



Regulations

of the

IAH Commission on Mineral and Thermal Waters

1. Every member of the CMTW must be a member of IAH.
2. The CMTW is a statutory body of IAH established in 1968 during the XXIII Session of the International Geological Congress in Prague.
2. The Commission cooperates closely with IAH President, Secretary General and the Council.
4. The main objective of the Commission is to study the main scientific and practical aspects of mineral and thermal groundwater management, namely: its origin, survey and extracting methods, resources evaluation, qualitative and quantitative protection, quality standards, terminology, concerned regulations etc...
5. The Commission implements its objective through:
 - 5.1 Holding annual meetings.
 - 5.2 Publishing as CMTW internal communications and/or in professional journals the results of the Commission activities.
 - 5.3 Advancing the scientific understanding of mineral and thermal groundwater.
 - 5.4 Furthering the development of scientific research, engineering and management of mineral and thermal waters.
 - 5.5 Improvement, promoting and influencing the understanding by national and international government authorities, health resorts physicians and administrators, industry and the general public of mineral and thermal waters.
 - 5.6 Promoting and supporting education of all levels on the subject of mineral and thermal waters.
 - 5.7 Fostering the information exchange between the Commission members and other professionals.
6. Annual meetings consist of:
 - 6.1 The scientific part devoted to the presentation and discussion of papers concerning all aspects of mineral and thermal waters.
 - 6.2 Field trips to inspect hydrogeologic features related to mineral and thermal waters.
 - 6.3 Business meetings to settle programmatic, administrative and other questions.
7. The Commission's work may be carried out by the whole Commission or, where appropriate, by project-oriented working groups.
8. The results of these groups' work must be approved by the whole Commission.

9. The Chairman of the Commission is appointed by the IAH Council basing on the recommendation of the Commission.
10. The recommendation for the post of Chairman must follow the election procedure.
11. The Chairman may be re-elected and re-appointed for further terms.
12. The Commission may elect Honorary Chairman to be approved by the IAH Council.
13. The Deputy Chairmen (max 2) and the Secretary are appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Commission.
14. The organization and program of the scientific part of the annual meeting and the field trips are the responsibility of the national organizing Committee, but have to be approved by the Chairman.
15. The Chairman and the Secretary prepare the program of the business part of the annual meeting.
16. Members of the Commission are outstanding specialists in the field of mineral and thermal waters from any country of the world.
17. The number of members from any country should preferably not exceed 2 persons.
18. New members must be proposed by two Commission members (if possible one of his/her country), who are obliged to send a written proposal to the Secretary, at least three months prior to annual meeting. The proposal should include short scientific biography and the list of main scientific publications.
19. To become a Candidate member it is indispensable for him to appear at an annual meeting, to be introduced by himself and by one recommending member and to present a contribution during the scientific part of the meeting; after all that he (she) may be voted as candidate member.
20. To become a regular member, the candidate member must be present at the next two (or at least at the following) annual meetings and present two scientific contributions in the next three meetings, and be voted by the members of the Commission.
21. If the candidate member is absent at two successive annual meetings, and a member at four successive annual meetings, his membership in CMTW will be reconsidered. Exceptions are honorary appointments (Honorary President, Honorary Member).
22. The Regulations can be changed if there is a majority of 2/3 of the present Commissions members.

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