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Message from the President



Yuanyuan Li, IWRA President

This year marks the beginning of my second term as President of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) for the period 2025–2027. It therefore provides an opportunity not only to reflect on the achievements of the past year, but also to look back on the remarkable journey we have shared over the past three years. During a period characterised by both significant challenges and unprecedented opportunities in an increasingly complex and rapidly changing world, IWRA has continued to grow and evolve as a truly multidisciplinary, diverse and dynamic global community.

The continued growth of our membership, now exceeding 5,200 professionals worldwide, is

a testament to the strength and relevance of IWRA as a leading international network for knowledge exchange, professional development and collaboration. Our members remain at the heart of the Association, contributing their expertise, experience and commitment to advancing sustainable water resources management across disciplines, sectors and regions. Through our Task Forces on relevant and critical themes and through our Geographic Chapters, IWRA membership has once more demonstrated its commitment to providing solutions, and to connect science and policy.

A defining moment of 2025 was the XIX World Water Congress, held in Marrakech, Morocco, and co-hosted by the Ministry of Equipment and Water, Kingdom of Morocco, under the theme Water in a Changing World: Innovation and Adaptation. Bringing together more than 1,200 participants from over 80 countries, resulting in a ministerial round table, ministerial declaration and the Marrakech Declaration, the Congress provided a vibrant forum for dialogue on water governance, climate resilience, technological innovation and sustainable resource management.

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The year also marked an important period of transition and renewal for the Association. The inauguration of a new Executive Board for the 2025–2027 term and the appointment of Ignacio Deregibus as Executive Director signal the beginning of an exciting new chapter for IWRA. Bringing together distinguished experts and leaders from across regions and disciplines, the newly elected Executive Board reflects the diversity, expertise and global perspective that underpin IWRA's work and will play a critical role in shaping the Association's strategic direction over the coming years. Together, the Executive Board and Executive Director will guide the development of a renewed strategic framework and implementation plan that will strengthen the Association's impact, visibility and contribution to global water governance in the years ahead.

Another major milestone was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of IWRA's flagship journal, *Water International*. Since its establishment in 1975, the journal has played a pivotal role in advancing interdisciplinary research on water governance, policy and management.

Throughout the year, IWRA actively contributed to key international dialogues, including World Water Day 2025, preparatory meetings for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, speaking engagements at the United Nations Headquarters, through contribution to the preparatory process of the 11th World Water Forum, and the Water Action Agenda. Through these engagements, the Association continued to bring expert knowledge and evidence-based perspectives to global policy discussions. IWRA also advanced its policy engagement following the 1st Islands Water Congress in the Faroe

Islands, supporting research and recommendations aimed at strengthening water governance in island contexts. This work highlights the importance of context-specific solutions and the need to address the unique vulnerabilities of island systems in a changing climate. Given this, we are proud to announce that the 2nd Islands Water Congress is well underway and will take place in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

IWRA continued to recognise excellence across the global water community through a range of prestigious awards presented at the XIX World Water Congress, including the Crystal Drop Award, the Water Drop Award and the Ven Te Chow Memorial Lecture and Award. These distinctions celebrate outstanding contributions to water science, policy and practice and recognise individuals whose work advances sustainable water management at local, national and global levels.

Partnerships remained at the heart of IWRA's work throughout the year. The Association strengthened its collaboration with a wide range of international stakeholders, including universities, international organizations, and professional networks, while continuing to invest in the next generation of water leaders. Key partnerships with organisations such as UNESCO, UN-Water, the Asia Water Council, and the World Water Council further enhanced IWRA's ability to advance knowledge sharing and collective action across the global water community.

Looking to the future, IWRA continued to support early-career professionals through initiatives such as the World Water Envoys Programme and the Membership Grants Pro-

gramme. These efforts are helping to foster leadership, strengthen professional exchange, and amplify the impact of water-related initiatives worldwide.

2025: A year of connection, knowledge and milestones

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire IWRA team for their professionalism, dedication and hard work throughout the year. My gratitude also extends to the Executive Board for its leadership and guidance, as well as to the International Scientific Committee and all Congress Committees for their outstanding contributions to the successful delivery of the XIX World Water Congress. I warmly thank IWRA's Chapters and Task Forces for their continued engagement and valuable support in advancing the Association's mission.

Above all, I extend my deepest appreciation to our members, partners and supporters around the world. Your trust, collaboration and active participation are the foundation of IWRA's success and impact.

Looking ahead, IWRA remains committed to advancing collaboration, inclusivity and science-based action. With exciting milestones on the horizon—including the 2nd Islands Water Congress in Jamaica, the XX World Water Con-

gress in Istanbul and new formats for engagement—we are well placed to strengthen knowledge, partnerships and impact across the global water community. Together, we can build a more water-secure and sustainable future. I am confident that, together with our members, partners and the wider water community, we can contribute to a more water-secure, resilient and sustainable future for all. Thank you.



Yuanyuan Li

*President,
International Water Resources
Association (IWRA)*

2025 at a glance

A year of global dialogue, knowledge leadership and community engagement

Global convening	Organisation of the XIX World Water Congress in Marrakech, Morocco, bringing together more than 1,200 international experts, policymakers and practitioners to address innovation and adaptation in water management from over 80 countries.
Governance renewal	Inauguration of a new Executive Board for the 2025–2027 term, strengthening strategic leadership and global representation within the International Water Resources Association.
Knowledge leadership	Celebration of the 50th anniversary of IWRA's flagship journal, Water International marking plus leading publications on water security issues and key water resource fields, five decades of influential interdisciplinary research on water governance and management.
Recognition of excellence	Presentation of IWRA's prestigious awards, honouring outstanding contributions to global water science and policy. These included the Crystal Drop Award, Water Drop Award, and the Ven Te Chow Memorial Lecture and Award.
Global engagement	Addressing pressing water challenges through knowledge exchange and participation in international dialogues around World Water Day 2025, preparatory meetings for the 2026 UN Water Conference, 11th World Water Forum, and the Water Action Agenda Commitment.
Support for emerging professionals	Expansion of both IWRA's World Water Envoys Programme and Membership Grants Programme, providing early-career water professionals from around the world with access to IWRA's global network, events and resources.
Policy engagement	Continued work on research and policy recommendations following the Islands Water Congress, supporting improved water governance in island contexts.

A year of connection, knowledge and milestones

In 2025, as climate pressures intensified and demands on water resources grew, the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) reinforced its role as a global hub where science, policy and practice converge.

The year brought together researchers, policy-makers and practitioners to share knowledge, forge partnerships and advance innovative solutions. Highlights of the year included celebrating 50 years of IWRA's flagship journal and convening the global water community at the

XIX World Water Congress. These milestones that underscore the Association's commitment to the science-policy interface expand its global membership and promote evidence-based water management.

In 2025, IWRA demonstrated continued strength as a connector of people, ideas and expertise in an increasingly complex water landscape where strong collaborations are pivotal for successful action.



IWRA Executive Board and Executive Office at the Board Meeting in November 2025

Key achievements and milestones in 2025

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY CONVENES

One of the defining moments of the year was the XIX World Water Congress, held in Marrakech, Morocco from 1–5 December. Under the theme “Water in a Changing World: Innovation and Adaptation” the Congress was co-hosted by the Ministry of Equipment and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco and brought together a diverse global community of researchers, policymakers, water professionals and private sector representatives. Across plenary discussions, thematic sessions and informal exchanges, participants explored new approaches to water governance, climate resilience, technological innovation and sustainable resource management. The Congress once again demonstrated IWRA’s unique ability to connect disciplines and regions, bridging science and policy, and creating a space where ideas, experiences and solutions can be shared.

For many participants, the event was not only a forum for dialogue but also an opportunity to build professional networks and spark collaborations that will shape the future of water management.

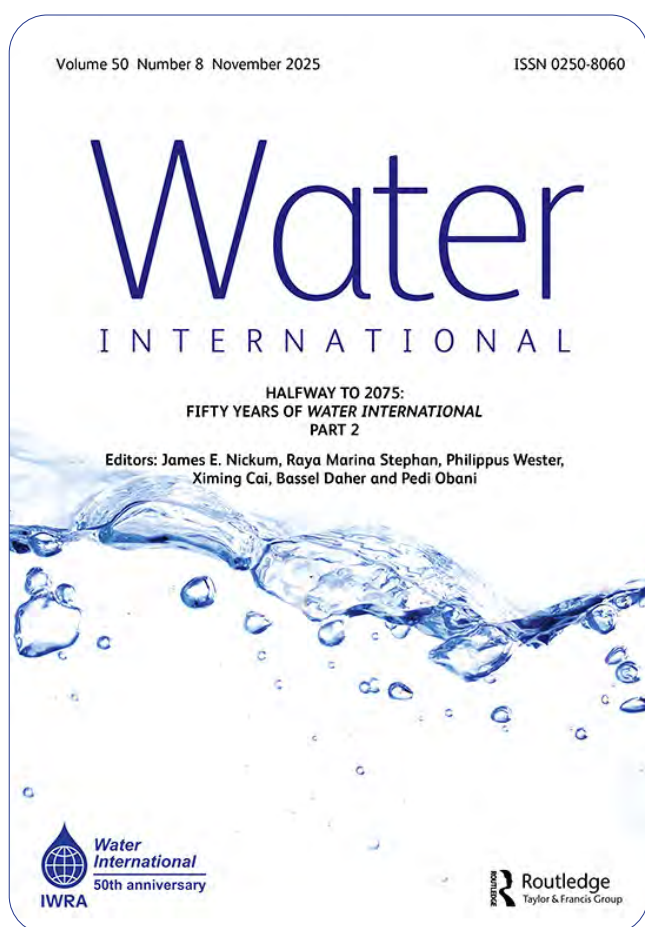
RENEWING LEADERSHIP FOR A CHANGING WATER LANDSCAPE

2025 also marked an important moment of transition within IWRA. A newly elected Executive Board began its mandate for the 2025–2027 term, bringing together internationally recognised experts from across regions and professional backgrounds. This renewal reflects the diversity and dynamism of the global water community and strengthens IWRA’s governance as it continues to respond to emerging challenges in water resources management.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF *WATER INTERNATIONAL*

A particularly meaningful milestone was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of IWRA's flagship journal, *Water International*.

Since its first issue in 1975, *Water International* has become a leading interdisciplinary publication on water governance, policy and management. Over five decades, the journal has provided a respected platform for researchers and practitioners to share knowledge and perspectives on some of the most pressing water challenges facing societies around the world. The anniversary offered an opportunity not only to reflect on the journal's history but also to recognise its continuing role in connecting scientific research with policy and practice.



KNOWLEDGE THAT CONNECTS SCIENCE AND POLICY

Knowledge sharing remains at the core of IWRA's mission. Throughout 2025, the Association supported research initiatives, expert dialogues and publications that contribute to a deeper understanding of water governance and management. Through webinars, collaborative research and knowledge platforms, IWRA fostered exchanges among experts from different regions and disciplines. These activities strengthen the science-policy interface and support evidence-based decision-making in water management.

