi	Italy
DWG	Editor	Eduardo Mario Mendiondo	Brazil
other attendees			
Guest	LOC	Sumit Sen	India
Guest	IAHS office	Lottie Rundall	UK
In attendance – online host	WaterNet	Ferzhaan Moses	South Africa