

IAHR-APD Annual Report 2025

2025

Activities of the Year 2025

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

2025 IAHR-APD Executive Committee (EC) Meeting in Singapore

TIME: 20:00-21:30, Thursday, July 3, 2025

VENUE: Singapore EXPO

CHAIR: Norio Tanaka (IAHR-APD Chair), Won Kim (IAHR-APD Secretary)

- Key Outcomes:
- Marked the first fully face-to-face EC meeting since the pandemic, with strong attendance (10 out of 15 members, 67%).
- Reviewed 2024-25 APD activities and financial reports.
- Endorsed the host cities for the 25th and 26th Congresses.
- Approved by-law amendments regarding the Executive Committee size, YPN seat, and Secretariat rules.
- All proceedings were documented in the official minutes for transparency and archival purposes.

Journal of Hydro-Environment Research (JHER)

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

- Performance: Achieved a 2024 Impact Factor of 2.3, demonstrating a steady upward trend.
- Editorial Standards: Maintained rigorous academic standards, with a 78% rejection rate during preliminary screening.
- Process Improvements: Introduced a fast-track review system for leading scholars to accelerate review turnaround and enhance publication rates.
- Strategic Goals: Set future objectives to promote research focusing on climate change, artificial intelligence (AI), and hydro-environmental sensing technologies.
- Special Issues: Continued emphasis on publishing special issues to attract high-quality submissions.

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

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

- Objective: To provide a collaborative platform for knowledge-sharing, exchange, and technological presentations in water science and engineering across the Asia-Pacific region.
- Subthemes: Climate change, AI & water, fluvial processes, eco-hydraulics, urban hydrology, estuarine hydraulics, and more.
- Organizing Body: Led by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) comprising over 100 local experts, an International Advisory Committee, and an International Scientific Committee (ISC) with over 26 members.
- Program Structure: Includes keynote speeches, technical sessions, welcome & closing ceremonies, and technical tours. Twelve special sessions have been proposed, with further proposals from EC members strongly encouraged.
- Call to Action: Strong support and active participation from EC members are requested to ensure a successful event..

[.http://iahr-apd2026.com/](http://iahr-apd2026.com/)

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

8-12 Feb 2028, Wellington, New Zealand

- Tentative Date: February 8-12, 2028 (Strategically scheduled around the Lunar New Year and local holidays)
- Venue: Rutherford House, Victoria University of Wellington (CBD, near the railway station), New Zealand
- Progress & Strategy:
- The Scientific Committee is currently being assembled, with a strong focus on encouraging regional collaboration.
- Promotional activities will remain low-key until the conclusion of the 2026 Incheon Congress.