



44th Annual Congress of the International Association of Hydrogeologists

44th Annual Congress of the International of Hydrogeologists organized by IAH, Croatian Geological Survey and Croatian chapter of IAH was held in Dubrovnik from September 24 to 29, 2017. More than 500 participants from around the world attended the congress, out of which 12 hydrogeologists were from Serbia. Their activities took place in thematic sessions linked with karst systems (T.5) and mineral and thermal waters (T.8), where three presentations and several posters were presented. Among them, prof. Dr Zoran Stevanović, Dr Saša Milanović i Branislav Petrović, members of Centre for Karst Hydrogeology had their presentations within thematic session dedicated to karst hydrogeological systems.



Presentations of dr Saša Milanović and Branislav Petrović, CKH members on IAH congress in Dubrovnik

Zoran Stevanović and Saša Milanović, along with prof. Dr Petar Milanović organized and led the pre-congress workshop titled “Water Resources Management and Engineering Challenges in Karst Aquifers”, which was organized by IAH on 23 and 24 of September. Active participation of members and friends of CKH continued also during one-day excursions when Zoran Stevanović and Petar Milanović guided excursions in Dubrovnik coastal area and karst polje Popovo polje in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

During the congress, meeting of Karst Commission of IAH was held on September 26, for the first time chaired by Zoran Stevanovic, recently elected Chair of IAH Karst Commission and chairman of our Centre for Karst Hydrogeology. Z. Stevanović will be in charge for Karst Commission’ activities for Europe and Africa and shared president mandate with two other co-chairmens (Augusto Auler responsible for North and South America and Cheng Zhang responsible for Asia and Australia) with

rotating leadership. Their election was carried out by secret ballot of KC members right before the congress.



Annual meeting of IAH Karst Commission, chaired by Z. Stevanović

The main event was on General Assembly of IAH held on September 26, 2017, where Antonio Chambel, the IAH president gave **The Presidents' Award** to prof. dr Petar Milanović, the president of Serbian chapter of IAH and long-term supporter of our Centre. This biggest IAH annual award was given to dr Petar Milanović for outstanding contribution to hydrogeology and for long-standing successful work in hydrogeological science as well as solving practical engineering problems around the world.



Petar Milanović (left) and Antonio Chambel during The Presidents' Award ceremony