



The Actuarial Educators Network (AEN)



The IAA and Education

- Global environment calls for actuaries to have high levels of technical and professional competence
- IAA mission included element “develop education standards...in order to address changing needs”
- IAA has core syllabus setting minimum international standard to be regarded as professional actuary
- The establishment of the Actuarial Educators Network (AEN) will benefit the profession internationally and aid the IAA in achieving its mission



Purpose of the AEN

The purpose of the Actuarial Educators Network is to provide resources for and facilitate communication about actuarial education and research

Role of the AEN

- To establish a communication forum and resource base for actuarial educators and researchers to improve the quality of their work.
- To assist the IAA Education Committee in fulfilling their role through:
 - being an expert resource for IAA core syllabus reviews
 - assisting with the technical content of educational conferences organised by the IAA;
 - To collaborate in the facilitation of developments in the globalisation of education systems leading to common syllabuses and common assessments;
 - To participate in efforts to provide a consultative forum and resource base for associations developing their education requirements;
- To assist established conferences of actuarial educators and to help establish new conferences.



Governance and logistical support

The AEN will be under the guidance of the IAA Education Committee to ensure support for the AEN from the IAA. A subcommittee of the Education Committee (Subcommittee for Actuarial Educators) will provide leadership and direction for the AEN

Membership

- ❑ The membership of the AEN is open to all involved, or interested, in:
 - ❑ Actuarial Education
 - ❑ Actuarial Research
- ❑ It is important to note that the network will be specifically focussed on improving actuarial teaching and research, and not on dealing with student queries on study and examinations.
- ❑ Currently over 200 educators on our mailing list but would like a lot more



Website

- ❑ Intended to share resources on research and teaching, and provide information on events of interest to actuarial educators
- ❑ Basic website set up at <http://www.actuarialeducators.org> or <http://www.actuarialeducatorsnetwork.org>
- ❑ Also accessible via IAA pages –including Subcommittee information



Ideas to Use AEN as a Potential Resource for A&A

- encourage educators to spend time in developing countries as volunteers when on sabbatical, and on short visits
- advice from experienced educators through e-mails, discussion groups
- direct support for people attending meeting (e.g. proposed budget for Zagreb)
- provide access for emerging associations to the actuarial educators community
- provide access to actuarial education resources

Conclusion

- Education is the key aspect of developing the profession in emerging markets
- AEN can play a key role in supporting IAA's development objectives as well as educational objectives
- Let's talk!...