



**Chairman's Report
To the
IAA Health Section General Meeting
Dresden, Germany
April 28, 2004**

Our first General Meeting of Health Section members was convened during the 2nd International Health Colloquium. As a new IAA Section, having been official constituted in May 2003, the Interim Committee has focused on getting started. Our major activities in the past year are as follows:

Membership Solicitation

The Section began soliciting members in the 4th quarter of 2003 with help from the IAA Secretariat, IAA member association liaisons, our own Committee members, and Health Section liaison members representing their national associations. Our efforts have been quite successful. The Section currently has more than 250 members from 38 countries. Our largest national groups represent the U.S., Germany, and Japan. The Committee's goal is to have 400 members by the end of 2004.

2nd International Health Colloquium

Our Dresden Colloquium was a huge success! More than 200 participants from 28 countries heard 42 excellent presentations. The Colloquium's success demonstrated once again that there is significant interest in an international forum addressing health matters. We are particularly grateful for help received from the DAV and its health actuaries who took the lead in organizing the Colloquium.

OnLine Journal

The first edition of the Health Section OnLine Journal was published in the 4th quarter of 2003. The Journal contains links to health activities of IAA member national actuarial associations and links to information of interest to practicing health actuaries. The Journal is our main communication tool with Health Section members. The Committee is committed to growing the Journal and to making it even more relevant to our members daily needs.

During the General Meeting an election was held for 12 members of the Health Section Committee, which is our governing body. The 12 members elected were those who have

served for the past year as Interim Committee Members. The new Committee is already busy addressing additional items on behalf of our members.

Way Forward

The Committee has begun discussing plans to expand Health Section activities. Now that we have a base of members, we want to undertake new activities using member-volunteers to work on various projects. The Committee used its meeting in Dresden to address how to proceed and to begin identifying specific topics and activities of interest to our members. This important discussion will continue at our next Committee meeting in Stockholm (June 2004). During this process, we will be soliciting input from our members. Please help by providing your comments.

Volunteerism

As we develop new activities and expand existing ones there is one key resource that we need for success --- your interest and volunteer commitment. During the next year we will be contacting you about our activities and offering opportunities to work on teams and committees with your international colleagues. Please be generous in volunteering your time, since without members willing to work on our various activities, nothing can be accomplished.

I thank you in advance for your interest in and support for the Health Section.

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