SPECIAL NEWSLETTER – CAPE TOWN 2016

This Special Newsletter reports on the discussions and action items arising from the IAA Council and committee meetings held in Cape Town, South Africa, from November 18–21, 2016. The meetings, broken down into 52 different groups filling 86 time slots, were attended by 257 delegates representing 39 Full Member Associations (FMAs), four Associate Members, all seven Sections and one Partner organisation.

The attendees included the following special guests:

- International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS): Jules Gribble and John Maroney
- Financial Stability Institute: Jeffery Yong
- Actuarial Association of Europe (AAE): Kristoffer Bork
- Financial Reporting Council: Ann Muldoon

EC AND PRESIDENTS’ REPORT

President Malcolm Campbell’s report to Council focused on the:

- Replacement of the Executive Director (ED): Mathieu Langelier will replace Nicole Séguin as of January 3, 2017
- Launch of the Accessible Intellectual Capital project: the EC decided not to partner with the ICA 2018 project and continues to discuss the way forward
- Discussions on a new education syllabus
- EC discussions on continuing professional development (CPD)

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Future areas of focus include:

• A strategy review was kick started by a joint strategy session of the EC and Strategic Planning Subcommittee on November 17. A questionnaire seeking formal input from FMAs will be issued before end of year. This will be brought back to the Budapest meetings.

• Formalizing the IAA’s relationship with the Actuarial Association of Europe

• Work on the development of the Sections

GUEST SPEAKER

During the lunch on November 19, Dr. Michael Jordaan, former CEO of First National Bank, highlighted the important impact of the actuarial profession in South Africa on the banking industry, a sector in which 25 percent of all new actuaries work. He encouraged other countries to embrace the role that actuaries can play to oversee all types of risks associated with the banking industry. Furthermore, Michael illustrated how digital disruptors have affected many traditional industries, including financial services. He urged the actuarial profession to not be complacent, and to strive to broaden its horizon into other areas where the actuarial skillset can be utilized in conjunction with the digitization of data.
2017 ELECTION RESULTS

Council unanimously elected Tom Terry of the United States as President for 2017, and Masaaki Yoshimura of Japan as President-Elect. Outgoing President Malcolm Campbell, from Sweden, was recognized for his exceptional contribution to the IAA’s progress and development during his year of presidency. Malcolm will continue to serve as an Officer of the IAA as Immediate Past President. All terms of office take effect on January 1, 2017.

NEW MEMBERS

On the recommendation of the Accreditation Committee (AC), Council admitted the Actuarial Society of Turkey (AST) as the 69th Full Member. Congratulations and welcome! Further details on the AST can be found in our news release.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

- BDO Canada LLP as Auditors for the 2016 financial statements
- 2017 Budget and dues
- International Standard of Actuarial Practice 1A (ISAP 1A) – Governance of Models and ISAP 5 – Insurer Enterprise Risk Models
- The Institute of Actuaries of Japan as the hosts of the International Congress of Actuaries (ICA) in 2026

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council approved the appointments for statutory and limited membership committees and ratified appointments to other positions as approved by the Executive Committee (EC).
CHAIR RECOGNITION

In recognition of their dedication and invaluable contribution to the IAA’s work, a plaque was presented to the following outgoing chairpersons:

- Klaus Mattar, Education Committee (EduC), 2014–2016
- Emile Stipp, Health Committee (HC), 2013–2016
- Paul Lewis, Mortality Working Group (MWG), 2013–2016
- Margaret Tiller Sherwood, IACA Section, 2014–2016

Unfortunately, Emile, Paul and Margaret were unable to attend to receive their plaques in person. Margaret will be recognized at the meetings in Budapest.

SESSION ON THE IAA

The session on the IAA, led by Malcolm Campbell, was attended by more than 70 delegates. It was a good opportunity to become better acquainted with the operations and activities of the IAA and discuss issues with the Officers. For those who missed it, the presentation is available online.
Our hosts, the Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA), organized a special evening at The Avenue conference venue near Cape Town’s Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. Three hundred delegates and guests wearing the same shirt—a caricature of ED Nicole Séguin and the 2016 IAA Officers on the face of Table Mountain—celebrated Nicole’s imminent retirement. Malcolm Campbell led the retirement festivities with a humorous yet nostalgic speech and presented Nicole with many gifts, including her own copy of the stochastic modelling book.