STRENGTHENING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

IWRA's activities are rooted in its international membership network. In 2025, the Association continued to expand opportunities for professionals and students to participate in this global community. Initiatives such as the Membership Grants Programme enabled participants from diverse regions to engage with IWRA's work and connect with peers worldwide. By encouraging youth engagement and supporting early-career professionals, IWRA continues to invest in the next generation of water leaders.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION

Throughout 2025, IWRA strengthened its partnerships with universities, international organisations and professional networks working across the water sector. These collaborations enhance knowledge exchange, broaden participation in global water dialogue and support collective efforts to advance sustainable water management. Global water challenges cannot be addressed in isolation.

Key highlights of 2025

KEY MILESTONES AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENTS IN 2025

Major Event

XIX World Water Congress in Marrakech, Morocco (1-5 December 2025) with the Ministerial Declaration and Marrakech Declaration.

Awards & Honourable Mentions

IWRA's 2025 Crystal Drop and Water Drop Awards, Ven Te Chow Memorial Award and Lecture were awarded at the XIX World Water Congress. *Water International's* Best Papers were also recognised, as were honorary and fellow members.

Knowledge Production

Special journal issues and reports were published shaping water research and policy. *Water International* celebrated 50 years of insights and knowledge production.

Continued Collaboration

Holding ECOSOC status¹, IWRA continues to contribute to international policy processes as Partner of UN-Water, partner to UNESCO and OECD, and other international and multilateral organisations. Representatives and leaders spoke at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and COP30 in Brazil.

¹ECOSOC status (officially known as Consultative Status) is the highest form of accreditation granted by the United Nations to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). See here: <https://ecosoc.un.org/en/ngo/consultative-status>

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN 2025:

JANUARY 2025

- IWRA Executive Board takes office for the term 2025-2027
- IWRA Awards announced: Winners of the Crystal Drop, Water Drop, and Ven Te Chow awards

MARCH 2025

- Appointment of Ignacio Deregibus as IWRA's new Executive Director
- Stakeholder engagement begins: IWRA prepares input for the 2026 UN Water Conference preparatory process.

MAY 2025

- IWRA Strategy Committee commenced the planning and development of the 2030 Strategic Priorities

FEBRUARY 2025

- Launch of the XIX World Water Congress promotion and early calls for participation

APRIL 2025

- IWRA attends 41st UN-Water Meeting, Rome, Italy
- IWRA engages in the 11th World Water Forum Kick-off Meeting and 1st Stakeholders' Meeting, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

JUNE 2025

- IWRA is recognised for its contributions to advancing water science and governance at the 60th Water Science Division and the 50th UNESCO-IHP's celebrations in Paris, France



March: Ignacio Deregibus is appointed IWRA Executive Director



June: IWRA President Yuanyuan Li attends 50th Anniversary of IHP and 60 Years of Water Sciences Division

JULY 2025

- *Water International* celebrates its 50th Anniversary
- IWRA Secretary General Renée Martin-Nagle speaks to UN General Assembly on behalf of all water focussed Civil Society Organisations, UN HQ in New York

SEPTEMBER 2025

- The stakeholder statement is finalised and submitted to the 2026 UN Water Conference preparatory dialogues, emphasising integrated water governance, transboundary cooperation, and evidence-based policy
- IWRA attends the 42nd UN-Water Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland

NOVEMBER 2025

- IWRA engages at COP 30 in Belém, Brazil
- IWRA's Executive Board held a board meeting and strategy workshop in Marrakech, Morocco

AUGUST 2025

- The Executive Office expands and hires new team members

OCTOBER 2025

- Launch of the new IWRA membership platform GlueUp
- IWRA attends the 91st World Water Council Board of Governors Meeting in Cairo, Egypt

DECEMBER 2025

- XIX World Water Congress takes place in Marrakech, Morocco, from 1–5 December 2025
- General Assembly is held in Marrakech, Morocco
- IWRA announces that Jamaica will host the 2nd Islands Water Congress
- Türkiye agrees to host the XX World Water Congress in October 2027



July: IWRA Secretary General Renée Martin-Nagle speaks to UN General Assembly at UN HQ in New York



December: XIX World Water Congress takes place in Marrakech, Morocco

Key figures and statistics in 2025

Overview of IWRA's accomplishments & standings over the year

5250+

Active Members

300+

Registrants for IWRA's General Assembly

6

Institutional Members

4

Project partners
(AWC, K-water, GIWP and i-WSSM)

9

Thematic Task Forces
(1 new end of 2025: Islands and Water Task Force)

8

Geographic Chapters
(1 new end of 2025: Türkiye Chapter)

7

Special Issue Books

2

Thematic Publications

8

Issues of IWRA's flagship journal, *Water International*, including 3 Special Issues, and the 50th Anniversary *WI* edition

2

1 *Blue Series* Policy Brief and 1 *Green Series* Policy Brief

2

IWRA Webinars

Membership engagement

In 2025, IWRA brought together more than 5,250 members from all regions of the world, representing a wide range of disciplines, including engineering, policy, law, economics, ecology and the social sciences.

IWRA's membership structure continues to place members at the centre of its activities. Three individual membership tiers—Bronze, Silver and Gold—alongside two organisational tiers, provide flexible pathways for engagement that aligns with members' interests and levels of involvement. Bronze membership offers an accessible, no-cost entry point, including access to newsletters, Task Forces and webinars. Silver membership provides enhanced professional value, with full access to Water International, most members-only content, and eligibility for leadership roles within the Association. Gold membership represents the highest level

of engagement, offering conference discounts, exclusive networking opportunities and access to high-level events.

IWRA awarded 24 Silver Membership Grants throughout 2025 to individuals with limited financial means who demonstrated strong alignment with the Association's mission. The selection process ensured balanced representation across regions, gender and career stages.

In addition, IWRA successfully completed the transition to Glue Up, a new membership management and community engagement platform. This system centralises member data, streamlines renewal processes and strengthens opportunities for connection and collaboration across the global network.

Listening to members has remained a priority. Insights gathered through the Member Connect event, the membership survey launched in early 2025, and discussions at the General Assembly in Marrakech highlighted members' key priorities. These include opportunities for networking

within and across regions, access to webinars and online conferences, and continued engagement with Water International. IWRA remains committed to responding to this feedback and to shaping its activities accordingly.

ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERS

Gold Membership

- Chinese Chapter (General Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Planning and Design, MWR of China)
- Energy and Water Agency of Malta (EWA)
- Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA)

Silver Membership

- International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)
- Asia Water Council (AWC)

Membership Survey

(conducted in early 2025)

In early spring, the IWRA membership survey was carried out. It gathered members' priorities around networking, knowledge sharing, and publications. The results informed the design of future programmes and engagement strategies, and highlighted the continued importance of offering digital and hybrid participation options.



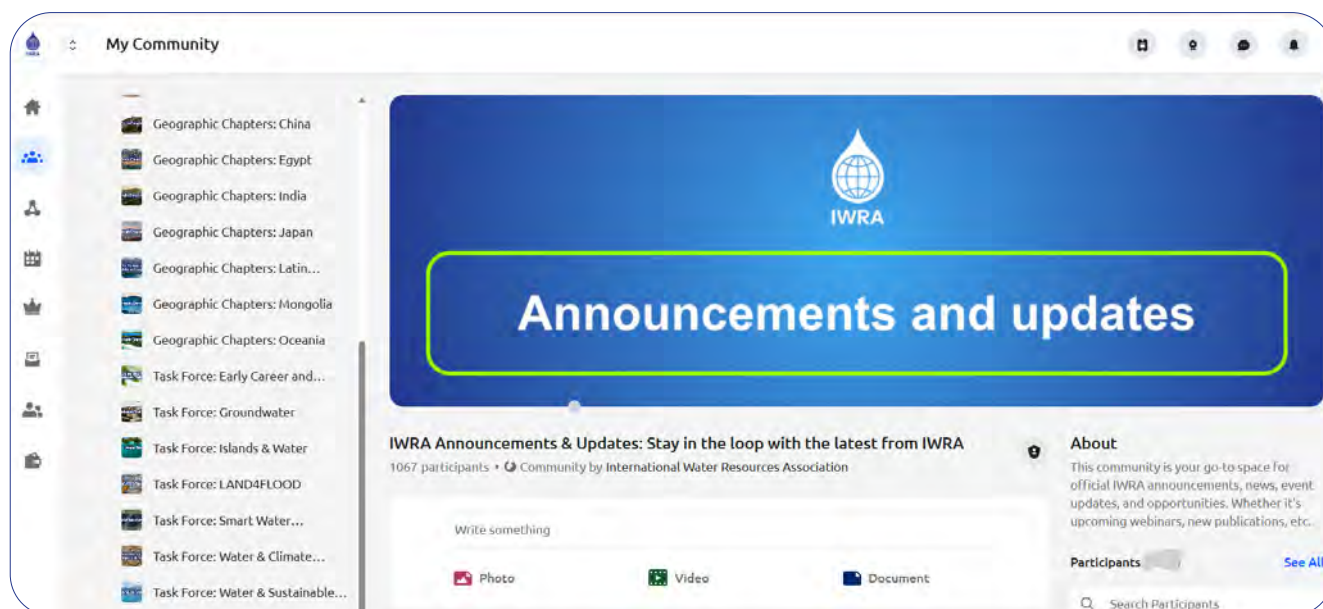
IWRA President Yuanyuan Li with IWRA's new Silver Members – XIX World Water Congress rapporteurs

IWRA membership

Chapters & Task Force Participation	9 active Task Forces, 8 active Geographic Chapters An opportunity for members to engage, present and share knowledge, and collaborate.
Membership Grants Awarded	24 Silver Membership Grants Equitable participation, capacity building, professional development and networking.
New Membership Platform on GlueUp	For networking and administration of membership – closer engagement with members.
Webinars + Conferences	Sessions with global participation – Networking, professional development.
<i>Water International Access</i>	100% accessible for all Silver & Gold members Knowledge dissemination, professional advancement.
Representation at External Events	IWRA Members presenting / participating in international forums. Policy process engagement, professional development and presentation.
Member Feedback Channels	Member networking events (e.g. Global Networking Cafe), General Assembly discussions, membership survey.
Membership Platform Adoption	Full migration to GlueUp; 90% of members actively engaged – connectivity, collaboration, streamlined engagement.

New IWRA Membership Platform

Simultaneously, IWRA launched a new membership platform on GlueUp to streamline member management, foster engagement, and provide improved access to resources and services.



