Committee Membership Changes:
We had the IAAHS AGM in Hong Kong, and elected new members to the Committee: The IAAHS Committee until May 2012:

- Chairman: Emile Stipp (South Africa)
- Secretary and Treasurer: Yair Babad (USA / Israel)
- Members: Cheng Hock Chi (Singapore), April Choi (USA), Claude Ferguson (Canada), Andrew Gale (Australia), Froylan Puente (Mexico), Eduardo Lara (Mexico), Ermanno Pitacco (Italy), Dan Skwire (USA)
- IAA appointed members: Ulrich Stellmann (Germany), Junichi Sakamoto (Japan)

Yair Babad and Claude Ferguson’s terms expired at the AGM, and we would like to record sincere thanks to both Claude and Yair for their enormous contribution to the Section over the years. April Choi has agreed to accept the nomination of Secretary and Cheng Hock Chi has agreed to accept the nomination of Treasurer. Dino Mon Vasquez, a Committee member from Panama, resigned in February 2012.

Three new members were elected to the Committee: Denis Garand (Canada), Wang Wenliang (Richard), from China, and Adrian Baskir (UK).

Section Membership:
At the time of the AGM in Cape Town in 2010, the IAAHS membership was 399. At the moment it has grown to 520. Much of this growth is attributable to the IAAHS programme of webcasts.

Upcoming Events:
Webcasts that have been offered so far:
- Microinsurance (Dr David Dror)
- Stochastic Modelling for Health Actuaries, sponsored by Milliman (James Stolzfus, Andrew Dalton, Richard Kipp)
- Risk Adjustment: lessons learned in 3 countries (John Armstrong, Heather McLeod)
- The Impact of Gender Equalisation on the EU Health Insurance Industry, sponsored by RGA (Peter Banthorpe and Emile Stipp)
- Health Insurers and Solvency II, sponsored by PWC (Andreas Sanner and Julia Schüller)
- Drivers of utilisation increases in health care claims around the world, sponsored by Milliman (Joanne Buckle, Pang-Hsiang Chye, Simon Moody, Eduardo Lara and Luis Maldonado)

Webcast are available to members for downloading on the website, and have been well attended. For instance, in the last webcast we had 198 registrants from 29 different countries (with the
The majority being from Canada, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa, UK, USA). The previous two webcasts had 130 and 127 attendees respectively. We know that there are several companies where multiple people dial in on one line, so we believe that these webcasts reach a wide audience of actuaries across the world. The reason that webcasts increase is our membership is that we have made them available only to Section members, and we require anyone else to pay a fee equivalent to the membership fee, in return for which they get access to all the webcasts in that year. This strategy has proven to be successful in increasing membership numbers.

The cost of webcasts is between $5 000 and $6 0000, depending on the number of people who dial in. For sponsored webcasts, we have asked companies to contribute $5 000, and in return for that they are allowed to brand their presentation with their logo. We do ensure that the presentation does not market products or services, but conforms to the usual standards of professional discourse, despite the fact that it is sponsored.

The IAAHS also recently held a Joint Colloquium in Hong Kong with PBSS and IACA. This was a very successful event, attended by 300 actuaries from 34 countries, with 45 healthcare sessions offered. The feedback on the conference was very good.

**Planned Publications / Research:**
We have organised the Section’s activities by Topic Teams, with the intention that actuaries with particular interest in aspects of health actuarial practice, would have a forum to share ideas with likeminded colleagues. One of the services that the Section offers is libraries, organised by Topic Teams, to which members of the Section get access.

We are now launching a project to update and expand the libraries, with the help of Heather McLeod.

**Topic Team Leaders:**
- Long Term Care (Allen Schmitz)
- Microinsurance for Health (Lisa Morgan and Denis Garand)
- Critical Illness (Bill Baker)
- Income Protection (Dan Skwire)
- Medical Expense (Ulrich Stellmann)
- Risk Adjustment (Sheree Swanson)
- Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Heather McLeod)
- Health Risk Capital and Risk Management (Ulrich Stellmann and Claude Ferguson)
- Comparative Health Systems (Eduardo Lara and Cheng Hock Chi)

**Other Activities:**
Our immediate priorities are:
1. To organise around 3 to 4 high quality webcasts for our members every year.
2. To assist with the scientific programme of ICA 2014
3. To provide a useful and extensive library for Topic Teams.