

International Association of Hydrogeologists



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2011 PRESIDENTS' AWARD Professor Ken Howard

The President's Award of the Association is given annually to a hydrogeologist who has made outstanding international contributions to the development or application of groundwater science, and to furthering IAH and its mission to promote understanding and management of groundwater resources in the interest of humankind and the environment. This year's award goes to someone who fully meets both criteria – Professor Ken Howard.

Professor Howard graduated from the University of Exeter in 1974 with Combined Honours in Physics and Geology, and then obtained an MSc in Hydrogeology at the University of Birmingham in 1975. He continued there to complete a PhD under the guidance of Professor John Lloyd on the hydrochemistry of the Lincolnshire Chalk aquifer. In 1981 Ken moved to the University of Toronto at Scarborough, becoming a full professor of hydrogeology with tenure in 1997.

His research interests are broad and have ranged widely over the hydrogeological spectrum, but with special interest in the impacts of human activities on the quantity and quality of groundwater resources in many parts of the world. He has authored or co-authored 103 books and refereed journal articles and 44 full conference papers, produced numerous conference abstracts and made many invited presentations at conferences around the world.

Ken has been an IAH member since 1987 and was Regional Vice-president for North America from 2000 to 2008. He is currently Vice-president for Scientific Programme Coordination and in this role has successfully led the review and reform of the Association's science commissions. He is, however, probably best known to IAH members as the Chair from 1997 to 2011 of the Commission on Groundwater in Urban Areas. This has been one of the Association's most consistently active Commissions, due in no small measure to the skill and enthusiasm of his leadership.

Professor Howard, you are a worthy recipient of the 2011 President's Award.

Willi Struckmeier
President