Glue Up, IWRA's new membership platform

2025 GRANTS PROGRAMME

IWRA Membership Grants 2025

- 24 Silver Membership Grants awarded
- Targeted support for individuals with financial constraints
- Selection ensured diversity across regions, gender and career stages

IWRA Membership Grant Recipients 2025

In 2025, the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) awarded 24 Silver Membership Grants to individuals facing financial constraints. The selection process for these awards prioritised inclusivity and balance, ensuring diversity across geographic regions, gender, and career stages. The Membership Grant programme provides a complimentary 12-month Silver membership to water professionals and enthusiasts worldwide and is made possible through the generous support of IWRA's Gold and Silver Institutional Members.

The 2025 cohort of Membership Grant recipients demonstrates IWRA's continued commitment to widening access to knowledge exchange, professional development, and engagement within the international water resources community, as well as enabling broader and more equitable participation in the global water community.

We thank the following IWRA institutional members for their continued generous collaboration and contribution.

SPONSOR	RECIPIENTS
IWRA China Chapter	Abdirahman Abdillahi Abdirahman (Somalia), Anass Mouktaoui (Morocco), Anoesjka Masilela (South Africa), Ashish Sharma (Nepal), David Love Opeyemi (South Africa), Farhad Bolouri (Turkey)
Energy and Water Agency of Malta (EWA)	Marvin Dos Santos Almeida Siteo (Mozambique / Turkey), Moses Souta (Zimbabwe), Njeri Ngugi (Kenya), Pallavi Pokharel (Nepal / USA), PJ Santa (USA / PR), Raimi Morufu Olalekan (Nigeria)
Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA)	Hanaa Sabaa (Egypt), Ifeanyi Chidozie OI (Nigeria / China), Ijaz Younas (Pakistan), Ines Gasmi (Tunisia / Germany), M. D. K. Lakmali (Sri Lanka / China), Margret Mwanza (Zambia / UK)
International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)	Sarmila Tandukar (Nepal), Selina Ama Saah (Ghana)
Asia Water Council (AWC)	Seyed Mehdi Mohammadi Zadeh (Iran / Brazil), Shiblur Rahman (Egypt)
Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)	Suhail Ahmad (Pakistan), Timothy Akinkuoli (Nigeria)

HONORARY AND FELLOW MEMBERS

Recognising Excellence and Service

In 2025, IWRA issued its annual call for nominations for Honorary and Fellow Membership. Honorary Membership is the highest distinction conferred by the Association. It recognises individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of water resources or who have achieved recognised eminence in a specific area of the field. Fellow Memberships are awarded to individuals who have been IWRA members for at least ten years and who have made significant contributions to both the Association and the wider field of water resources.

IWRA annually recognises distinguished individuals and awards them with this distinction for life. Honorary Members are exempt from membership fees and upon election, Fellows maintain Silver level membership and are automatically upgraded to Gold level membership.

The 2025 selected recipients for Honorary and Fellow Membership awards were announced and recognised during the XIX World Water Congress in Marrakech. The Congress also celebrated the recipients of the 2024 Honorary and Fellow Membership awards. During the Congress, the Association presented certificates and acknowledged distinguished individuals before a global audience of water professionals, policymakers and practitioners.

HONORARY MEMBER 2025

In 2025, IWRA awarded Honorary Membership to Jacques Ganoulis. Professor Ganoulis has contributed extensively to water science, governance and education. Through his work in academia and international cooperation, he has advanced integrated approaches to water resources management and strengthened knowledge exchange across regions.

2025 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNER

Jacques Ganoulis

Emeritus Professor and UNESCO/INWEB Director, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece and Fulbright Professor, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Geography Department, USA



FELLOW MEMBER 2025

IWRA recognised Patrick Lavardge as a Fellow in 2025. This recognition reflects his sustained contributions to the Association and his professional engagement in advancing water resources management.



2025 FELLOWSHIP AWARD WINNER

Patrick Lavardge

Inspector General, General Inspectorate for the Environment and Sustainable Development (IGEDD)

Thematic Task Forces

IWRA's thematic Task Forces continued to support the Association's role as a platform linking science, policy and practice in water resources management.

GROUNDWATER TASK FORCE

Recognised increasingly as an essential resource for global water security, groundwater continues to be a priority for IWRA, with the Task Force seeking more effective strategies to engage members and stakeholders in future activities. Despite challenges with member participation, the Groundwater Task Force has focused on consolidating efforts and fostering collaboration, exploring ways to leverage partnerships with other Task Forces to enhance its impact. The Task Force remains committed to addressing the critical issues surrounding groundwater use and management. In 2025, the Task Force

elected Lili Yu as the new Chair of the Task Force; organised the special session “Groundwater Management in Arid Regions: From Overuse to Resilience” during the XIX World Water Congress; and developed the Work Plan for 2026.

LAND4FLOOD TASK FORCE

The Land4Flood Task Force has maintained an active mailing list of 270 members under Chair Carla Sofia Santos Ferreira, regularly sharing updates and distributing news-letters. Future plans include continuing to host the Land4Flood conferences and publishing a policy brief on flood risk mitigation measures. Organised by IWRA's Land4Flood Task Force, the Second LAND4FLOOD conference took place in Timișoara, Romania, from 3 to 5 September 2025. For more information please see [Policy Brief here](#)

WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

The Water and Climate Change Task Force has made significant progress in strengthening global understanding and collaboration on the water–climate nexus. Under new leadership, the Task Force hosted successful webinars on water and climate change, drawing over 170 participants worldwide. Additional contributions include a podcast series on nature-based solutions, a special session on mountain adaptation at the World Water Congress, and expert discussions on PFAS contamination. The Task Force also contributed to a Special Issue of Water International on water and climate change and was working to organise itself for future webinars, and prepared for COPs participation in Brazil.

EARLY CAREER AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (ECYP) TASK FORCE

Under Chairwomanship of Rewa Assi the ECYP Task Force has remained actively engaged in developing emerging water leaders, providing networking opportunities, mentor-ship, and professional development for young water professionals worldwide.



Early Career and Young Professionals (ECYP) Task Force at the UNESCO Water Youth Dialogue

WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE

The Task Force was chaired by Mohammad Tahir Ghorri. Under the new leadership, the Task Force Bureau has reviewed members' interest in continuing their participation in the and has developed a proposed agenda and work plan for forthcoming activities. A meeting of the Working Group on Contaminants of Emerging Concern was held on 14 November

SMART WATER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

The Smart Water Management Task Force under the leadership of Kareem Kola successfully organised a webinar on smart water management. The Task Force is prioritising the engagement of new members, including outreach to Korean smart water industries to stimulate participation. The Task Force continues to promote sustainable water management practices, contributing to IWRA's global mission.

WATER SECURITY TASK FORCE

The Water Security Task Force (WSTF) has continued to strengthen IWRA's leadership in global water security, contributing to the Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Paper Series on topics including water reuse, groundwater governance and integrated urban water management. The Task Force has also advanced global dialogue through its podcast series and a range of webinars and workshops on urban water security.

Leadership of the WSTF has transitioned to Hassan Tolba Alboenga and Jan Hofman, who have developed a renewed strategy for the Task Force. The Urban Water Security Working Group has remained active, organising webinars and building partnerships, including with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), with a focus on the digital transformation of the water sector. To revitalise the WSTF and enhance its impact,

a global open call for new Bureau members was launched, promoting regional and gender diversity, policy and finance expertise, and representation from climate-vulnerable regions.

WATER AND SDGS TASK FORCE

The Water and SDGs Task Force continued advancing the integration of water-related initiatives within the broader Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) agenda, with a particular focus on SDG 6 and its links to other goals. The Task Force contributed to knowledge sharing and policy dialogue through a special session at the XIX World Water Congress on “Downscaling SDG 6 to Decision-Relevant Scales,” which showcased national and local implementation experiences, identified best practices, and addressed common challenges in monitoring and achieving SDG 6. The Task Force also published the article “Downscaling SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) to Decision-Relevant Scales” in *Water International* (Vol. 50, Issue 5), contributing to the evidence base on translating global water targets into effective action at national and local levels.

ISLANDS AND WATER TASK FORCE

The Islands and Water Task Force was established at the end of 2025 and introduced formally at the XIX World Water Congress. Chaired by Francesco Sindicao, in support of the preparations for the 2nd Islands Water Congress, the Task Force issued a call for participation and membership, which received strong engagement from the IWRA community. Meetings, webinars, and other engagement activities are planned throughout 2026, including a dedicated session at the 2nd Islands Water Congress.

INTER-TASK FORCES ACTIVITIES

A pre-Congress inter-Task Force webinar was held on 8 October 2025 and co-organised by the Vice-Chair for Task Forces, Rewa Assi (Chair of the Early Career and Young Professionals Task Force), and Kola Kareem (Chair of the Smart Water Management Task Force). The webinar brought together members of the Climate Change Task Force, Islands Task Force, Smart Water Management Task Force, as well as an IWRA Envoy. The event attracted more than 100 participants and provided an opportunity for cross-Task Force exchange and collaboration in advance of the Congress.

To express interest in joining any of the IWRA Task Forces, please write to office@iwra.org



Screenshot of social media card for webinar promotion

Geographic Chapters

IWRA's regional and national chapters are essential platforms for connecting local expertise in global water dialogue.





IWRA Latin American and Caribbean Chapter (delete geographic) on World Water Day 2025

IWRA LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN (LAC) CHAPTER

In 2025, the Latin American and Caribbean Chapter of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) promoted regional dialogue on water governance through a webinar series and participation in a regional event on glacier protection.

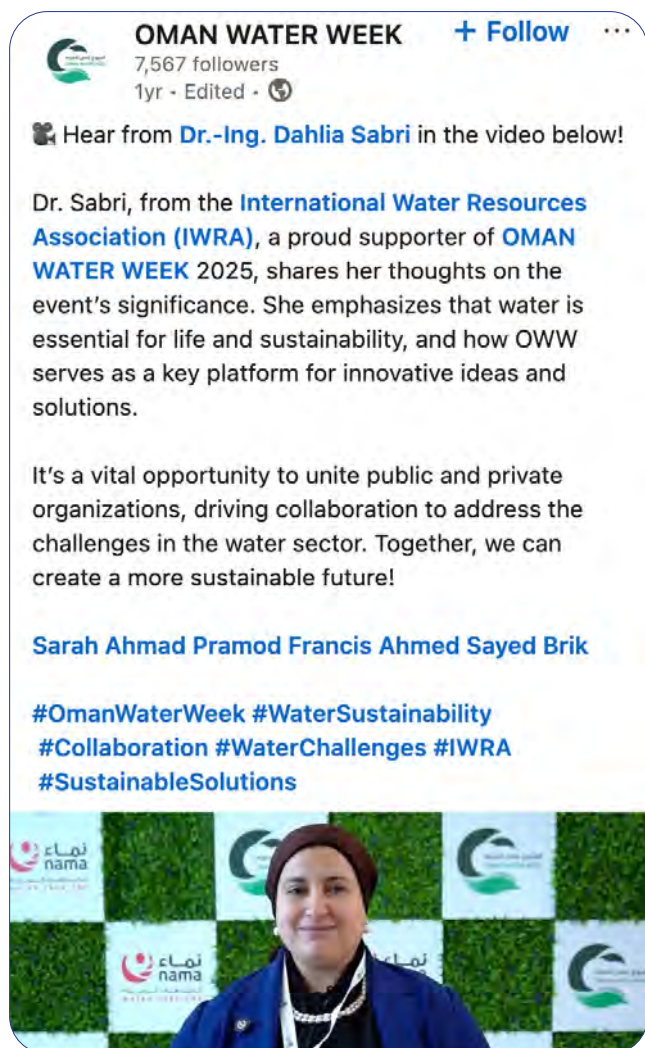
Between April and May 2025, the IWRA LAC Chapter, in collaboration with the Argentinean Institute of Water Resources (IARH), organised a five-part webinar series entitled Water Policies in Latin America. The series examined the evolution of water governance in the region, current policy approaches and future challenges. The sessions brought together senior experts, policy-makers and academics to exchange perspectives and lessons learned on integrated

water resources management in Latin America and the Caribbean. Speakers included Benedito Braga, Miguel Solanes, Axel Dourojeanni, Humberto Peña, Mónica Porto and Lilian del Castillo, among others. The discussions were moderated by members of the LAC Chapter and IARH, with coordination support from Ariana Rossen, IWRA Board member and Co-Chair of the LAC Chapter.

