



## AFIR SECTION

### REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE - OCTOBER 2005

#### 1. **16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting :**

There were six members of the Committee whose term was expiring in 2005.

Two of them were standing for reelection (A. Clement-Grandcourt, D. Wilkie), the other four were retiring (P. Albrecht, M. Barker, B. Chinery, R. Clarkson). The chairman thanked all of them for their contribution to the life and development of the section.

The Committee proposed four new members, Pierre Devolder from Belgium, Josephine Marks for Canada, Raimond Maurer for Germany, Shaun Wang for the United States to replace them.

All these members were elected by acclamation.

The new General Secretary will be Tor Eivind Hoyland and Josephine Marks agreed to become the new Treasurer.

#### 2. **Colloquia :**

The 15<sup>th</sup> AFIR Colloquium took place in Zurich at the invitation of the Association Suisse des Actuaires ASA and at the occasion of the Centenary of the ASA and of the celebration of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ETH. It has been preceded by the 36<sup>th</sup> ASTIN Colloquium and included a common ASTIN/AFIR day on Wednesday.

Very prominent actuaries and academics took part in this event and contributed as invited speakers : Hans Bühlmann, Phelim Boyle, Elias Shiu, Robert Engle, Mary Hardy, Damir Filipovic.

The attendance was very satisfactory with a number of participants of 132 for the two AFIR days, several other participants having registered for the whole week (ASTIN + AFIR). They were 32 papers accepted.

As there will be no Colloquium in 2006 because of the International Congress of Actuaries, the next Colloquium will be held in 2007 in Stockholm at the invitation of the Swedish Association.

#### 3. **Paris Congress**

The Scientific Committee of the Paris Congress has received already a good numbers of AFIR related papers which will be included in the AFIR sessions.

#### **4. Bursaries**

It has been decided by the Committee to offer bursaries for younger academics and participants from developing countries to attend the Paris Congress. Based on AFIR's healthy financial situation, it was agreed that CAD 35 000 would be earmarked for bursaries and would be conveyed to the Paris organisers.

#### **5. New AFIR scope and review of the rules**

Following the indication by the IAA that it would like to designate one Section as the principal Risk Section of the IAA, and that AFIR was more suited to this than ASTIN, because of the latter's focus on Non-Life insurance.

At the request of the IAA the Committee reviewed the proposal to transform the AFIR section into the principal Risk Section of the IAA following the wish of the IAA. Concurrent with this was the suggestion that AFIR broaden its scope to include all kinds of risk, particularly operational risk, but perhaps environmental risk and other types of risk. A lengthy discussion ensued, with members supporting this evolution but expressing a range of views on how broad a scope was practicable. In particular, there was less enthusiasm for including environmental risk, as this appeared to be more appropriate in the ASTIN Section. The point was made that AFIR should focus particularly on the *management* of risk.

It was decided that a new definition of AFIR's scope will be prepared and distributed to members so that a formal vote could be taken at the next General Meeting in Paris.

#### **6. AFIR Prize**

The Bob Alting von Geisau prize has been awarded this year to Gary Venter for his article published in 2004 in the ASTIN Bulletin with a special mention given to Morgen Steffenson for his paper.

Jean Berthon, Chairman

#### **Update provided at the Council meeting**

The Chairmen of the ASTIN and AFIR Sections reported that their recent discussions on the overlap in the areas of interest of their respective Sections had led them to consider investigating the interest in, and desirability of, a merger of the two sections. This concept will be presented to the committees of the two Sections for discussion. Council will be kept informed of developments.