Memories were shared through on-screen and handwritten tributes from current and past IAA volunteers. Everyone expressed their gratitude for Nicole’s many years of service and wished her well in her retirement.
OUTCOMES OF COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Accreditation Committee
Ken Hohman, Chairperson

The AC reviewed and accepted the application of the Actuarial Society of Turkey as a Full Member, which was recommended to Council for approval.

It discussed and approved a new format for the annual confirmation form that will allow member associations to provide the information that must be submitted on a yearly basis, in accordance with the IAA’s internal regulations, while gathering non-compulsory information of importance to the work of several IAA committees. AC members also discussed steps to take with member associations that fail to submit the confirmation form.

The AC continues to carry out its work of ensuring that changes made by member associations to their documents remain in compliance with IAA internal regulations, and assisting applicants for full membership.

Actuarial Standards Committee (ASC)
Alf Gohdes, Chairperson

Progress on model actuarial standards (ISAPs) has continued since our last report in August.

The IAA’s model standard-setting process reached another milestone when, during the Council meeting, the ASC and its task forces witnessed the approval of their proposals for:

- ISAP 1A – Governance of Models
- ISAP 5 – Insurer Enterprise Risk Models

In the time leading up to this approval, comments made by interested parties to each of the exposure drafts had been considered and acted upon to produce the final drafts and consultation reports for final exposure from August 18 to September 18. On the basis of resultant comments, finishing touches were made to produce the final proposals and reports from the ASC and its two task forces in time for Council’s 30-day agenda for Cape Town. The Professionalism Committee (PC) had previously reported to the EC that the Due Process had been followed correctly by the ASC, so that the EC could also provide its blessing.

The ASC and its task forces continued work on the development of exposure drafts on three further standards. In the expected order of issuance, they are:

- ISAP 6 – Insurance Enterprise Risk Management Programs and IAIS Insurance Core Principles
- ISAP 4 – regarding IFRS 17 and accounting for insurance contracts
- ISAP 7 – regarding “Current estimates” and other matters in relation to the IAIS basic capital requirement for internationally active insurance groups

On the basis of developments within the IAA, International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and IAIS, the ASC has revised its dashboard on expected timelines for completion of these projects.
In addition, it has also been working on other items, such as the planning of the next actuarial standards seminar to be held in Budapest in 2017, a suitable approach to merging ISAPs 1 and 1A and simultaneously updating ISAP 1, and a process to deal with amendments of existing standards to conform with newly-adopted standards. For example, we wanted to update ISAPs 2 and 3 to refer to ISAP 1A concurrent with its adoption, but do not have a clear mechanism to do so.

Finally, the ASC chair briefed the Presidents’ Forum during the Cape Town meetings on the state of the IAA's model standard-setting process, and engaged in fruitful and constructive discussion with the attendees.

Advice & Assistance Committee
Tarmo Koll, Chairperson

Committee members discussed and achieved the goals established by an ambitious agenda. The work for the next six months will focus on four areas:

- Bursaries Task Force—the start of the operations to review applications from prospective bursary recipients for ICA 2018.
- Restructure of the committee—the responsibilities of the IAA Fund Subcommittee will be incorporated into the work of the A&A Committee, thus avoiding the creation of a new subcommittee once the IAA Fund is disbanded.
- Seminars—the organization of a seminar prior to the IAA Council and Committee meetings in Budapest to support existing IAA member associations from Europe, encourage their engagement with the IAA, and assist in their development. The Eurasia and Middle East Subcommittee is organizing an event in Istanbul in 2017 to support the development of the actuarial profession in Turkey.
- Association support—the A&A Committee is dedicated to providing continuous support to associations in emerging countries, upon request.

Incoming A&A Chairperson Darryl Wagner thanked Tarmo Koll for his years of service.

Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)
Cecil Bykerk, Chairperson

The AFC reviewed the Director of Operations and Finance’s report on the financial results for the third quarter, noting that the year-end forecast projects a small deficit of $14,000 CAD. The committee was generally pleased with the revised investment portfolio analysis and the revised risk assessment tool. These will be presented to Council in Budapest.
**Education Committee**  
*Klaus Mattar, Chairperson*

The members discussed the working agenda during the first part of the meeting, and the banking interest group presented the results of the survey undertaken. The relationship with universities interest group will work with the Actuarial Educators Network to assist interested associations to strengthen their relationships with universities. Meanwhile, the CPD and data analytics interest groups will develop their work.