On 30 May 2025, the IWRA LAC Chapter also participated in a multisectoral dialogue hosted by Fundación Ecosistemas Azules in Buenos Aires to mark the international “Year of the Glaciers”. The event included contributions from IWRA, IARH and ARCap Net, as well as the screening of the documentary *Glaciares, huella del tiempo* by filmmaker Roberto Brandana.

IWRA EGYPT CHAPTER

The IWRA Egypt Chapter, chaired by Dahlia Sabri (IWRA Board Director), continued its active regional engagement in linking water management, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. As a Supporting Partner at Oman Water Week in Muscat (6-10 April), the Chapter joined MENA water stakeholders in exploring challenges and innovations in water management. They reinforced their contribution to global and regional water governance dialogues and also participated in the 6th Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Kuwait City. Organised by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the League of Arab States, the theme was “Building Resilient Arab Communities: From Understanding to Action”.



Linkedin post from Oman Water Week on Dahlia Sabri, IWRA Board Member and Egypt Chapter Chair.

IWRA TÜRKİYE CHAPTER

By the end of 2025, the newly established IWRA Turkish Chapter formed its governance structure, established thematic priorities and defined their initial work programme. The Chapter is scheduled to become operational in early 2026 following the completion of national consultations and coordination with key stakeholders from government, academia and technical institutions. The initiative builds on Türkiye's established integrated water resources management framework, including basin-based governance across 25 river basins. It seeks to respond to increasing pressures on water resources arising from climate change, demographic growth and competing sectoral demands. It aims to strengthen innovative, science-based and collaborative approaches to water governance while enhancing resilience and sustainability in the sector.

Throughout 2025, extensive consultations were undertaken to define the institutional design and strategic orientation of the Chapter. These discussions led to agreement on a provisional Bureau composed of senior representatives from key national water institutions and universities. In parallel, thematic Working Groups were established as the main operational mechanism, ensuring interdisciplinary collaboration and inclusive participation across the water community. By the end of 2025, the institutional framework was fully prepared for launch.

Five thematic Working Groups have been defined: Water Use Efficiency, Circular Water Approaches, One Health and One Water, Science-Policy Interface, and Disaster Risk Management in the context of climate change. The Chapter will support knowledge exchange through webinars, workshops, training activ-

ities and policy briefs, and contribute to scientific publications and IWRA global initiatives. The first Bureau meeting is planned for February 2026, marking the formal launch of the Chapter, which is expected to become a key platform for advancing integrated and innovative water management in Türkiye.

The IWRA Turkish Chapter is guided by the vision “Leading Türkiye towards a Sustainable and Innovative Water Future.” Its objective is to integrate technological innovation with environmental, ecological and social dimensions in water management, while strengthening sustainable governance, improving water-use efficiency and enhancing adaptation to climate change impacts. It will also serve as a national platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration among practitioners, researchers and policymakers, and foster stronger links with regional and international water networks.

IWRA CHINA CHAPTER

The IWRA China Chapter experienced positive growth and renewed momentum in 2025, welcoming 15 new members and further strengthening its network of water professionals, researchers, and institutions. Under the leadership of the Global Institute for Water Security and Policy (GIWP), the Chapter advanced collaboration with IWRA through a joint project focused on key water resources fields, while also exploring new opportunities for engagement with the global IWRA community. The Chapter made a particularly significant contribution to preparations for the XIX World Water Congress, supporting outreach, knowledge exchange, and the mobilization of expertise from China’s water sector. These efforts have laid a strong foundation for expanded collaboration and the development of new joint initiatives in the years ahead.

IWRA MONGOLIA CHAPTER

While no major new initiatives or concrete programme outputs were reported in 2025, the IWRA Mongolia Chapter remained active in promoting dialogue and knowledge exchange on urban water security and sustainable water management. The Chapter continued to engage water professionals, researchers, students, and government representatives, maintaining its role as a platform for networking, capacity development, and awareness-raising on Mongolia’s water challenges and opportunities.

IWRA INDIA CHAPTER

The IWRA India Chapter maintained its presence within the national water community throughout 2025, fostering connections among important stakeholders and regional IWRA membership. Although no major activities or flagship initiatives were implemented during the reporting period, the Chapter continued to support knowledge sharing and professional exchange on water resources management issues. Looking ahead, the Chapter has expressed interest in strengthening collaboration with IWRA, with joint activities and engagement opportunities foreseen for 2026 and beyond.

IWRA JAPAN CHAPTER

In 2025, the IWRA Japan Chapter continued to provide a valuable link between IWRA and Japan’s water sector, helping to sustain engagement among researchers, professionals, and institutions working on water resources issues. While no major chapter-led events or new initiatives were reported during the year, the Chapter remained supportive of IWRA activities and international knowledge exchange. Efforts are underway to explore opportunities for renewed engagement, with collaborative activities and stronger participation in regional and global IWRA initiatives anticipated in 2026.

IWRA OCEANIA CHAPTER

Building on its recent work on climate resilience, environmental restoration, and water policy research, the IWRA Oceania Chapter remained active in 2025 in promoting dialogue and knowledge exchange across the region. The Chapter's ongoing engagement built on the momentum generated by previous initiatives, including Project Halophyte, which explored innovative approaches to coastal ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation in Pacific Island communities; research on global freshwater requirements for climate mitigation; and preparations for the National Water Leaders Survey. While no major new initiatives or significant programme

outputs were reported during the year, the Chapter continued to engage water professionals, researchers, students, and policymakers, maintaining its role as a platform for collaboration and knowledge sharing on the diverse water challenges and opportunities facing Oceania.

CHAPTER IN DEVELOPMENT

The Executive Office continues to work toward establishing new Chapters in Africa.

To express interest in joining any of the IWRA Geographic Chapters, please write to office@iwra.org



XIX World Water Congress and Islands Water Congresses

XIX WORLD WATER CONGRESS, MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

From 1 to 5 December 2025, the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) convened the XIX World Water Congress in Marrakech, Morocco. Organised in partnership with the Ministry of Equipment and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco and held under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, the Congress represented one of IWRA's

flagship global events and a key platform for advancing dialogue on water management and governance.

The Congress brought together more than 1,200 participants from over 80 countries, including researchers, policymakers, practitioners, representatives of civil society organisations and private sector leaders. Convened at a time of increasing environmental, climate and humanitarian pressures, the event provided an important forum for the exchange of knowledge and the strengthening of international cooperation on water-related challenges.

Under the theme “Water in a Changing World: Innovation and Adaptation,” the Congress explored the interconnections between water, ecosystems, energy, agriculture and human development. Discussions highlighted the



High Level Panel during XIX World Water Congress

importance of science-based approaches to water management and reaffirmed the role of IWRA as a global platform, linking research, policy and practice. The programme reflected the breadth of expertise within the global water community, featuring four high-level panels, more than 200 thematic sessions, poster presentations and exhibitions. It demonstrated the thought leadership of the IWRA water community and the importance of the World Water Congress series as a vibrant global platform.

An outstanding component of the Congress was the Ministerial Roundtable, which brought together 18 ministerial delegations and representatives of 16 international organisations. This high-level dialogue emphasised the strategic importance of water for sustainable development, resilience and peace, and reinforced the need to translate scientific knowledge into effective governance frameworks capable of addressing complex and evolving water challenges.

The Congress concluded on 5 December with the adoption of the Marrakech Declaration. The Declaration calls for placing water at the forefront of international decision-making and for strengthening its visibility across major global



XIX WORLD WATER CONGRESS
International Water Resources Association (IWRA)
Marrakech, Morocco | 1-5 December 2025

XIX World Water Congress

1-5 December 2025,
Marrakech, Morocco

1200+	Participants
80+	Countries represented
4	High level panels
236	Thematic sessions
3	IWRA Awards
1	Ministerial Roundtable
1	Ministerial Declaration
1	Marrakech Declaration
1	Youth statement



Ministerial Roundtable during the XIX World Water Congress

XIX World Water Congress - Themes

The overarching theme of the xix world water congress organised by the international water resources association was: *Water in a Changing World: Innovation and Adaptation*.



policy platforms. It emphasises the urgency of accelerating innovation, increasing investment and enhancing cooperation to address growing water-related risks. The Declaration also calls for strengthened attention to water in forthcoming international milestones, including COP31, the 2026 United Nations Water Conference and the 11th World Water Forum in 2027.

Key points of the Marrakech Declaration include the need to rethink water management in response to climate change, population growth, urbanisation and increasing demand for water resources; the promotion ethical and responsible innovation, including digital technologies and nature-based solutions; increasing investment in climate adaptation and resilient water infrastructure; and strengthening inclusive and participatory governance that ensures the meaningful involvement of women, young people, civil society organisations and local communities. The Declaration also reaffirms the human right to water and sanitation and recognises the cross-cutting importance of water across development sectors.

The Congress also marked several important milestones for IWRA and its partners. A Letter of Intent was signed between IWRA and the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme, reinforcing their long-standing collaboration to advance science-based water action in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In addition, the IWRA World Water Envoys Programme concluded during the Congress, in which it recognised four outstanding young water leaders selected from more than 100 applicants worldwide.

The event also celebrated excellence and leadership in the water sector through the presentation of IWRA's awards. The Crystal Drop Award was presented to Claudia Sadoff in recognition of her leadership and contributions to global water security, while the Water Drop Award honoured Hassan Tolba Aboelnga for his innovative work on water security and climate resilience. The Ven Te Chow Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Cecilia Tortajada, who highlighted key insights on water governance and policy.

