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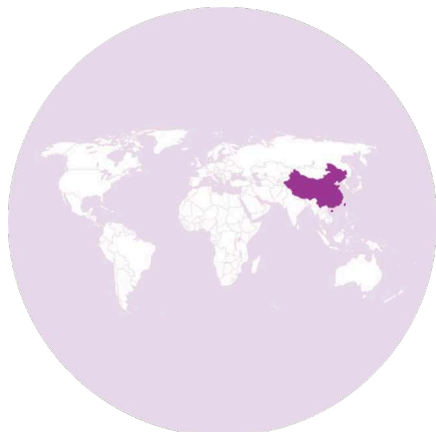
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FAMOUS WOMEN IN HYDRAULICS

The IAHR task force on Strengthening Gender Equity intends to raise the profile and visibility of women who made major contributions to hydraulics.



Li Guifen

1931–2020, China

Graduated from Shandong University, China, in 1952, Li Guifen started her career working for the Chinese Ministry of Water Resources. After a visiting scholarship in the Department of Hydraulics of VNIIG, Leningrad, U.S.S.R., she joined the Institute of Water Conservancy and Hydropower Research (IWHR, now the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research) where she was the Director of the Department of Hydraulics and Director of the Division of International Cooperation.

Professor and Senior Engineer, Li Guifen's research covered a wide range of topics that include hydraulic structures,

high speed flow, flood discharge and dam safety, energy dissipators, wind-induced waves in reservoirs, river ice, effects of plant-barriers on debris flow, and prototype measurements.

She also acted as a consultant for many water engineering projects in terms of planning, assessment, laboratory design and construction, and capacity building. Due to her excellent work and achievements, she received many awards at national and ministerial levels. Over the first two decades of the 21st century, she had been very active as a member of various Chinese scientific associations, as well as a prominent member of IAHR, until she passed away in 2020 at the age of 89.

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