

IAHR-APD Annual Report 2024

2024

Activities of the Year 2024

Including but not limited to conferences, webinars, publications, working meetings, elections, participation in international processes, etc. Some examples below:

24th IAHR-APD Congress - "Water for a Changing Future"

14 - 17 Oct 2024, Wuhan, China

- Jointly organized by the Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute (CRSRI) & Sichuan Univ.
- > 500 participants from 30 + countries (gov't, IOs, academia, industry, students).
- Eight sub-themes ranging from hazard-risk reduction to smart-water tech & estuarine/coastal engineering.
- 500 + abstracts ? 230 full papers accepted (recommended for Scopus).
- 12 special sessions & 4 side events; technical & post-conference tours (Three Gorges Dam, Dujiangyan, Giant Panda Base, etc.).
- Heritage nomination: Hankou Hydrological Station (1865).
- Advanced regional cooperation toward the UN SDGs.

<https://iahr-apd2024.com/>

IAHR-APD Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

14 Oct 2024, Wuhan, China

- First fully face-to-face EC since the pandemic; 11 / 15 members (> 73 %) present, co-chaired by Prof. Norio Tanaka (Chair) & Dr. Won Kim (Secretary).
- Reviewed 2023-24 APD activities & finances; endorsed 25th & 26th Congress hosts; approved by-law amendments (Executive Committee size, YPN seat, Secretariat rules).
- Recorded in official minutes for transparency & archival.

Journal of Hydro-Environment Research (JHER)

Continues joint publication (Elsevier) with KWRA & IAHR-APD.

- 2018-23: 2 462 submissions ? 556 sent to review; 39 % acceptance.
- 2023 Impact Factor = 2.470 (steady rise).
- Emphasis on rapid, high-quality eco-hydraulics & water-resources research; global authorship.

<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-hydro-environment-research>

Distinguished IAHR-APD Membership Award

Oct 2024, Wuhan, China

Awarded to Dr. Gregory Shahane De Costa (Open Polytechnic NZ) for decades-long contributions (APD VP 2014-18, President 2018-22; Congress chair 2010 & 2016).

- Cited for advancing hydro-environmental collaboration across APD.

Activities of Future Years

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25th IAHR-APD Congress - "Hydro-environments in the Era of Climate Change and AI"

19 - 22 Jul 2026, Incheon, Korea

- LOC chaired by Prof. Sung-Uk Choi (Yonsei Univ.)
- Grand ballroom (3 000 pax) + 35 rooms, 900-booth hall.
- Five keynote speeches; ? 10 special sessions; SCI-indexed special issues.
- Call for abstracts opens 1 Jul 2025; full papers due 1 Apr 2026.
- Master classes (2), Best Paper Awards, video-poster sessions, tech exhibition.
- Technical tours: Gunnam Dam, ARA Waterway, Cheonggye-cheon, Han River.
- Target 320 - 400 participants.

<http://iahr-apd2026.com/>

26th IAHR-APD Congress - "He T?onga te Wai - Water is a Treasure"

21 - 25 Feb 2028, Wellington, New Zealand

- Joint hosts: Open Polytechnic NZ & Victoria Univ. of Wellington.
- Five-day programme: pre-workshops, technical sessions, dinner, visits.
- Compact walkable CBD venues (James Cook Hotel & VUW).
- Late-summer climate; easy intl. access.
- Engagement with NZ Hydrological Society, NZ Society on Large Dams, Coastal Soc., Meteorological Soc.