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EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

This is the second e-mail version of the IAH/US Newsletter. I thank those of you who sent me comments on last year's trial version. There are many advantages in producing a newsletter by e-mail instead of on paper, but complete distribution isn't one of them: members for whom we do not have current e-mail addresses don't receive it. This might sound like the old classroom joke of "raise your hand if you're not here", but please tell us your e-mail addresses! Keep them current, and if you know of other members who are not receiving this newsletter, have them send me an e-mail.

As you'll see in this issue, the US Chapter changes its slate of officers in January. Many thanks go to departing Chair Pat Leahy for his leadership over the past four years, and to John Harsh for his hard work as Secretary-Treasurer. Both John and Yoram Eckstein continue on the committee, as co-vice-chairs, and I will be the new Secretary-Treasurer. We welcome our new Chair, Lenny Konikow, and look forward to working for the US Chapter under his leadership.

Finally, I would appreciate input from you, the members. In this newsletter we include news and announcements by the chapter committee and selected highlights about upcoming meetings. We certainly don't want to turn it into just a list of web-links, or a mirror of the IAH web-site or other hydrogeology sites. We would like to have your suggestions or even contributions of items. Considering the purpose of the IAH, I think it would be especially good to include items on international interactions of the US hydrogeological community - educational, outreach, scientific, etc. Send me your e-mails!

THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER: BY PAT LEAHY

It is with regret and a sense of accomplishment that I prepare this note. I have been fortunate to serve as an officer of the U.S. National Committee of IAH for the past 12 years - for the last four years as Chairman, and for the previous eight as Secretary-Treasurer, under the chairmanships of Gene Simpson and Joe Rosenshein. I very much enjoyed working with both of these leaders. Under Gene, we saw the initiation of the IAH journal, which has continued to develop into a world-class scientific journal under the able and insightful leadership of Cliff Voss and Bill Wilson. All these individuals have contributed significantly both to the U.S. Chapter and to all of IAH.

As for my tenure as Secretary and Chair, I would point to highlights such as improvements in the newsletter, more aggressive recruitment of student members,

annual business meetings at GSA, and better communication with the international office of IAH (and John Moore was certainly instrumental in this). By far the major accomplishment in recent years was the U.S. Chapter organizing and conducting the XXVIII Congress of IAH in Las Vegas. The proceedings volume, "Gambling with Groundwater: Physical, Chemical, and Biological Aspects of Aquifer-Stream Relations", included approximately 100 papers from contributors globally. John van Brahana was the General Chair and can take much of the credit for the success of this truly international scientific event. Finally, the other officers including John Harsh, Colin Booth, and Yoram Eckstein provided great support to me during my tenure as Chair. Now, however, is the time for a change in leadership for the U.S. Chapter, and in January, the slate of officers will change. I wish Lenny Konikow the best of luck as your new Chair and I look forward to the evolution of the U.S. Chapter under his leadership. Again, I was honored to serve the U.S. membership of IAH and have many fond memories as a reward for this service to our profession.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT: BY JOHN HARSH

Major items of business for the US Chapter of IAH, 1999-2000, reported to IAH Council of National Committees, included:

Election or re-election of officers, September, 2000. The new officers beginning their elected positions January 2001 are:

Leonard Konikow	Chair
Yoram Eckstein	Vice Chair
John Harsh	Vice Chair
Colin Booth	Secretary-Treasurer

(John Moore, John Sharp, Lois Ongley, and John Shoemaker were members of the IAH US Chapter nominating committee.)

Membership information as of September 6, 2000:

Full members	221
Students	8
Sponsored members	8

Activities at Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, October, 1999, Denver, Colorado US Chapter Meetings:

Exhibit booth jointly supported and staffed by IAH and AIH.
IAH Chapter management met October 25.

Honorary Life Members:

John Moore has been proposed as an honorary life member of IAH.
Phil LaMoreaux is an honorary life member of IAH.

SELECTED MEETINGS

Note: For more information about more meetings, see the IAH web page:

<http://www.iah.org>

November 11-16, 2000: Geological Society of America, Annual Meeting, Reno, Nevada.
Information on the GSA web-site: <http://www.geosociety.org>
The US Chapter will jointly staff a display booth at the GSA Annual Meeting, with the goal of increasing membership in IAH. We will also try to have a meeting of previous and new officers of the Chapter.

November 26 - December 1, 2000: IAH XXX Congress 2000:
"Groundwater" Past Achievements and Future Challenges. Cape Town, Republic of South Africa.
Web-site: <http://fred.csir.co.za/conferences/iah/>

December 13-14, 2000: AGWSE Annual Meeting and Conference: "Ground Water: A Transboundary, Strategic and Geopolitical Resource.", Las Vegas, Nevada.
Information: <http://www.ngwa.org/education/agwse2.html>
Followed a short plane ride away by:
December 15-19, 2000: American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California.
See <http://www.agu.org>

NEXT YEAR'S IAH CONGRESS:

September 10-14, 2001: XXXI. IAH Congress: "New Approaches to Characterizing Groundwater Flow, Munich, Germany." An interdisciplinary forum for oral and poster presentations of current advances in groundwater research, covering groundwater exploitation, pollution, management, and protection, and including geophysical and experimental work, modeling of flow and transport, and the appropriate use of environmental and artificial tracers. Scales reach from laboratory to integrated field studies. (However, the abstract deadline was August 31, 2000). Several workshops will be held, and several mid-conference and post-conference excursions are planned. The congress promises to be very active and full. Information is available on the following web-sites:
<http://agh.iaag.geo.uni-muenchen.de>, <http://gsf.de/OA/kong.htm>, and
<http://www.iah.org>.

OTHER ITEMS

Check out the site for the IAH Commission on Groundwater in Urban Areas (CGUA) at
<http://www.scar.utoronto.ca/~gwater/IAHCGUA.html>