The strong engagement of participants, partners and the broader IWRA community contributed significantly to the success of the Congress. Through dialogue, knowledge exchange and collaboration, the XIX World Water Congress reinforced IWRA's role as both a convening platform for the global water community as well as a catalyst for advancing science-based solutions.

FUTURE WORLD WATER CONGRESSES

In 2024, IWRA launched a call for Expressions of Interest to host the XX World Water Congress, scheduled for 2027. Initial applications, consisting of a two-page letter of interest, were submitted by December 2024. Following the review of submissions and further consultations with candidate countries throughout 2025, IWRA completed the evaluation process and selected the co-host of the XX World Water Congress to be the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to take place on 4-8 October in Istanbul, Türkiye. The official announcement of the host country was made during the XIX World Water Congress in Marrakech, Morocco, in December 2025.

WORLD WATER ENVOYS PROGRAMME

IWRA's World Water Envoys Programme, an award-winning initiative, continues to be an integral component of the Association's World Water Congress. Established in 2021 to amplify young water professional perspectives and to strengthen intergenerational dialogue, the programme brings together emerging leaders from around the world to share perspectives on water challenges and innovative solutions within their own communities. Selected Envoys actively contribute to the Congress through participation in sessions, knowledge exchange activities

and engagement with policymakers, experts and stakeholders. Their involvement further strengthens IWRA's commitment to inclusive dialogue, youth engagement and the development of future water leaders. Through this programme, IWRA continues to empower the next generation of water professionals and encourage innovative, youth-driven approaches to addressing global water challenges.

In preparation for the XX World Water Congress 2027 in Türkiye, the call for applications for the 4th World Water Envoy Programme will open in November 2026, inviting young professionals and emerging leaders from around the world to apply and contribute to the Congress. The selection process will take place in December 2026, and selected World Water Envoys will be officially announced in January 2027.

To learn more about the World Water Envoys Programme, please visit: www.iwra.org/world-water-envoys-programme



2025 World Water Envoys

ISLANDS WATER CONGRESSES

The 2nd Islands Water Congress will take place in Montego Bay, Jamaica, from 27-29 January 2027, in collaboration with the Water Resources Authority. Held every two years over a period of two to three days, the Islands Water Congress brings island governments, policymakers, practitioners, researchers and communities together to advance island-specific water management approaches. The Congress combines global expertise with local relevance, enabling host islands to address priority challenges while contributing practical insights to a growing international body of island water knowledge. This next Congress reinforces IWRA's commitment to supporting island regions in addressing water security, climate resilience, and sustainable development challenges.

Building on this, the Association has also launched the call for Expression of Interest to host the 3rd Islands Water Congress. This initiative reflects IWRA's long-standing experience in delivering international water congresses and builds on the success of the inaugural Islands Water Congress launched in 2024 - a leading global event dedicated specifically to freshwater challenges and opportunities faced by island nations and communities. This process marks another important step in strengthening IWRA's engagement with island communities and broadening the global dialogue on sustainable water management in island environment.



Strategic partnerships

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

In 2025, the Committee reinforced IWRA's international engagement and partnerships. It represented IWRA at the 42nd meeting of UN-Water in Geneva (1-2 October 2025), ensuring that the Association remained engaged in UN system discussions on global water priorities. The Committee also coordinated with UNESCO and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to facilitate IWRA member participation in working groups preparing the Water Cooperation and Water Prosperity Interactive Dialogues for the 2026 UN Water Conference.

Throughout the year, the Committee strengthened collaboration with UNESCO programmes. It advanced cooperation with the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) and the

World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) and prepared a Letter of Intent (LoI) to formalise collaboration, which IWRA signed during the XIX World Water Congress in Marrakesh. The Committee also explored additional cooperation opportunities with the Alliance for Water Stewardship, Geneva Water Hub, the Global Water Partnership and the UNESCO Chair on Sustainability in Barcelona.

In addition, the Committee supported IWRA's participation in high-level international water events and monitored developments in global water governance, including activities related to the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028.

Looking ahead, the Committee will further strengthen IWRA's partnership approach by engaging more closely with Geographic Chap-

ters, Task Forces, youth networks and early-career professionals and by identifying strategic partners whose work complements IWRA's scientific expertise and global network.

IWRA PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES WITH UN ENTITIES

In 2025, IWRA actively collaborated with UN entities and processes to advance the Water Action Agenda, strengthen science-policy dialogue, and promote inclusive, sustainable, and gender-responsive water governance.

In 2025, IWRA continued to support the global

momentum of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” (2018–2028) through its Water Action Agenda Commitment. It contributed to the objectives of the Dushanbe Water Process led by the Government of Tajikistan in collaboration with the United Nations. IWRA mobilized its global network of water professionals, researchers, and policy experts to strengthen knowledge exchange and evidence-based dialogue on sustainable water management, contributing to the implementation of the Water Action Agenda and follow-up to the United Nations 2023 Water Conference.

FAO	Contribution to the Global Dialogue on Water Tenure, focusing on governance, rights, and equitable access to water in agriculture and rural development.
UNESCO-IHP	Participation in the 60th Water Sciences Division & 50th IHP Anniversaries Celebrations, Bureau/Council meetings, youth networks, Water Sciences Report, and “Water Security in a Changing World” report.
UNESCO I-WSSM	Support to ongoing Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Publications 5, 6 & 7.
UNESCO MAB	Contribution to preparations for the 5th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves (China).
UNESCO WWAP	Input provision to the UN World Water Development Report 2026.
UNFCCC	Participation in COP30 Water Pavilion and organisation of side events on water and climate adaptation.
UN-WATER	Engagement in UN 2026 Water Conference preparations. UN-Water meetings, System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation (2025–2028) implementation, and the UN-Water Task Force on World Water Day: Water and Gender / World Toilet Day: Sanitation and gender equality.



IWRA President Yuanyuan Li and UNESCO-IHP's Division Water Sciences Director Abou Amani signing a Letter of Intent at the XIX World Water Congress

IWRA partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the Global Dialogue on Water Tenure, contributing expertise to discussions on water governance, rights, and equitable access to water resources in the context of land tenure, agriculture, and rural development.

Collaboration with UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) included participation in the 60th anniversary of UNESCO's Water Sciences Division and the 50th anniversary of IHP, engagement in Bureau and Council meetings, and advancement of cooperation through a Letter of Intent (LoI). IWRA also supported youth networks and contributed to knowledge dissemination initiatives, including UNESCO's Water Sciences Report and the report "Water Security in a Changing World: Scientific Frontiers and Applications." Collaboration with UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM) included ongoing work on the Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) publication series, Issues 5, 6, and 7, on Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Water and Gender, respectively.

Through the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB), IWRA contributed to preparations for the 5th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves in China, supporting dialogue on water management in biosphere reserves and sustainable landscapes. IWRA also contributed to the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) and its UN World Water Development Report 2026, providing inputs with the title "Water for All People: Equal Rights and Opportunities" to strengthen the integration of gender- and equality-responsive approaches in water governance and policy.

In 2025, IWRA engaged with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by participating in the COP30 Water Pavilion and organising side events, fostering dialogue on the intersection of water management, climate adaptation, and sustainable development.

IWRA's collaboration with UN-Water included active participation in the preparations for the UN 2026 Water Conference, UN-Water meetings, and the System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation Collaborative Implementation Plan (2025–2028). IWRA also contributed to the Task Force on World Water Day 2026 focused on Water and Gender and participated in the Future of Water: Beyond Agenda 2030 webinar series, among other initiatives that strengthened global water governance, advocacy, and knowledge sharing across the UN system.

Collaborations and external events

In 2025, IWRA further strengthened its global engagement and visibility through active participation in a range of major international water, climate and sustainability events. These engagements supported IWRA's strategic priorities, including strengthening partnerships, advancing science-policy dialogue, promoting water security and contributing to global water governance initiatives.

Throughout 2025, IWRA's participation in key global meetings created opportunities to share expertise, strengthen collaboration with partner organisations, and contribute to shaping the international water agenda ahead of major milestones such as the 2026 UN Water Conference, COP30 and upcoming 11th World Water Forum. These engagements are listed below.

UN-WATER ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the year, IWRA was an active member of the UN-Water Task Forces on World Water Day and World Toilet Day, the biggest advocacy campaign in the sector, and contributed to the UN World Water Development Report 2026 *Water for All People: Equal Rights and Opportunities*.



42nd UN-Water Meeting in Geneva

International Congress and Association Engagement	IWRA participated in the ICCA MasterClass on Strategy and Association Impact, which brought together leaders of international associations to explore strategies for increasing organisational impact and long-term sustainability. The programme focused on governance, stakeholder engagement and strategic positioning of international associations. IWRA's participation strengthened its connection with the global association community and supported the development of future IWRA congresses, initiatives, and partnerships.
ICCA MasterClass on Strategy & Association Impact	
26–29 January • Dublin, Ireland	
OECD Water Governance Initiative	IWRA maintained its active engagement with the OECD Water Governance Initiative by participating in the January 2025 meeting. Discussions focused on strengthening the implementation of the OECD Water Governance Principles, preparations for upcoming global water events, and advancing collaboration across governments, academia and civil society. IWRA shared insights from its global network and ongoing research initiatives.
OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI) Meeting	
28–29 January • Paris, France	
Water-Energy-Food-Environment Nexus	IWRA participated in the WEFE Nexus International Conference, contributing to discussions on integrated approaches linking water, energy, food and ecosystems management. The event highlighted cross-sector solutions to address climate change, water scarcity, and sustainable development challenges, reinforcing IWRA's commitment to promoting integrated water resources management.
WEFE Nexus International Conference	
11–12 February • Rabat, Morocco	
2026 UN Water Conference Preparations	IWRA participated in the preparatory meeting for the 2026 UN Water Conference, contributing to early discussions on priorities, stakeholder engagement, and global water commitments. IWRA reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening science-policy dialogue and international collaboration.
Pre-Meeting for the 2026 UN Water Conference	
3 March • New York, USA	
Cryosphere and Glacier Initiatives	IWRA participated in discussions related to the Decade for Cryosphere Sciences, contributing to global dialogue on glacier loss, climate change and their implications for water security.
Decade for Cryosphere Sciences Brainstorm Session	
20 March • Paris, France	

UN-Water International Day of Glaciers and World Water Day 21 – 22 March • Paris, France & New York, USA	IWRA actively supported the United Nations Observances for the International Day for Glaciers and World Water Day, including the launch of the UN World Water Development Report (UN WWDR) 2025: Glacier Preservation. These activities highlighted the critical importance of glacier-dependent water systems and climate resilience.
UN-Water 41st UN-Water Meeting 2–3 April • Rome, Italy	IWRA participated in the 41st UN-Water Meeting, engaging in discussions on the implementation of the SDG 6, Water Action Agenda commitments and preparations for the 2026 UN Water Conference. IWRA contributed to strengthening coordination among UN-Water partners.
World Water Forum 11th World Water Forum Kick-Off and Stakeholder Meeting 14–15 April • Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	IWRA participated in the kick-off meeting for preparations for the 11th World Water Forum, engaging with stakeholders to help shape the Forum’s priorities and programme development. IWRA contributed expertise on global water governance and stakeholder engagement.
Technical and Scientific Events EU COST Offshore Freshened Groundwater Workshop 6–7 May • Oslo, Norway	IWRA contributed to discussions on offshore freshwater resources and sustainable water management approaches. The workshop explored emerging research and technological solutions to address water scarcity.
International Network of Basin Organizations EURO-INBO 2025 20–23 May • Parma, Italy	IWRA participated in EURO-INBO 2025, engaging with basin organisations and water management authorities to promote best practices in integrated water resources management and governance.
Global Association and Events Industry Engagement IMEX Frankfurt 20–22 May • Frankfurt, Germany	IWRA attended IMEX Frankfurt, strengthening partnerships with international event stakeholders and exploring opportunities for future congress development and collaboration.

