

Groundwater at Risk

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- General impression of program from “newcomer”
- Few Scientific comments on Groundwater Theme

General Impressions of Program

- Tackle many problems, interact with many countries and organizations,
- Approach in GW: develop objectives, sponsor workshops/conferences and training sessions, produce guideline documents.
- Comments on Approach & Implementation:
 - Method of Collection and Dissemination of Information
 - *Cost effective, efficient, and sufficiently recent?*
 - Archiving
 - *Ensure against loss of wealth of individual knowledge*
 - *Ensure against future overlap*
 - *Enable “new” users to understand approach and achievements*
 - Manage Flexibility of Objectives within Theme
 - Stocktaking

Comments on Groundwater Issues

- ‘*GW Risk*’ Theme: Raised awareness
- **GW contamination** is one of the most important future water issues on the global scale...
 - Identification (IHP V), Investigation & Remediation:
Keep Investigation & Training on Agenda:
 - Characterization (*esp. using geophysical techniques*) & modeling (*esp. fractured/karst/coupled systems*)
 - Remediation & monitoring
 - In-situ bio and chemical approaches
 - Containment/stabilization
 - Remediation monitoring approaches

Comments on Groundwater Issues

- Fragmented Approach to GW Inquiry and Management:
 - Theme 1 (atmospheric-unsaturated-groundwater zones) and IHP VI
 - Coupled Parameters/Processes within GW system
 - Hydrological-Geochemical-Microbiological
 - Complex and Dynamic

Thank you