The second part of the meeting received the report of the Syllabus Governance Task Force (SGTF) and welcomed the participation of AC members. In an engaging discussion, participants commented and expressed concerns on the information presented. Committee members were asked to bring the information back to their associations and submit their comments to the SGTF.

Incoming Chairperson Bozenna Hinton thanked Klaus Mattar for his years of service.

**Enterprise and Financial Risk Committee**  
*Lars Pralle, Vice-Chairperson*

The EFRC meeting gave committee members and observers an opportunity to catch up on developments in the implementation of risk-based regulation across different legislations, and on the status of the development of supranational regulatory frameworks.

The committee was delighted to receive presentations from Judy Faure and Arthur Els from ASSA on enterprise risk management in South Africa and on the application of actuarial methods outside the financial services industry. The example of actuarial risk assessment applied to project management in the construction industry was inspiring and led to a lively discussion.

A review of the committee workplan and the collection of possible new projects rounded off the well-attended meeting.

The committee thanked John Maroney for his work as Co-vice-chair, which is coming to an end, and welcomed Paul Braithwaite, who is taking over.

**Executive Committee**  
*Malcolm Campbell, President*

The EC met on November 18 and 21, when it received reports from three committees—the AC, A&A, and Scientific—and a report on the third-quarter financial statements.

Discussion also took place on:

- Dues and the definition of a fully-qualified actuary
- The International Actuarial Platform
- Education matters
Branding and Communications Subcommittee (BCS)

Peter Doyle, Chairperson

Since the previous meetings in St. Petersburg, the BCS' primary focus has been on finalizing the IAA brand policy and a brand message for the actuarial profession, for use within the IAA. Both documents were presented to the Presidents’ Forum and Council, and will now be subject to approval through a Council electronic vote.

A draft brand toolkit was also presented by our communications consultants, Ninepoint. Overall feedback from members was extremely positive, with several associations looking forward to utilizing the materials to promote the profession in their own country. The toolkit, with some minor amendments, will be circulated to member associations that can translate and customize the content, including local case studies, as needed for their jurisdiction.

The yearly engagement by the individual EC members with FMAs this year involved seeking feedback on the strategic plan, which resulted in a productive discussion during a full strategy day on November 17. Results of this discussion were reported at the Council meeting.

The Secretariat provided feedback on the extensive IAA communications since the previous meetings, including an increased use of, and presence on, social media.

For 2017, the BCS' workplan will focus on implementing the brand policy and message for all the IAA’s external communications. Specific IAA and Section branding efforts will continue, as well as the implementation of an IAA brand specification.

Section Access and Awareness Task Force

Desmond Smith, Chairperson

The Task Force met and it was agreed that it should be merged with the Joint Sections Development TF of the SPS (see below).

Joint Sections Development Task Force

Bob Conger, Chairperson

The task force discussions in Cape Town focused on defining and launching a set of specific actions to undertake between now and the IAA’s Budapest meetings in April 2017. These actions are focused on: gaining greater efficiency and effectiveness in communications to the actuarial community regarding Section events and other Section resources; more systematically creating and disseminating permanent content from Section events (e.g., recordings of key sessions); refreshing the articulation of the Sections’ value proposition and related communication tools and materials; and developing a social media strategy for the Sections. Each of the IAA's seven Sections was represented during the discussions.
Strategic Planning Subcommittee (SPS)
Tom Terry, Chairperson

A joint SPS and EC strategy session was held on November 17, the results of which were presented to the Council. Please consult the Council slides for further details.

General Insurance Committee (GIC)
Bob Conger, Chairperson

The GIC, which was formed earlier this year, held its second in-person meeting in Cape Town. Key areas included:

• Prioritizing and activating links with other IAA committees that can obtain the greatest value from tapping into the unique perspective of GI actuaries. The meeting included specific discussions with the A&A Committee and the Insurance Accounting Committee (IAC).

• Clarifying the distinction between the work of the ASTIN Section versus the GIC, exploring general areas in which to work together, and defining several immediate opportunities, including risk margin research and the ASTIN Colloquium in Panama in August 2017.

• Prioritizing and activating connections between the IAA and various supranational organizations. The meeting included specific discussions regarding upcoming initiatives of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

• Exploring opportunities to support and leverage GI content at ICA 2018 in Berlin.

