Meetings of the IHP National Committee of Italy

Annual meeting held in Rome every year in September during which the Committee share ideas for the incoming year and plan future activities, participation in international meeting and cooperation with other Institutions.

The meetings (Sept 16, 2015; Sept 17, 2014) were held at the venue of the Honors Center of Italian University of Sapienza University of Rome.

The IHP-National Committee is presently coordinated by:

Lucio Ubertini, Sapienza University of Rome, President
Maurizio Polemio, University of Bari, Scientific Secretary

and composed by the national hydrological community.

Activities at national level in the framework of the IHP

The IHP-National Committee of Italy is in close collaboration with the two main Italian scientific associations leader in the water sector: GII-Gruppo Italiano di Idraulica and Società Idrologica Italiana.
The Committee is part of the steering committees of both Association collaborating for organizing the main annual conferences and workshops.

Specific Research initiatives are coordinated in collaboration with several Italian Universities (among others: University of Tuscia, Sapienza University of Roma, University for foreign of Perugia) specifically in the topics of monitoring, experimental hydrology and flood risk management.

The IHP-National Committee of Italy is in direct collaboration with the International Association of Hydrological Science (IAHS) since several Commission Presidents or Officers are Italian scientists that actively participate to the IHP-National Committee.

Indeed, many of the events (topical conferences, short courses, etc.) are orchestrated concerning contents and organization jointly to the IHP-National committee.

Among the several initiative organized at national level the most prestigious one was:
Cooperation with the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and/or international/regional water centres under the auspices of UNESCO

The IHP-National Committee of Italy has a long term collaboration with the World Water Assessment Programme and with the Unesco Chair – Water Resources Management and Culture. With both Centers several initiatives were promoted and organized. The most relevant are the following:

15th World Lake Conference,
September 1-5, 2014
Perugia, Italy

Fresh water and Culture,
October 6-7, 2015
EXPO Milano
Padiglione KIP International School

Laurea Honoris Causa to the General Director of UNESCO, Dr. Irina Bokova
Perugia, University for Foreigners, February 15th, 2016.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Activities planned until December 2016

UNESCO Chairs Meeting
Perugia, Italy
The aim of the meeting is to involve all the UNESCO Chairs linked to the water issues (36) to share ideas and initiatives around the theme “Water and Humanism”.

50th anniversary of the Florence Flood
2016, Italy
A series of a multidisciplinary and cultural events organized to remember the extreme flood event that occurred in Florence in 1966.
The 50th anniversary wants to be the starting point of a process that aims to involve citizens, public institutions, the scientific community, companies, associations and above all young people and schools in the creation of spaces of shared memory (documents stories , movies, pictures , etc.) in which and through which create a solid knowledge and awareness to get stronger and last, about the water (both as a resource and as a potential danger) , to memory, to solidarity , to work.

Activities foreseen for 2017-2018

UNESCO IHP Region I Meeting
Perugia, Italy
June or September 2017