

Experience at the IAHS Scientific Assembly by Djigbo Félicien BADOU

The IAHS scientific assembly was an amazing experience for me. Below are three aspects, I found worthy to discuss. First; I identified possible new directions of research. I attended several sessions with interesting presentations which I intend to test in the West African context. An example is the irrigation efficiency paradox which I intend to test over a tropical catchment. I was also very interested in a presentation on drought and flood paired event case study /consecutive drought and flood events case study, and wish to investigate the occurrence of both flood and drought in the West African context.

Second, I participated actively in sessions by asking at least five questions which presenters found relevant and helpful. I was even congratulated by Prof Bruce Lankford for my insightful questions.

It is also worth mentioning that I met inspiring hydrologists whose works guided my first steps in hydrology. One of these Hydrologists is Prof Keith Beven. Below is a picture of him and me. The works of Prof Beven on uncertainty inspired my PhD thesis on uncertainty reduction as well as the presentation I gave during the Scientific Assembly on the theme **“Prediction in quantitative hydrological modelling: three small steps away from uncertainty”**. Meeting Prof. Beven at this Assembly motivated me further. I did appreciate discussing with Prof Sivapalan and Prof Hubert Savenije their visions of hydrology.

Last but not the least, I also enjoyed the awards ceremony (Dooge and Volker medals) and dreamed to be part of the awardees in the coming decades.

Abstract: [Prediction in quantitative hydrological modelling: a small step away from uncertainty. Djigbo Félicien Badou et al.](#)

Session: S6 [Understanding the human footprint on the hydrological cycle/processes in a changing world](#)