• Discussing target audiences and partners, project objectives, and key topic areas of potential projects related to educational material regarding (a) actuarial data needs for motor insurance; (b) the implications of self-driving cars; and (c) the changing consumer experience with motor insurance (e.g., resulting from the use of new technologies in marketing, sales and servicing; and telematics and other sources of new rating and underwriting variables).

• Establishing the GIC’s strategic priorities and work plan for 2017, which closely align with the focus areas of the Cape Town committee meeting.

The committee does not yet have delegates from all FMAs. We invite additional associations to appoint delegates to it, and individual actuaries to participate as “interested persons”. Attendance at the GIC’s semi-annual meetings is not a requirement, as it (and smaller groups working on specific projects) will conduct much of the work by conference calls and email.
Health Committee
Emile Stipp, Chairperson

The HC had a busy agenda in Cape Town. Christelle Dieudonne and Roseanne da Silva reported on meetings with the OECD and World Health Organization, and the progress made in creating awareness in these organizations of the work done by healthcare actuaries. The committee discussed how these relationships can be developed to ensure that actuaries’ opinions are heard on health policy and health funding matters. It also discussed several briefing notes, which will be finalized and published over the next year, on personalized medicine, the role of healthcare actuaries in big data and medical inflation. The committee would also like to increase its relationship with the Health Section, especially with regard to the development of briefing notes and sharing the results by broadcasting the results to Health Section members via webinar.

Emile Stipp stepped down as chairperson of the committee, and handed over the leadership to Christelle Dieudonne from France.

Insurance Accounting Committee
William Hines, Chairperson

The IAC spent the majority of its meeting discussing the decisions of the IASB from its November meeting regarding the insurance contracts project. In addition, experience adjustments, the level of aggregation, the variable fee approach, and transition were discussed in Cape Town.

The IAC also received updates on other IAA projects:

- The development of ISAP 4
- The Risk Book chapter on financial statements
- The risk adjustment monograph, including a report from the Deloitte author team

The Education and Practice Subcommittee spent significant time reviewing the development of international actuarial notes (IANs) and developing a plan for the timeline and resource allocation for these documents.

Insurance Regulation Committee (IRC)
Dave Sandberg, Chairperson

The committee reviewed its recent very successful and broad engagement on the IAIS International Capital Standard response. The IAIS attended our meeting to express its appreciation of our response. In addition, we discussed the remaining four to five chapters of the Risk Book that are to be finished before our next meeting in Budapest. During the past 14 months the book has gone from four to 16 finalized chapters.
**Nominations Committee (NC)**

*Fred Rowley, Chairperson*

The focus of the NC meeting was an initial discussion of a recommendation for the 2019 President. Discussions will continue in the coming months.

The 2017 call for nominations has been issued to all FMAs and responses are due by February 6, 2017. FMAs are encouraged to submit more names of suitable candidates, and in particular those who can offer gender and cultural diversity.

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**Pensions and Employee Benefits Committee (PEBC)**

*Yas Fujii, Chairperson*

The PEBC moved forward with several ongoing projects and initiated a new one. It also discussed updates of developments relevant to the international community, covering plan design, funding, accounting and strategic relationships with supranational organizations. The following topics were featured on the agenda:

- The separate meetings of the Pensions and Benefits Accounting Subcommittee led by Tim Furlan, and the OECD Subcommittee (appointed jointly with the IRC) led by Esko Kivisaari, who both reported to the PEBC
- Replacement of the OECD Subcommittee Chair with Christelle Dieudonné
- The pension funding monograph (development and publication)
- Pension de-risking by plan sponsor (the initiation of a new project)
- PBSS/PEBC contribution to the next ICA
- Discussion on public employees’ pension funding
- Experience in the host country, South Africa
- Updates of the AAE
- Updates of each member’s home country
OECD Subcommittee
Esko Kivisaari, Chairperson

The OECD Subcommittee is set up jointly by the IRC and the PEBC. Its mission is to coordinate interaction with the OECD based on the memorandum of understanding between these organisations.

Traditionally we have interacted with the OECD through two of its bodies: the Working Party of Private Pensions (WPPP) and the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC). This explains the background of having the IRC and the PEBC as parent committees of this subcommittee. However, the subcommittee looks after other areas where the IAA could play a significant role in OECD activities. We are not trying to be engaged in all interesting OECD activities; instead we look at issues where actuarial input is essential. In addition to the IPPC and the WPPP, this seems to be the case at least with health issues.