UNESCO and Global Water Science

50th Anniversary of IHP and
60 Years of Water Sciences
Division

10–13 June • UNESCO, Paris,
France

IWRA participated in UNESCO's milestone anniversary celebrations, reinforcing collaboration with UNESCO-IHP and supporting global initiatives in water science and research.

Latin America Engagement

FIEXPO Latin America

10–13 June • Costa Rica

IWRA participated in FIEXPO Latin America, strengthening engagement with partners across Latin America and promoting opportunities for future congress collaboration.

Water Stewardship

AWS Global Water
Stewardship Forum

24–25 June • Edinburgh,
Scotland

IWRA participated in the AWS Global Water Stewardship Forum, contributing to discussions on sustainable water stewardship and collaborative basin-level initiatives.

2026 UN Water Conference Preparations

2026 UN Water Conference
Meeting

9–10 July • New York, USA

IWRA contributed to discussions shaping priorities and stakeholder engagement at the preparatory meeting for the UN 2026 Water Conference convened by the President of the General Assembly to agree on the themes of the interactive dialogues.

UNESCO MAB

UNESCO 5th World
Congress of Biosphere
Reserves

22–27 September
• Hangzhou, China

IWRA participated in discussions on biosphere reserves, ecosystem protection, and water security challenges.

UN-Water

42nd UN-Water Meeting

30 September – 1 October
• Geneva, Switzerland

IWRA continued its engagement with UN-Water Members and Partners, contributing to coordination efforts supporting the implementation of SDG 6.

World Water Council

World Water Council 91st
Board of Governors Meeting

10–11 October • Cairo, Egypt

IWRA participated in strategic discussions on global water governance and future World Water Forums.

International Congress and Association Engagement ICCA Congress 9–12 November • Porto, Portugal	IWRA strengthened engagement with international association leaders and events stakeholders, supporting future congress development.
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP30 – UN Climate Conference 10–21 November • Belém, Brazil	IWRA participated in COP30, contributing to discussions at the intersection of water and climate and strengthening partnerships within the Water for Climate Pavilion.
UN-Water World Toilet Day 19 November • online	IWRA supported the UN-Water Task Force on World Water Day and World Toilet day and its global awareness campaign aligned with SDG 6 and access to sanitation.

SUMMARY

Through participation in these global events and activities, IWRA

- Strengthened international partnerships and collaboration
- Advanced dialogue on water governance and policy
- Supported preparations for the 2026 UN Water Conference
- Contributed to the UN World Water Development Report 2026, the international Observances World Water Day and World Toilet Day
- Increased global visibility and engagement
- Promoted science-policy engagement and interaction
- Contributed to discussions on climate and water security

These engagements reinforced IWRA's position and role as a leading international organisation shaping the global water agenda and advancing sustainable water management worldwide.

Publications and Knowledge Products

WATER INTERNATIONAL

IWRA publishes *Water International* as its flagship journal and has done so since 1975. The journal has benefitted from experienced editorial leadership, with Editor-in-Chief, James E. Nickum (since 2007), and Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Raya Marina Stephan (since 2018). It is supported by five Associate Editors and a dedicated Editorial Board. The journal delivers eight issues annually and serves as a key platform for advancing interdisciplinary scholarship and policy-relevant research on global water challenges.

In 2025, IWRA marked the 50th anniversary of *Water International*, celebrating five decades of contributions to global water scholarship, policy dialogue and practice. IWRA commemorated this milestone through dedicated anniversary issues, including Halfway to 2075: Fifty years



***Water
International***
50th anniversary

of *Water International*, which reflected on the journal's intellectual legacy while looking ahead to emerging water challenges. The anniversary also provided an opportunity to highlight the journal's role in shaping interdisciplinary thinking, fostering international collaboration and bridging science and policy in the water sector.

Highlights

- Most cited article (2023–2025): Viktor Vyshnevskiy et al., *The destruction of the Kakhovka dam and its consequences* (48:5)
- Most read article (2025): Rutgerd Boelens et al., *Hydrosocial territories: imaginaries, materialities, and struggles over knowledge, order and meaning* (50:5)

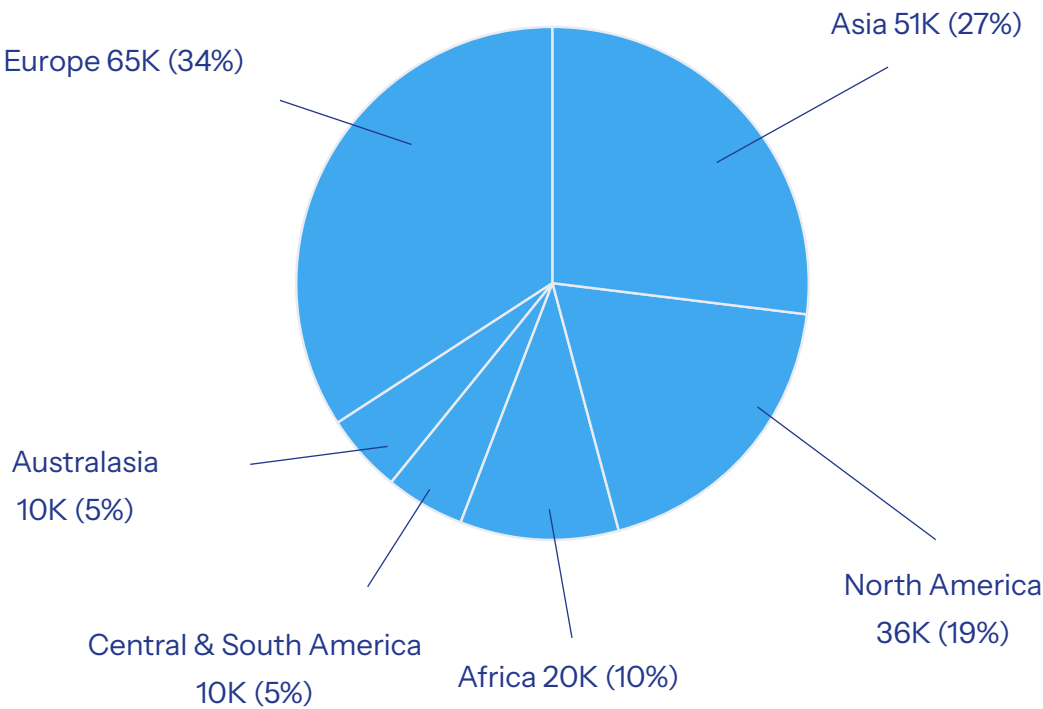
Special Issues of *Water International*

- *Unravelling the multiple entanglements of water and climate change* (50:3–4)
- *Halfway to 2075: Fifty years of Water International* (50:5, 50:8)

Water International - Key Statistics (2025)

321	Open submissions received by IWRA
22	Articles accepted by IWRA
6,9%	Acceptance rate
1.5	2024 Impact Factor
3.4 (Q2)	CiteScore

Global reach of *Water International* in 2025



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MENTORED PUBLISHING SCHEME FOR EARLY-CAREER PROFESSIONALS

IWRA continues to advance capacity development in the global water community through its Mentored Publishing Scheme. This was launched in 2020 to support early-career researchers and water professionals in publishing their work. The programme promotes interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary scholarship by enabling emerging professionals to develop articles under the guidance of senior experts or through co-authorship. Following peer review, selected manuscripts are published in *Water International*, providing early-career authors with valuable exposure in an internationally recognised journal.

Phase II of the scheme, launched in 2023, is led by David Molden and Regina Buono. Through their leadership, the initiative continues to strengthen knowledge exchange and professional collaboration across generations of water professionals.

In June 2023, IWRA launched the second Publication Mentoring Initiative under the scheme. The programme attracted strong global interest, receiving 40 applications from early-career

professionals representing 31 countries (22 male and 18 female applicants). Following a competitive selection process, IWRA welcomed 15 participants to the programme (5 male and 10 female), reflecting the initiative's commitment to both excellence and gender balance.

The mentoring process took place primarily during 2024 and 2025, with mentors working closely and independently with their assigned mentees to support the development of publishable manuscripts. This flexible approach allowed mentoring relationships to adapt to individual research topics, professional contexts, and writing processes.

The initiative has already delivered tangible results. In 2025, two participants successfully published their articles in *Water International*. Another participant published a mentored manuscript in a different academic journal after the article had been accepted and the author decided to pursue publication outside the IWRA journal, further demonstrating the programme's contribution to strengthening publication capacity. In addition, four participants received detailed feedback on draft manuscripts in 2025 and were invited to submit revised versions, with these submissions currently in preparation.



Screenshot of online publication *Water International* Volume 50, 2025 - Issue 6



POLICY BRIEFS

IWRA produces two complementary series of policy briefs: the *Water International* Policy Briefs (“Blue Series”) and the IWRA Policy Briefs (“Green Series”). IWRA develops these briefs based on special issues, IWRA events, and strategic partnerships, translating research into actionable policy insights.

In 2025, James E. Nickum coordinated the Policy Briefs, working closely with Policy Briefs Editor Jesse Ferraioli.

Policy Briefs published in 2025:

- *Water International* Policy Brief No. 23: *Embedding data-driven tools in transboundary water governance* (Blue Series)
- IWRA Policy Brief No. 29: *Flood risk mitigation: the case for a hybrid approach* (Green Series)

More information is available at: www.iwra.org/policybriefs/



SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS IN BOOKS (SPIBS)

IWRA collaborates with Routledge on publishing the Special Issues on Water Policy and Governance book series, which compiles selected *Water International* special issues and related thematic contributions. James E. Nickum and Cecilia Tortajada co-edit this series. Through these publications and knowledge products, IWRA advances evidence-based dialogue, strengthens the science-policy interface, and supports the global water community in addressing complex and interconnected water challenges.

