



ASTIN SECTION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 2004 - MAY 2005

1. 36TH ASTIN Colloquium – September 4-7, 2005 – Zurich, Switzerland

Plans are in place for the next ASTIN Colloquium, which will be followed by the AFIR Colloquium September 6-9, 2005. Wednesday, September 7, will be a joint ASTIN/AFIR day. These are being organized by the Swiss Association of Actuaries, **Marc Chuard**, Chairman, with **Paul Embrechts** chairing the ASTIN Scientific Committee and **Andrew Cairns** chairing the AFIR Scientific Committee.

The content of the Colloquium promises to be quite stimulating. We are pleased that **Hans Bühlmann, Phelim Boyle, David R. Cox, Robert Engle, Thomas Mack** and **Elias S. W. Shiu** will be taking part in this event as invited speakers.

This year marks the Centenary of the Swiss Association of Actuaries and the 150th birthday of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH). An extensive social program is planned.

2. ASTIN Bulletin

Since the last ASTIN meeting in Bergen in June 2004, two volumes of the Bulletin (**34.1** and **34.2**) have appeared totaling 456 pages. In 2004 we received 60 submissions. The rejection rate is around 60%.

Vol. 34.1 contained 7 articles, 6 workshop contributions, 2 book reviews, 1 announcement, and 1 obituary.

Vol. 34.2 contained 6 articles, 3 workshop contributions, 1 report, 4 announcements, and 1 obituary.

Editor **Paul Embrechts** has indicated his desire to step down effective at the September 2005 meeting of the ASTIN Committee. **Andrew Cairns** is planning to continue as an Editor and **Shaun Wang** is nominated to be elected also as an Editor in September. A new member of the Editorial Board is **Maria de Lourdes Centeno**.

The collaboration with Peeters as our printer continues to be very positive. Thanks are extended to all the referees and authors from the ASTIN/AFIR community for securing the high quality standard of the ASTIN Bulletin.

3. Seminars

ASTIN is contributing to the enhancement of actuarial professionalism worldwide by offering seminars on non-life topics in countries with developing non-life practice. Recently, excellent ASTIN seminars have been offered in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Bucharest, Bangkok and Beijing. These seminars are an effective way to introduce non-life topics to students in these countries who are just getting started with a non-life system. ASTIN pays honoraria to those who serve as part of the seminar faculty.

4. Financial

Good progress has been made on converting ASTIN's fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 to a calendar year basis.

5. Elections

An election will be held in Zurich to fill the empty seat on the ASTIN Committee. Three nominations have been received.

6. Future Colloquia

No ASTIN Colloquium will be organized in 2006 in order to avoid any conflict with the Congress. There will be several ASTIN sessions at the Congress May 28-June 2, 2006 in the first half of the week.

The 37th ASTIN Colloquium will be held in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. at Disney World in June, 2007. We will celebrate ASTIN's 50th anniversary at that time.

7. ICA Bursaries

ASTIN will pay bursaries for ICA attendees in the amount of \$25,000 CDN plus another \$15,000 CDN of matching funds. We are pleased to learn that IACA has also contributed \$15,000 CDN, which we will now match.

David G. Hartman, Chairman