The OECD, in the form of the WPPP and the IPPC, already deals with many issues that are relevant to IAA bodies other than just the IRC and the PEBC. The WPPP and the IPPC discuss subjects like socioeconomic differences, disaster risk financing, climate change and new technologies. Therefore, it makes sense to have the subcommittee interact, in addition to the IRC and the PEBC, with at least the GIC, HC, Social Security Committee (SSC), Population Issues Working Group (PIWG), Resource and Environment Working Group (REWG), MWG and Big Data Working Group (BDWG).

The subcommittee has been chaired from its start by Esko Kivisaari from Finland. In view of his recent appointment as chair of the new BDWG, the IRC and PEBC have nominated Christelle Dieudonné from France to succeed him.

Professionalism Committee
David Martin, Chairperson

There was good discussion and further work was agreed on key issues.

The meeting got off to a great start with a video from the UK on disciplinary issues that engaged the members in a new topic (suggested at the St. Petersburg meeting): disciplinary schemes with reference to the Code of Conduct, which is being studied by a working group.

It was agreed that work should continue by another working group on general advice for FMAs to pass on to their members regarding the choice of standards to use when working away from their home country.

Suggestions on both the wording of a professional guideline on principles of professionalism and the framework document on the production of professional guidelines were noted and will be followed up.

Good interaction between the ASC and the PC’s task forces monitoring the due process for ISAPs had led to clean bills of health for the process for ISAPs 1A and 5, which were later agreed at Council. The use made by FMAs of ISAPs 1, 2 and 3 was noted, as well as a paper from the Standard-Setters Round Table that was prepared in order to assist with the setting of standards by smaller associations, in conjunction with the ASC and A&A Committee.

The need to amend formal IAA wording regarding the definition of IANs was noted and a way forward was explored to enable their due process to be monitored by this committee—this will be followed up with the EC.
The committee heard from the Working Group on Business Ethics and Public Interest and its three recommendations. That group will now wind up, with its recommendations being followed up in due course.

As well as receiving an update on education matters, the committee heard of interesting developments on the governance of professions by authorities in Québec, Canada, which may have wider implications in due course, and of a new topic considered in several committees: financial inclusion and microinsurance.

A conference call is planned in February, in the interval before the Budapest meeting in April, to measure progress on the initiatives. Progress in these areas is anticipated at that meeting.

Scientific Committee (SC)
*Thomas Béhar, Chairperson*

The SC’s purpose is mostly to monitor the work of the six existing working groups (WGs): Banking (BWG), Big Data (BDWG), Microinsurance (MiWG), Mortality (MWG), Population Issues (PIWG) and Resource and Environment (REWG). It is staffed by six appointed members, with each acting as liaison to a WG, and the chairpersons of each group as ex officio members. The liaison assignments for 2017 are:

- BWG: Peter Doyle
- BDWG: Tonya Manning
- MiWG: Rob Brown
- MWG: Martin Stevenson
- PIWG: Chris Daykin
- REWG: Thomas Béhar

Liaisons will facilitate the monitoring task and will help with successful development of the WGs.

Reports were received from the WGs and their 2017 workplans were reviewed.

As WGs are made up of experts and not delegates from FMAs, and the SC has a limited attendance, each FMA interested in participating in a group’s work is strongly invited to contribute through experts serving on the WGs. Their 2017 workplans give an overview of the activities of each WG in the coming months.

The two new WGs on banking and big data have begun their work and met for the first time in Cape Town. Michael Tichareva and Esko Kivisaari are, respectively, their first chairpersons. They have established their first workplans, and shared practices in these two fields. The BDWG will be more focused on data science. FMAs are still invited to check that their experts are sufficiently present in these two WGs.

The main reported activities from the four older WGs are:

- The PIWG is working on a new paper on long-term care
- The REWG is working on different actuarial topics concerning climate change
- The MWG is pursuing a long list of mortality projects
The MiWG is involved in a joint IAA-IAIS project about actuarial services in inclusive insurance markets.

Five of the six WGs present their reports below.

**Banking Working Group**

*Michael Tichevera, Chairperson*

Banking is a recognised practice area for actuaries in South Africa and Australia. In South Africa, a Banking Fellowship has been available since 2015, and student actuaries can now qualify as banking actuaries. In Australia, a banking subject is on track to be introduced in 2017. Other IAA member associations are at different stages of development, with some having established interest groups and others in the process of doing so.