In 2025, partnering with Routledge, IWRA published:

- *Tony Allan: An Intellectual Journey*, edited by David Dent, Martin Keulertz and Michael Gilmont

More information is available at: www.routledge.com/Routledge-Special-Issues-on-Water-Policy-and-Governance/book-series/WATER

THEMATIC REPORTS

Key Water Resource Fields: Analysis of Global Development Trends and Future Pathways

A key outcome of the GWIP Research Project is the report *Key Water Resource Fields: Analysis of Global Development Trends and Future Pathways*. The report provides a forward-looking assessment of global water resources development, identifying major trends and emerging challenges across water governance, protection, sustainable use, groundwater management, and digital twin applications in river basin planning.

Drawing on international evidence and expert analysis, the study offers strategic insights to support long-term planning and innovation in water resources management. It strengthens the evidence base for policy and practice by outlining future pathways for more integrated, resilient and sustainable water systems in the context of climate change and growing water demand. The research is led by Mary Trudeau, IWRA Project Officer, is supported by Ignacio Deregibus, IWRA Executive Director, and a panel of IWRA members drawn from the Association's global network of water experts. The



methodology is based on a comprehensive literature review and analysis across each thematic area, with particular emphasis on government and think tank reports, as well as supporting academic research. This approach enables a robust assessment of current global trends and the identification of future directions for water resources development and management, supporting more integrated, resilient and sustainable pathways. IWRA draws on its extensive experience in publishing authoritative reports, journals, and books on water-related issues and is responsible for producing and promoting the final report.

More information is available at: www.iwra.org/projects/gwip-iwra-research-project

UNESCO REPORT NO. 5 (2025) WITHIN THE IWRA GWSI PAPER SERIES

UNESCO Report No. 5 published under the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) (2025), is part of the Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Paper Series co-produced with the International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM) and supported by IWRA.

Within the GWSI framework, the report complements a set of thematic publications that translate scientific knowledge into policy-relevant insights for Sustainable Development Goal 6. They contribute to the broader effort to strengthen evidence-based understanding of global water security challenges.

The series addresses key issues such as groundwater governance, climate impacts, and ecosystem resilience, supporting more integrated approaches to water management. Report No. 5 focuses on evolving hydrological dynamics, including climate-driven changes in water cycles, cryospheric melt, and growing reliance on groundwater. These insights reinforce the need for integrated water resources management linking surface water, groundwater, and ecosystems.

More information is available at: www.iwra.org/projects/water-security



IWRA webinars

In 2025, IWRA advanced its strategic objectives by fostering knowledge exchange, strengthening the science-policy interface, and promoting inclusive, evidence-based water governance.

As a global platform for water knowledge, IWRA convened two flagship webinars aligned with its mission to connect science, policy and practice in water resources management.

The first webinar, held in March to mark World Water Day under theme of glacier preservation, focused on the critical links between glacier loss and water security.

Across both webinars, IWRA engaged a diverse international audience from academia, government institutions and civil society organisations. In total, more than 161 participants registered, reflecting sustained interest in

IWRA's convening role and the continued relevance of its thematic priorities.

All webinars are offered free of charge, are recorded, and made publicly available via IWRA's website and YouTube channel, ensuring that knowledge remains accessible beyond the live events. Looking ahead, IWRA aims to further strengthen partnerships with international organisations and academic institutions to expand its webinar series and broaden its outreach.

WEBINAR NO. 71: WORLD WATER DAY 2025 – GLACIER PRESERVATION: FROM SCIENCE TO POLICY

This session discussed the accelerating impacts of glacier retreat on freshwater availability, particularly in regions that depend heavily on meltwater for drinking water, agriculture and

energy production. Speakers shared the latest scientific insights on glacier dynamics, including observed trends in mass loss and projections under different climate scenarios.

The discussion highlighted the cascading effects of glacier loss on seasonal water flows, ecosystem stability and disaster risks, such as glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs). It also demonstrated how scientific evidence can inform policy, presenting case studies where research has supported national adaptation strategies and transboundary water cooperation.

Panellists emphasised the importance of integrated monitoring systems, early warning mechanisms and inclusive governance frameworks to strengthen resilience in glacier-fed basins. The webinar also contributed to global advocacy efforts around World Water Day 2025, reinforcing the urgency of protecting cryospheric systems within broader climate and water agendas. More than 471 participants registered for this webinar, globally.

WEBINAR NO. 72: PRE-CONGRESS INTER-TASK FORCE WEBINAR

Held in October, this webinar marked an important step in the lead-up to the World Water Congress 2025. It brought together IWRA's thematic task forces—covering areas such as climate change, water quality, governance, digital innovation and water security—alongside external partners, to encourage alignment and collaboration.

The session enabled participants to share ongoing work, identify synergies and explore opportunities for joint sessions, publications and policy contributions at the Congress. Discussions highlighted emerging priorities, including nature-based solutions, data-driven decision-



Screenshot of social media card for webinar promotion

making and inclusive water governance, as well as cross-cutting themes such as gender equality and capacity development.

Participants also reflected on lessons learned from previous Congresses and identified ways to strengthen impact, including enhancing stakeholder engagement and ensuring that scientific outputs are translated into practical, policy-relevant recommendations. The webinar reaffirmed IWRA's commitment to a coordinated and collaborative approach across its global network.

Recordings and presentations of each webinar are available at: [iwra.org/events/webinars](https://www.iwra.org/events/webinars)

Communications

WEBSITE REVAMP, NEW BRANDING AND NEW VISUAL IDENTITY

In 2025, IWRA undertook key initiatives to modernise its communications and strengthen its engagement with its global membership.

- A new visual identity was gradually introduced in the fourth quarter, featuring a refined colour palette, updated typography, and a simplified and modernised logo. This refreshed design enhances clarity and consistency across digital platforms, publications, and event materials while maintaining brand recognisability.
- Website redevelopment began in 2025 and will continue through 2026, focusing on site architecture, content migration,

and user experience improvements. The revamped site will provide a modern, accessible, and user-friendly platform to support IWRA's communication, outreach, and knowledge-sharing objectives.

Together, these efforts represent a significant step in modernising IWRA's communication tools, reinforcing its global presence, and fostering a more connected and engaged membership.

NEW VISUAL IDENTITY

A fresh, modern look that reflects who we are and where we are going.



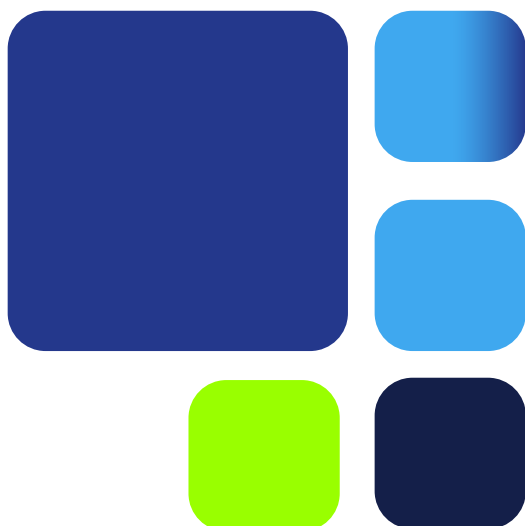
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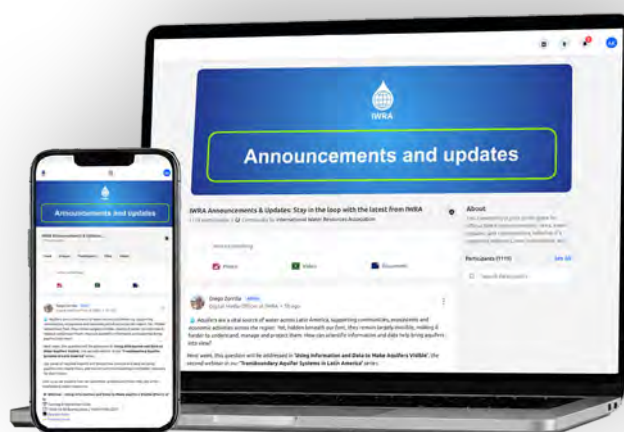
NEW COLOUR PALETTE

Inspired by water, nature and sustainability – calm, trustworthy and future-focused.



NEW MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM - GLUE UP

A seamless, intuitive platform to connect, engage and grow our global community.



NEWSLETTER: IWRA UPDATE

In 2025, the IWRA Update newsletter continued to be a vital communications space for the IWRA, fostering connections across the global water community. With four quarterly issues, published March, June, September and December, the newsletter provided timely information, expert insights and updates on water resources management to more than 15,000 subscribers. In addition to direct mailing, the newsletter was also widely distributed via IWRA’s social media platforms and prominently featured on the IWRA website, further extending its reach.

Each issue offered curated content reflecting the broader reach of IWRA’s work, from integrated water resources management and climate resilience to innovation in water technologies and socio-economic dimensions of water security. The newsletter also featured contributions from IWRA members, its eight Task Forces, and seven Geographic Chapters, reinforcing IWRA’s role as a hub for knowledge exchange and professional engagement.

A core function of IWRA Update in 2025 was to keep IWRA’s global membership informed about the Association’s activities. Each edition highlighted updates on IWRA programmes, publications, events and opportunities for involvement, helping members stay connected and engaged throughout the year. The newsletter also supported the promotion of IWRA conferences, webinars and thematic initiatives, contributing to increased participation and visibility for key activities.

By blending organisational news with sector insights and leveraging multiple distribution channels, IWRA Update strengthened IWRA’s communications strategy and reinforced its

IWRA Update - Key Statistics (2025)

Issues Published	4 quarterly editions (March, June, September, December)
Audience	15,000+ members and subscribers
Distribution Channels	Email, IWRA website, membership platform, social media platforms, various external mailing channels
Mailing System Transition	October 2025, moved from Mailchimp to the new IWRA membership platform with mailing function on GlueUp

standing as a platform for water professionals worldwide. Its growing readership demonstrates the continued demand for credible, accessible information on water challenges and solutions.

At the end of 2025, the newsletter mailing system transitioned from Mailchimp to IWRA’s new membership platform service provider, GlueUp, ensuring improved delivery, engagement tracking and integration with IWRA’s membership management.

SOCIAL MEDIA

IWRA's digital communication across its four primary social media platforms—LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube—alongside its website and membership platform, continued to play a central role in raising awareness of the Association's work and strengthening engagement with both a global audience and its membership base.

In 2025, IWRA recorded significant growth in both follower numbers and direct interaction. Across all platforms, nearly 500 posts were published over the course of the year—equivalent to an average of 1.33 posts per day, or close to two posts per working day—demonstrating a sustained and consistent content strategy.

Engagement levels peaked during the final quarter of the year, driven by heightened visibility and communications activity surrounding IWRA's flagship event, the XIX World Water Congress, held in December.

