

AFIR SECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

**Held in Villa Lazzaroni, Viale Tor di Quinto n° 58
Rome**

30 September 2008

Present:

Jean Berthon (France, IAA Nominee, Chairman)
Eric Thorlacius (USA, Vice-Chairman)
Raimond Maurer (Germany, Secretary)
David Wilkie (UK)
Carla Angela (Italy)

By Invitation:

Andrew Cairns (UK, editor ASTIN bulletin).

Apologies:

Josephine Elisabeth Marks (Canada, Treasurer)
Tony Coleman (Australia IAA Nominee)
Alf Guldberg (Sweden)
Pierre Devolder (Belgium)
Arnaud Clement-Grandcourt (France)

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at approx. 18.00

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, and were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes which were not already on the Agenda.

4. The ASTIN Bulletin

Andrew Cairns gave us an update and the changes of the journal. The subtitle of ASTIN Bulletin was changed to "The Journal of the International Actuarial Association" from volume 37.2. This reflects the expanded scope of the membership including Life, Pensions and Health. The last year has seen the editorial joined by Michel Denuit and Pierre Devolder. Meanwhile, Shaun Wang is winding down as an editor, and Alois Gisler is stepping down after many years of service as a co-editor and latterly as a member of the editorial board. Since the last committee meeting Volumes 37.2 and 38.1 have been published. 31 Articles were published, around 7 of which had an AFIR flavour.

The administration of the journal has now moved to the IAA's offices in Ottawa, with the intention that this will be permanent. We will also be setting up an online submission system through a company called Manuscript Central.

In due course we will also be looking at online access to the journal being immediate for paid up members, possibly through the IAA's website. The committee acknowledged and congratulated Andrew with the work he was doing for the journal.

5. The AFIR Prize.

The committee decided to award the Bob Altling von Geusau Memorial Prize (AFIR prize) for the best paper published in the ASTIN bulletin in 2007 on a financial risk topic for the paper "A Discrete-Time Model for Reinvestment Risk in Bound Markets" (Vol 37, No. 2, page 235-264) by Mikkel Dahl. Managing long term investment risks is a key issue and the paper provides a strong framework to more rigorously manage these risks.

The committee invite Mikkel to present this paper at the 2009 AFIR Colloquium which will be held in Munich Sept 9-11, 2009 where the prize will be awarded. The prize includes an award of C\$5000 (Canadian Dollars) as well as travel expenses to the 2009 Colloquium.

6. Report on the current meeting in Rome.

Carla Angela reported that the congress was under good way. There were 189 delegates including speakers and accompanying persons. The scientific committee had been chaired by Prof. Riccardo Ottaviani and the Organization committee by Carla Angela. They have received 36 papers which was a good number of papers. The programme also includes several interesting round tables and invited speakers on the three main topics of the colloquiums: "Regulation and Risk Management", "Risk Analysis in Coporate Finance", and "Pension, Life and Health Risks".

Enel was the main sponsor of the Colloquium. Side event sponsors were Ania, Anon, Cunningham&Lindsey and Swiss Re. The chairman, Jean Berthon, thanked the sponsors as well as the scientific and organisation committee.

The committee discussed several topics which could be included in future colloquia, e.g. liquidity risk, actuarial valuation of new financial products (like CDS etc.) or regulation in banking & finance.

7. Report from organisers 2009 AFIR Colloquium in Germany in 2009

Raimond gave us a short update on the next meeting in Munich, which will be held together with the life section. The life colloquium is from 7-9 September and the AFIR Colloquium from 9-11 September. The 9 September will be a joint day.

8. Future Colloquia

AFIR would be a theme in the next IAA 2010 conference in South Africa.

9. Review of Arrangements for General Meeting

- a. **Draft Agenda.** The proposed agenda for the General Meeting was approved.
- b. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer Josephine Marks, was not present, but Jean had talked to her and she had given a brief report providing an update on the financial situation.
- c. **Election of Committee Members.**

The term of several members will end in 2009. The term of Jean Berthon as IAA-delegate ends. In addition Jean reported that Josephine Marks steps down. Carla Angela will take her duty as the treasurer. Also the term of Eric Thorlaciuss (the vice chairman) ends in 2008. The committee is very happy that Eric and Jean are taking for a re-election as committee members for another term. In addition Jean-François Boulier was suggested as a new member of the committee.

[After the general meeting Jean Berthon and Jean-François Boulier were elected as new regular members, and Eric Thorlaciuss was re-elected for another term. As a result of these elections the committee reconvened and discussed the transition of committee leadership. Jean Berthon will stay on as Chairman through to July 2009 in order to complete work on the IAA committee, but at that time Jean will step down as Chairman and be replaced by Eric Thorlaciuss. Jean- Francois Boulier will take on the position of Vice-Chairman. The committee unanimously supported this transition and to include this decision in these minutes.]

Jean stated that the committee would work on several replacements during the year.

- d. **Prize Ceremony.** The committee discussed the prize ceremony.

10. Investment Policy

The committee agreed to support the next colloquia in Munich with CAN \$ 15,000, especially to support the participation of delegates from emerging actuarial countries.

11. Other Business

There was no other business

12. Closure of Meeting and Next meeting

It was agreed that afternoon meetings were preferable to morning meetings. The next meeting would be set when the venue was verified. The meeting concluded at approx. 20:00 pm. Note that the meeting was briefly re-opened on Oct 2, following the general meeting and committee elections, for the decision on leadership transition as described in 9.c.

Raimond Maurer (Secretary)