



**General Meeting  
Dresden, 28 April 2004**

**Secretary's report**

**Formation of IAAHS**

The IAA Health Section (IAAHS) was formed in May 2003 at the IAA meeting in Sydney, Australia. IAAHS was formed to, and charged with, supporting actuaries around the world who are interested in health insurance and health financing matters. Its formation last year followed the efforts over the previous two years of an ad hoc group of actuaries from around the world to create a forum for health actuaries within the IAA.

**IAAHS Committee**

IAAHS is managed by a Committee composed of a maximum of 14 members, with two members appointed by the IAA Council and up to 12 elected members. Since May of last year, an Interim Committee has been in place, comprising:

<b>Chairman</b>	Howard Bolnick (USA)
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Ibrahim Muhanna (Cyprus and Lebanon)
<b>Secretary</b>	Aisling Kennedy (Ireland)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Yair Babad (Israel)
<b>IAA Delegate</b>	Hillevi Mannon (Finland)
<b>Members</b>	John Bertko (USA) Alvarro Castro (Switzerland) Claude Ferguson (Canada) Giovanna Ferrara (Italy) Rainer Fürhaupter (Germany) Shaunn Matisonn (South Africa) David Paul (UK) Brent Walker (Australia)

At this General Meeting, elections will take place for the 12 elected positions.

Through its members, the Committee has links with 13 national actuarial associations. In addition, the Committee is developing a network of "liaison members" from other national associations. To date, there are 13 liaison members linking IAAHS to the national associations in China, Estonia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore and Taiwan, as well as the American Academy of Actuaries and the Society of Actuaries in the U.S. While liaison members have no formal role in Section governance, they are a key resource in helping the Committee to stay in close contact with the diverse needs of Section members in different countries.

### **Membership**

In October 2003, the process of inviting IAA members and other interested individuals to join IAAHS began. Invitations to join IAAHS have been issued both by the IAA and its member associations. Online enrolment is available on the IAA website at: <http://www.actuaries.org/>.

To date, IAAHS has 260 members from 36 countries, with the goal being to reach 400 by the end of 2004. The membership includes 58 members from the U.S., 36 from Japan, 29 from Germany, 18 from South Africa, 17 from Australia, 12 from the United Kingdom and 11 from Ireland, with up to 10 members from each of the other countries.

We hope that, when you return home from the Colloquium, you will encourage your colleagues and peers to join IAAHS.

### **Website**

The Health Section, with superb help from the IAA Secretariat, has constructed a web site within the IAA web site. This web site will serve as the main communications resource with our members.

### **Online Journal**

The Committee published a first edition of our OnLine Journal, edited by Committee member Yair Babad (Israel) and supported by a worldwide network of co-editors. The Journal is a valuable resource for actuaries interested in accessing international resources to find answers to practical questions that they encounter in their health practices. It is accessible on the IAAHS web site.

### **Colloquia**

Over the past number of months, a primary focus for the Committee has been the planning of the Colloquium in Dresden, under the leadership of member Rainer Fuerhaupter (Germany). The Committee is also already actively considering options for future Colloquia.

### **Other activities**

In addition, there are two sub-committees who have been considering, respectively, possible projects for IAAHS, and opportunities for co-operation with other IAA Sections and Committees, in particular the IAA Social Security Committee.

*Aisling Kennedy*  
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