International Actuarial Association
Committee on Advice and Assistance

Report on Matters and Activities
November 2002 – April 2003

This report highlights matters and activities of the Advice and Assistance Committee occurring from November 2002, following the A&A meeting in Barcelona, through April 2003. Minutes for the committee meeting held in conjunction with the IAA Council in Barcelona are available on the IAA website, as are the minutes of a conference call held on January 30, 2003.

1. Actuaries Without Frontiers (AWF)

The AWF task force will be considering a proposal to be constituted as an IAA Section at its meeting in Sydney.

2. IPEF

a. Funding for International Professional Seminars

International Professional Seminars for Leaders of the Profession and Actuarial Educators, sponsored by the A&A Committee, are discussed in the next section. Funding was provided by IPEF in amounts of approximately US$21,400 (approx. $30,800 CAD) for Lagos, Nigeria (20-22 February 2003) and approximately US$5,250 (approx. $7500 CAD) for Casablanca, Morocco (31 March-2 April 2003). The next seminar is planned for Manila in October 2003.

b. Contributions Update

There has been a good response to the solicitation for contributions to the IPEF activities for 2003. Thus far, contributions received total $89,311 CAD. Thank you to all contributors. Further contributions are still very welcome. Associations and/or individuals wishing to make a contribution can contact the IAA Secretariat.

4. Seminars for Actuarial Leaders and Educators and Role of the Actuary Seminars

a. Lagos, Nigeria – February 20-22, 2003

The meeting was attended by over 30 representatives from 10 anglophone countries in the region (including 3 from South Africa) as well as by 6 people from the United Kingdom. Materials from the seminar and a full report are available on the IAA website.

b. Casablanca, Morocco – 31 March - 2 April, 2003

The meeting was attended by about 50 representatives from 5 francophone countries in the region (Algeria, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia) as well as by 7 people from France, Italy and the United Kingdom and a representative of the ISSA. Materials from the seminar are available on the IAA website.

c. Future Meetings

Manila –October 10-12, 2003 – Leaders' Meeting

The organization of a Leaders' meeting for October 2003 immediately prior to the East Asian Actuarial Conference is well underway.

Eastern Europe – 2004 – Leaders' Meeting
Invitations from Croatia and Slovakia are being considered for holding a follow-up to the Vilnius meeting sometime in 2004.

Latin America
Consideration is being given to organizing a full Leaders' Meeting for Latin America.

Turkey – Role of the Actuary Seminar
Postponed until later in 2003 or in 2004

Cyprus – Role of the Actuary Seminar
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Latin America
The Committee set up a sub-group to address follow-up actions in Latin America following the meeting and contacts made in Buenos Aires.

In all cases, active follow up to these seminars is important.

5. **China Subcommittee**
A letter inviting the Society of Actuaries of China to apply for Observer Member status in the IAA was sent at the end of December 2002.

With the assistance of the Joint Actuaries Office in Hong Kong, material was collected from IAA member associations for the China Insurance Regulatory Committee (CIRC) in response to their request for assistance in the following areas:

1) comparison of regulations on non-life actuarial practice in different countries, and
2) 2) Comparison of guidelines and standards of practice for non-life actuaries in different countries.
3) Syllabuses and educational material for the training of non-life actuaries in some of the major actuarial education systems

6. **Marketing Plan for Seminars**
Work continues on the development of a comprehensive marketing plan for our outreach efforts, focussed primarily on our seminar activities. The committee expects to consider the first draft of an internally focused brochure at its meeting in Sydney.

Stephen Handler, Chairperson
April 30, 2003