Throughout the year, LinkedIn remained a particularly strong channel. Both engagement rates and Click-Through Rates (CTR) performed at approximately three times above the non-profit industry average, according to benchmark data from Hootsuite (average engagement rate: 3 per cent; CTR: 5 per cent). In parallel, the platform's follower base continued to expand steadily, with growth of approximately 20 per cent every six months.

IWRA's presence on Meta platforms (Facebook and Instagram) also showed sustained progress. Facebook recorded year-on-year increases of over 30 per cent in visits, clicks and interactions, reflecting continued audience interest and content relevance. Instagram demonstrated par-

ticularly strong performance, achieving 100 per cent growth in reach, visits and interactions, and increasing its follower base by 79 per cent compared to 2024.

The IWRA YouTube channel continued to serve as an important repository for audiovisual content, including recordings from Congresses, conferences and webinars. By the end of 2025, the channel hosted 202 videos in total, with 19 new videos added during the year.

IWRA's engagement rate on the digital media platform X consistently outperformed the benchmark for the sector. According to Hootsuite, the average engagement rate for Non-Profit is 2.1 per cent. Almost all of IWRA's posts on X exceeded a 5 per cent rate, with some of them peaking at around 10 per cent.

DIGITAL MEDIA GLOSSARY

Year-on-Year (YoY)

A comparison of performance over a 365-day period.

Click-Through Rate (CTR)

The percentage of users who click on a link, serving as an indicator of how relevant and engaging content is to its audience.

IWRA ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM END OF 2025



LINKEDIN

- **40,332 Followers** (2024: 30,500)
- **190 Posts**
- Engagement and CTR rates three times above industry average
- Impressions, reactions and comments increased by over 30% year-on-year



FACEBOOK

- **55,115 Followers** (2024: 52,640)
- **119 Posts**
- Visits, clicks and interactions increased by over 30% year-on-year



INSTAGRAM

- **3,474 Followers** (2024: 1,940)
- **159 Posts**
- Reach, visits and interactions increased by 100% year-on-year



X

- **18,764 Followers** (2024: 18,250)
- **Posts: 63**
- Engagement rate between more than 2,5x above benchmark for non-profit sector



YOUTUBE

- **1,030 Subscribers**
- Videos published in 2025: 19



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IWRA

1,005 posts 4,003 followers 254 following

Non-profit organisation

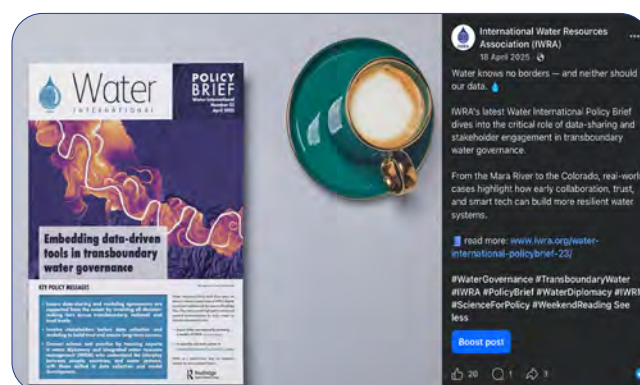
Working for the sustainable management of the world's water resources as a science and policy knowledge sharing membership community since 1971.

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Instagram profile



LinkedIn profile



Facebook post

IWRA governance

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025–2027

In 2025, the IWRA appointed its Executive Board for the 2025–2027 term, starting a new cycle of strategic leadership. The Board defines IWRA’s strategic direction, sets organisational priorities, guides programme development, and aligns initiatives with the Association’s long-term vision. It ensures that IWRA effectively advances knowledge and management of water resources while supporting global policy engagement and knowledge-sharing. The Executive Board brings together distinguished professionals from multiple regions and disciplines, including water resources management, law, policy, science, and institutional leadership. Its composition—President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, Committee Chairs, and Directors—ensures balanced representation and strengthens IWRA’s capacity to address complex, interconnected water challenges.

Members elected the Board through a transparent and participatory process, resulting in the largest and most diverse group of candidates in IWRA’s history.

Board members strengthen IWRA’s international presence and partnerships by engaging governments, international organisations, academia, and civil society. Members uphold financial oversight and stewardship responsibilities. They manage finances, support resource mobilisation, maintain accountability and transparency, actively contribute to committees, and engage with the broader membership to enhance the Association’s community and impact. Their leadership amplifies IWRA’s voice in global water governance and translates knowledge into policy-relevant outcomes.

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IWRA President Yuanyuan Li and Morocco's Minister of Equipment and Water Nizar Baraka signing the Marrakech Ministerial Declaration during the Closing Ceremony of the XIX World Water Congress

BOARD MEMBERS

Yuanyuan Li	President
Gabriel Eckstein	Past President
Alice Aureli	Vice-President
Gary Jones	Vice-President
Rabi Mohtar	Vice-President
Renée Martin-Nagle	Secretary General
Eric Garner	Treasurer
Eric Tardieu	Awards Committee Chair
Bassel Daher	Membership Committee Chair
Ariana Rossen	Scientific, Technical & Publications Committee Chair
Firdaus Ali	Director
Henning Bjornlund	Director
Bilge Alpaslan Kocamemi	Director
Yoonjin Kim	Director
Ganesh Pangare	Director
Dahlia Sabri	Director
Qiuchi Shi	Director
Francesco Sindico	Director
Tom Soo	Director
Jorge Werneck	Director

IWRA COMMITTEES

A core element of our member-led Association

Committees play a central role in the governance and operations of the IWRA. As a global professional association built on the principle of “by members, for members”, IWRA relies on its committee structure to ensure that the expertise, perspectives and leadership of its members guide the Association’s strategic direction and activities. Through their work, the committees help maintain strong governance, strengthen member engagement and ensure that IWRA’s initiatives reflect the priorities of the global water community. They contribute to the planning of major events and congresses, support outreach and partnerships, and guide the development of scientific and technical activities. Committees also play an important role in strengthening the Association’s membership base and recognising excellence in the water sector. Drawing on the diverse expertise of IWRA’s international membership, these bodies support the Executive Board in advancing the Association’s mission to promote knowledge, innovation and collaboration in water resources management.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee develops criteria and nomination procedures for IWRA’s awards and honours and recommends candidates to the President and Executive Board.

Members:

- Eric Tardieu, Chair
- Yoonjin Kim
- Ganesh Pangare
- Dahlia Sabri
- Raya Stephan

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget and Finance Committee provides oversight of the Association’s financial management. It works with the Executive Office to review budgets, financial statements and audits, and advises the Executive Board on fiscal policies and planning.

Members:

- Eric Garner, Chair
- Gary Jones
- Renée Martin-Nagle
- Tom Soo



IWRA Secretary General Renée Martin-Nagle and Executive Director Ignacio Deregibus during the 2025 General Assembly

CONGRESS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

This committee supports the planning and organisation of IWRA's congresses, conferences and other events. It helps identify host institutions and venues and contributes to the development of event policies and procedures.

Members:

- Gary Jones, Chair
 - Firdaus Ali
 - Henning Bjornuld
 - Bassel Daher
 - Yoonjin Kim
 - Bilge Alpaslan Kocamemi
 - Ganesh Pangare
 - Francesco Sindico
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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee supports institutional continuity and effective governance. It provides advice on administrative and organisational matters and helps ensure alignment between the Executive Board and the Association's strategic objectives.

Members:

- Yuanyuan Li, Chair
 - Alice Aureli
 - Gabriel Eckstein
 - Eric Garner
 - Gary Jones
 - Renée Martin-Nagle
 - Rabi Mohtar
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee develops strategies to strengthen and expand IWRA's membership and enhance the value of participation in the Association. It also promotes engagement among members and encourages participation in IWRA activities and networks.

Members:

- Bassel Daher, Chair
 - Yoonjin Kim
 - Tom Soo
 - Eric Tardieu
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SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee provides guidance on IWRA's scientific and technical activities and supports the development of the Association's publications and knowledge outputs.

Members:

- Ariana Rossen, Chair
 - Henning Bjornuld
 - Rabi Mohtar
 - James Nickum
 - Dahlia Sabri
 - Quichi Shi
 - Francesco Sindico
 - Raya Marie Stephan
 - Jorge Werneck
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IWRA Executive Board and Executive Office during the Board meeting in November 2025

PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS COMMITTEE

The Partnerships and Affiliations Committee explores and advises on strategic partnerships and affiliations between IWRA and non-governmental, intergovernmental, governmental, civil society and private sector institutions. It works with the Executive Office to identify, develop and strengthen collaborative initiatives that advance IWRA's mission and global engagement.

Members:

- Alice Aureli, Chair
- Firdaus Ali
- Ganesh Pangare
- Dahlia Sabri
- Tom Soo
- Jorge Werneck

TASK FORCES AND CHAPTERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Task Forces and Chapters Oversight Committee ensure that IWRA Chapters and Task Forces operate in alignment with the Association's mission, vision and strategic priorities. It also explores opportunities to expand and strengthen these entities, including supporting coordination, initiatives, projects and events led by Chapters and Task Forces.

Members:

- Rabi Mohtar, Chair
- Xiaojun Geng, Co-chair for chapter affairs
- Ariana Rossen, Co-chair for assessment and evaluation
- Dahlia Sabri, Co-chair for future growth
- Raya Stephan, Co-chair for task force affairs

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

During 2025, the Executive Office of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) experienced several team members transitions. The composition of the Executive Office during the year was as follows:

- Executive Director: Ignacio Deregibus assumed the position in March, transitioning from his previous role as Acting Executive Director.
- Administrative Officer: Awantika Pal departed the Association during the year. Her responsibilities were subsequently assumed by Prapti Adhikari.
- Communications Director: Leonore Tjikune left the Association in the third quarter. Ulrike Kelm joined IWRA in this role in September.
- Digital Media Officer: Awantika Pal left the position during the year, and Eliana Harrigan joined IWRA in August.
- Events Officer: Akil Crichlow joined at the beginning of the year; in the fourth quarter, the role was assumed by Eliana Harrigan.
- Member Engagement and Partnerships Officer: Monica Garcia Quesada served in this role throughout the year.
- Project Officers: Mary Trudeau led on the Key Water Resources Fields Report and helped transition her role on the GWSI issues to Raya Marina Stephan who took charge by mid-year.
- Policy Brief Officers: Jesse Ferraioli and Kris Hartley contributed on editing and drafting policy briefs.
- Copy Editor: Aubrey Crosby
- Webinar Officer: Arturo Salazar
- Graphic Designer: Aga Krol served as the Association's graphic designer and developed the Association's new visual identity.
- Webmaster: Sergio Vallejo ensured the security and maintenance of all IWRA websites and databases supporting congresses and conferences.

Operating under a remote working model, the IWRA Executive Office team distributed activities across Europe, North America, Oceania and Asia. The geographical diversity of the Executive Office reflects that of the Executive Board and underscores the international and diverse character of the Association and its membership.



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