

**INTERNATIONAL ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AFIR/ERM SECTION COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE MAPFRE CONFERENCE CENTRE IN MADRID ON 19TH
JUNE 2011**

Present: Eric Thorlacius (USA, Chair), Andrew Cairns (UK, ASTIN Bulletin), Pierre Devolder (Belgium), David Ingram (USA, IAA delegate), Robert Thomson (South Africa), Jonathan Mossman (USA), Nino Savelli (Italy, IAA delegate)

Observers: Mr. Regis de Laroullière (France), Luis Alvarez (Mexico), Julián Olivier (Spain)

Apologies: Jean Berthon (France), Carla Angela (Italy), Raimond Maurer (Germany)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Cape Town on 8th March 2010 were taken as read and adopted.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that all matters arising were included in the agenda.

3. The AFIR prize

It was agreed to award the AFIR prize for 2009 to A. Olivieri and E. Pitacco for their paper entitled “Stochastic mortality: the impact on target capital”.

It was agreed to appoint the following members to the Prize Committee for 2010:

- Andrew Cairns (chair);
- Pierre Devolder;
- Jean Berthon; and
- Rob Thomson.

4. Rule and name change proposal

After discussion regarding article 8 the Committee unanimously supported recommending the adoption the draft rules of the Section at the General Meeting.

5. Report on the current Colloquium in Madrid

The Committee met jointly with the ASTIN Committee. Julián Olivier, the President of the *Instituto de Actuarios Españoles*, reported on the arrangements for the Colloquium. The Committees thanked him for his work in preparation for the Colloquium.

6. The ASTIN Bulletin

Andrew Cairns reported on issues produced since the last meeting. The online submission system was working well. He also reported on the appointment of a Management Board to take responsibility for the publication of the *Bulletin*. He confirmed that the Editor-in-Chief would retain editorial independence.

7. 2013 Colloquium

The Committee now left the ASTIN Committee. Mr Regis de Laroullière submitted an informal proposal that the 2013 Colloquium be held in Lyons, preferably in June of that year. Subject to consideration of a formal application, this was agreed; an announcement would be made on Wednesday 22nd June 2011. *(note: a formal written proposal was received on June 21 and accepted)*

8. ERM initiatives

During the discussion of this matter, the meeting was chaired by David Ingram.

Eric Thorlacius reported that the subcommittee appointed at the previous meeting had drafted an action plan on the integration of ERM into the affairs of AFIR. In particular, this comprised:

- the cosponsoring of local meetings and the finding of potential speakers;
- the identification of ideas for ERM research in collaboration with the ERM International Institute, on which David Ingram sits;
- involvement in webinars of the Society of Actuaries;
- the use of the AFIR-ERM web page to include recommended reading and research questions.

There was some discussion about involvement in webinars. In particular, the release of the material could be staggered: to attenders first, then to members and finally to the public. David Ingram undertook to pursue this idea. He would also pursue the possibility of cosponsorship of one or two sessions.

The subcommittee would continue to pursue this plan in collaboration with the Committee.

9. International Congress of Actuaries 2014

Eric Thorlacius reported that he was on the Scientific Committee for ICA 2014. There would be a different track for each section, including one for AFIR/ERM. This would include both this Committee and the USA's ERM section.

10. Regional European conference association

Eric Thorlacius had circulated to the Committee a letter from Andrew Hitchcox on behalf of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, in which he requested endorsement by the Committee of a co-branded 2012 Euro Risk and Investment Conference in Brussels in June 2012. The co-branding of this joint venture would then be extended to several other European actuarial associations. An AFIR/ERM representative would be invited to join the organising committee. It was agreed to endorse this initiative. David Ingram would represent the AFIR/ERM Section with Andrew Cairns as his alternate.

11. Review of arrangements for General Meeting

It was noted that the draft agenda and Treasurer's report were in hand. It was agreed to ask Michael Sherris to stand for election as a committee member. An announcement of the prize would be made at the closing session of the Colloquium. It was agreed to include on the agenda the proposal that the 2013 Colloquium be held in Lyons.

12. Review of executive positions

Eric Thorlacius advised that his intention would be to continue as Chairman until ICA 2014 in Washington.

Andrew Cairns was elected as new Vice Chairman.

13. Financial support for research

Eric Thorlacius had circulated to the Committee a request from Sam Gutterman on behalf of the IAA Committee on Insurance Accounting that the Section provide funding for an IAA monograph on risk adjustments for insurance contracts. It was agreed to provide funding of 20% of the total, subject to a maximum of C\$20,000. It was further agreed that Nino Savelli represent the AFIR/ERM Section on the oversight committee.

14. Honorary President

In terms of article 10(c) of the new rules of the Section, David Wilkie was elected an Honorary Chairperson of AFIR/ERM.

15. AFIR/ERM banner

Julián Olivier informed the Committee that the *Instituto de Actuarios Españoles*, had offered the AFIR/ERM section a banner. This was accepted with thanks.

16. Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee in Mexico City at the time of the 2012 Colloquium.