The BWG was established early in 2016 to assist in progressing the international involvement of actuaries in banking, with IAA member associations showing great interest. It held its first meeting on October 5 via a conference call, and its second meeting in Cape Town, where, besides other topics, the workplan was presented, discussed and approved. The strategic priorities for 2017 were agreed:

1. Finalise the investigation on the role of actuaries in banking and finalise a report for sharing with stakeholders.

2. Engage member associations to learn what they are doing—including gaining an understanding of their stage of development of banking as a practice area for actuaries—and identify areas where they may need help to progress their initiatives.

3. Encourage representation of more member associations on the BWG.

4. Develop relationships with key supranational organizations such as the Basel Committee, World Bank, International Banking Association, International Banking Federation and other institutions.

5. Prioritise communication (a) with member associations; and (b) with other external stakeholders of interest, such as banks, so that they are aware of the role of actuaries in banking.

6. Coordinate with the activities of the Education Committee’s Banking Interest Group to identify opportunities for providing banking education support to member associations.

These will form the work of the BWG in 2017 as derived from the IAA Strategic Objectives, the BWG Terms of Reference and the recently agreed workplan. We look forward to sharing more of the activities of the BWG as the work unfolds.

We continue to encourage member associations not represented on the BWG to nominate individuals who might join. For more details, please visit the [BWG webpage](#) on the IAA website.
Big Data Working Group
Esko Kivisaari, Chairperson

The new BDWG held its first face-to-face meeting in Cape Town; it had previously interacted through conference calls and email. The meeting gathered seven members together with 20 observers.

Big data is an area where its enthusiasts seem to think all problems are solved without needing to worry about causality (i.e., correlations suffice) and without resorting to statistical sampling techniques. The group had some scepticism regarding such claims.

However, the BDWG felt that actuaries will have a lot to give in this area. It could, however, be better to use our strengths instead of claiming to understand everything of big data or other disruptive novelties. The BDWG felt that it would be better to talk of actuarial data science and predictive analytics instead of big data.

The group’s activities are developing and we are exploring what the actuarial profession is doing in this area in different countries. Therefore, the BDWG welcomes input and experience. Please contact Esko Kivisaari, or vice-chair Ashleigh Theophanides from South Africa.

Mortality Working Group
Paul Lewis, Chairperson

The MWG meeting was held over two sessions and included a wide variety of reports provided by members and external speakers.

Country mortality reports on Norway, Japan and Italy were presented, and attendees were informed about the mortality research in the U.S. and UK, a new forecast for mortality in the Netherlands and mortality improvements in Turkey. The potential effects of climate change on mortality were also presented, and the MWG’s ongoing projects were discussed.

External speakers Emile Stipp, Dr. John O’Brien and Ronald Richman made presentations on the impact of physical exercise on mortality and morbidity, e-cigarettes and their potential impacts on mortality, and mortality rates and improvement over time at advanced ages in South Africa, respectively.

Internal MWG issues were discussed, such as: requirements for MWG members, new and retiring members and future plans, including the marketing of MWG activities.

Members thanked outgoing chairperson Paul Lewis for his formative influence on the group’s role. A more detailed update on the meeting will soon be released and posted on the IAA website in several languages.
Population Issues Working Group
Assia Billig, Chairperson

Attendees discussed the current working draft of the PIWG report on long-term care that will be finalized early next year. In 2017, the PIWG will be working on a report addressing actuarial aspects of inequality. It was decided to develop a paper on the impact of migration.

The working group encourages member associations to watch for the upcoming webcast presenting the findings of the report on long-term care that will be sponsored by the Health Section. The PIWG will also be developing short summaries of its reports, including its previous report Determination of Retirement and Eligibility Ages: Actuarial, Economist and Social Impacts, to facilitate the communication of member associations and policymakers on these topics.

Resource and Environment Working Group
Kenneth Donaldson, Chairperson

The REWG discussed a number of ongoing initiatives. Some are aimed at supporting our developing relationships with the United Nations and the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage. Others are stand-alone projects. Potentially these initiatives have implications for actuaries working in all spheres of practice. These projects include climate change and mortality, de-carbonization, and insurance and vulnerable populations in a period of climate change. Expect further details as and when the projects conclude and are finalized.

