

Objectives for the 2020 – 2021 mandate

This document provides the objectives of the Executive Committee of the IAHR-PT-YPN for the 2020-2021 mandate. The defined objectives were established taking into account the restrictions caused by Covid-19 outbreak and adjusted to this new reality. As a main consequence, the Executive Committee will develop efforts to carry out the activities and events using online platforms. Notwithstanding, all objectives are established with the purpose of increasing the visibility of the IAHR-PT-YPN and the engagement between academia researchers and industry engineers in Portugal. The four main objectives of the Executive Committee of the IAHR-PT-YPN for the 2020-2021 mandate are the following:

1. PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee pretends to propose amendments to the current by-laws and to present them to its members for voting in a General Assembly, after approval by the IAHR. Amendments to the by-laws will take into account the suggestions submitted by members of the IAHR-PT-YPN and it will be subject to discussion at the General Assembly. The new amendments aim at clarifying the existing by-laws concerning several aspects that were identified by the previous Executive Committee.

2. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

The following communication networks will be improved to increase the visibility of the IAHR-PT-YPN and the engagement between members: website, social media networks, newsletter and blog:

- A total of 2 newsletter will be developed for establishing a periodic way of contact with members and non-members across the country, as well as to promote our activities and the opinion articles.
- A total of 6 opinion articles will be disseminated in the different communication networks about the discussion of engineering topics or personal experiences.
- The growth of social media networks Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter includes the increase of followers, engagement and posts. To achieve this objective, the frequency of publications will be fortnightly. We expect to reach a 50% increase in the potential reach of Facebook and Linkedin. Also, Twitter social network will be launched helping increase our audience.
- The website will be updated accordingingly to share and promote the work carried out in the previous points. The website will also be made available to the members that want to share their work and accomplishments (e.g., articles published, successful engineering projects carried out, awards, etc...).

3. INCREASE NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS

The Executive Committee pretends to increase its memberships by 30% (6 new members). The increase in memberships should be achieved through out the dissemination of Portugal YPN as well as the promotion of members' benefits. One of these benefits will be the dissemination of the work carried out by the members, such as published papers or projects.

4. DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships can include research units and universities, engineering and modelling companies and other organizations. Partnerships will promote benefits to the organization and to its members by supportting the proposed activities. The organization can benefit from the increased network of contacts, as well as from supporting the development of activities. Members' benefits should contribute to increase the knowledge sharing in the field of hydroenvironment engineering research and enhance professional skills. Therefore, parternships will be created in order to obtain low prices in the registration of courses, workshops and events.

The Executive Committee hereby compromises to promote their best effort for accomplishing the 4 main objectives described in this document.

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