



World Groundwater Congress
IAH2024 DAVOS
Interacting Switzerland
Groundwater 8.-13.9.2024

CONGRESS PRESENTATION



WELCOME

After Wuhan and Cape Town, the World Groundwater Congress is back in Europe. With its central location in Europe, a long tradition as a meeting place and its scenic surroundings, Switzerland offers an ideal setting to meet, exchange new findings and discuss pressing challenges in the groundwater field. The Swiss Society of Hydrogeology (SSH) and the Centre for Hydrogeology and Geothermics of the University of Neuchâtel (CHYN) welcome you to Davos in the Swiss Alps for a stimulating IAH World Groundwater Congress 2024.

INTERACTING GROUNDWATER

In a rapidly changing world, groundwater is an increasingly crucial resource that is however under growing pressure. In order to anticipate future trends, we have to improve our understanding of how groundwater interacts with rivers, lakes, ecosystems or the cryosphere and responds to extreme events, building on rapid methodological advances. Sustainable groundwater management strategies have to take into account numerous interactions in the context of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus. Such strategies can only be developed in close collaboration among countries, sectors and stakeholder. At the congress, we will facilitate interactions beyond the scientific community by involving members from industry, regulators and development agencies to share knowledge and debate these challenges.



	SUNDAY 8. SEPT	MON 9. SEPT	TUES 10. SEPT	WED 11. SEPT	THURS 12. SEPT	FRIDAY 13. SEPT
Morning	Short Courses	Opening Session	Plenary	Half Day & Full Day Field Trips	Plenary	Plenary
		Exhibition	Parallel Session		Exhibition	Parallel Session
Afternoon	Short Courses	Lunch & Posters	Lunch & Posters	Half Day & Full Day Field Trips	Lunch & Posters	Closing Session
		Plenary	Plenary		Plenary	
		Posters	Posters		Posters	
		Parallel Session	Parallel Session		Parallel Session	
Evening	Welcome Reception	Networking Events	IAH General Assembly		Networking Events	
			Networking Events		Gala Dinner	

THE PROGRAMM AT A GLANCE

The IAH congress is well known for its inclusive approach welcoming participants with a broad background from all continents. We build on this spirit and provide new opportunities for interaction and dialogue. In addition to invited talks and parallel sessions covering all major groundwater topics, we will hold keynote debates centered around major groundwater challenges, side-events and short courses. Representatives from industry, academia and public administrations will showcase innovative products and solutions during an exhibition. A welcome reception, opening and closing ceremonies, and gala dinner will give a festive frame to the congress.

BEYOND THE CONGRESS CENTER

NETWORKING EVENTS

We will continue the dialogue outside of the congress center during evening hikes, mountain top dinners, technical visits or cultural events throughout the week, taking advantage of the scenic environment right at the doorstep of the conference center.

EXCURSIONS

Thanks to the alpine location, many scenic and scientifically rewarding sites can be reached with minimal travelling. We offer full day and half-day excursions leaving time for individual exploration and meetings.

The field trips highlight interactions of groundwater with mountain rivers, lakes and the cryosphere, including some excursions to high alpine settings with glaciers. We will use different modes of transportation from hiking to mountain biking and cable cars with choices for all levels of mountain skills. The excursions will also highlight the role of groundwater in different domains, from water supply by mountain springs, to spas and tourism, energy production, ecological processes, interactions with infrastructure such as tunnels, to natural hazards. Some excursions will include visits to the numerous mineral and thermal springs of Switzerland where delegates can truly immerse in groundwater.





TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION

CONGRESS VENUE

The congress will take place at the world-class Davos congress center known from major events such as the World Economic Forum (WEF). The congress center is centrally located next to a park and can be easily reached by foot or a public bus from all parts of Davos.

TRAVELLING TO DAVOS

Davos can easily be reached via Zurich International Airport offering direct connections to 200 destinations in 70 countries. We will provide a direct shuttle bus connection from Zurich Airport to Davos. The congress town can also be reached individually by frequent rail services.

ACCOMMODATION

As a conference and resort town, Davos offers a broad spectrum of accommodation for all budget, from traditional local hotels, to international chains, youth hostels and backpackers. For groups, the rental of a vacation apartment is attractive optional. Davos tourism will assist you in finding a suitable accommodation.

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