

## INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE SYSTEMS (ICWRS)

### Status Report April 2008

#### **Commission membership**

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#### **ICWRS Meetings**

Every other year, there is either an IAHS Scientific Assembly or an IUGG General Assembly. In the years between assemblies, ICWRS organizes a symposium on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). The fourth ICWRS symposium was held in 2008 in Johannesburg. This concerned the 9<sup>th</sup> Waternet/WARFSA/GWP-SA symposium will be a joint event, co-organized by IAHS-ICWRS. Conveners from IAHS side were Bekithemba Gumbo, Hubert Savenije, Nick van de Giesen, and Ayorinde Olufayo. The symposium provided a platform for researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders to meet and exchange ideas. The theme was "Water and Sustainable Development for Improved Livelihoods".

In addition, IAHS-WCRS sponsored the following meetings in 2008:

- *Water Down Under 2008*, which was held from 14 to 18 April in Adelaide, South Australia. See: [www.waterdownunder2008.com](http://www.waterdownunder2008.com).
- The conference *HydroPredict* was held from 15 to 18 September 2008. Andreas Schumann represented ICWRS at the conference, which was mainly sponsored by ICGW. The next conference of this series will be co-sponsored by ICWRS.
- *HydroChange 2008*, which was held from 1 to 3 October in Kyoto, at the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature. The theme is "Hydrological changes and management from headwater to the ocean". See: [www.chikyu.ac.jp/HC\\_2008](http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/HC_2008).
- *International Symposium on the Role of Hydrology in Water Resources Management*, which was held on 14-16 October on the Isle of Capri, Naples/Italy. This symposium was organized by the Italian IHP committee and co-sponsored by UNESCO. The purpose of the symposium was to discuss ways in which hydrologists can contribute most effectively to planning and management of freshwater projects. On behalf of ICWRS, Andreas Schumann was part of the scientific committee of the conference. See: [www.ihp2008capri.it](http://www.ihp2008capri.it)
- In connection with this symposium, a workshop was organized on Capri from 13-14 October under the title *New Statistical Tools in Hydrology*. This workshop officially launched the new "Statistics in Hydrology" Working Group (STAHY-WG). At this conference about 100 participants discussed the hydrological issues of water management for the background of global changes. The results were published in the Red Book 327. STAHY is becoming a very successful activity within our commission and will produce its own report to the General Assembly.
- *International Symposium on Hydrology, Hydraulics and Water Resources Aspects on Global Water Issues for 30th Anniversary of Water Resources Research Center*, which was held at Kyoto University on 21st November. Its subject was the impact of climate change on river basins and water use. Nick van de Giesen (Secretary) represented ICWRS.

***Website***

The website has been migrated from a server at Bochum University, where former Secretary, presently VP, Andreas Schumann managed it, to a commercial host: [www.iahs-icwrs.org](http://www.iahs-icwrs.org). The content still needs to be updated.

Nick van de Giesen, Secretary ICWRS