Social Security Committee
Barbara D’Ambrogi-Ola, Chairperson

Twenty-five actuaries from around 15 countries enjoyed presentations by Roseanne da Silva on the South African social security system and its challenges, and Assia Billig on the fully-funded expansion of the Canada Pension Plan. Both presentations led to a lively discussion and many questions.

In September, an IAA delegation participated in the annual Social Security and Labour Policy Discussion Forum, where it met with delegates from the International Labour Organization and the International Social Security Association to discuss current issues. Report on this meeting were presented at the SSC meeting and related action items were discussed.

Committee members discussed the work plan for the year 2017 and, in particular, relationships with supranational organizations. Finally, updates on ongoing projects and other organizations’ activities were presented.
OUTCOME OF SECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

IAAHS
April Choi, Chair

The IAAHS focused discussion on our plans for 2017 and beyond. We will be surveying our membership early in the year to get a better understanding of their needs and ensure that the Section continues to thrive in meeting new and existing needs. The survey will assist us inter alia to assess areas where new topic teams can be established or areas where existing topic teams are no longer relevant.

We envisage a continuation of our successful webinar programme (there is a webinar this month and at least eight are planned for 2017). We also discussed the ICA 2018 in Berlin and possible arrangements for our 2020 Colloquium in terms of venue and collaboration with other Sections and/or local associations.

Other topics discussed include promotion of the Section at events through stands and brochures, and initiatives to collaborate with other IAA Sections. A Section display stand was introduced at both the African Actuarial Congress and ASSA Convention, which immediately followed the meeting. We also continue to ensure we collaborate with the IAA HC.

IACA
Cathy Lyn, Chair

During a meeting in Cape Town, three new non-voting Committee members were admitted by virtue of being chairs of subcommittees: Brent Walker, Shubhash Gosine and Chintan Gandhi, leaders of the Awards, Publications and Professionalism, and Younger Members subcommittees respectively. Our past chairperson, Margaret Tiller Sherwood, continues to guide us and provide much-appreciated feedback.

Our champion in Africa, Kudzai Chigiji is operating a pilot project to raise awareness of IACA, and populating our database of consultants, starting in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya. Our champions in the UK are working with the Association of Consulting Actuaries, which will be showcasing IACA at its conference at Gatwick Airport, near London, from February 2–3, 2017.

A task force held a separate meeting to reshape our 2017 workplan as we focus on making IACA distinctive with activities designed to demonstrate valued service to our members.

The scientific programme of ICA 2018 in Berlin is geared to IAA sections. This is an opportunity for the IACA track to embrace hot topics in several fields where non-actuarial professionals work alongside actuaries and supranational organizations. This could lead the way to developing communities that our consultants service. Another task force met to start populating our congress sessions and add some structure to all the ideas pouring out.

Please get in touch with us to participate.
PRESIDENTS’ FORUM

The Presidents’ Forum was attended by the Presidents (or a senior member of the current leadership) of 34 Full and Associate Member associations. The featured guest speaker was Emile Stipp, chief actuary of Discovery Health, who presented a big-data case study on the impact of a wellness program on morbidity and mortality.

The agenda also included updates on: the survey on the state of the profession; branding for use within the IAA of the actuarial profession; the Certified Actuarial Analyst designation; the CERA Global Association and the ASC. Presentations were also given on the proportionate actuarial services in microinsurance and public policy.

MONOGRAPH ON RISK ADJUSTMENT

Dave Finnis, Vice-chair, Education and Practice Subcommittee

Early in November the IAA released for comment an exposure draft of a monograph, Risk Adjustments for Financial Reporting of Insurance Contracts under International Financial Reporting Standards No. X. This monograph, authored by Deloitte Consulting, is the latest in a series of educational projects initiated by the Education and Practice Subcommittee of the IAC. It is intended to provide actuaries worldwide with a range of established practice in the measurement of risk adjustment for accounting purposes, with a focus on the likely needs of the forthcoming International Financial Reporting Standard on Insurance Contracts, due for release by the IASB in the first half of next year. Such an educational aid will help increase the likelihood of transparency and consistent measurement in the use of the accounting standard.

The Oversight Group and the authors have guided recipients of the exposure draft to a series of specific questions. However, member associations are also encouraged to provide a comprehensive level of feedback on the draft by the deadline date of February 5. In addition, member associations can assist by directing the draft to other interested parties in their jurisdictions (for instance, universities and local accounting bodies).

Full information about, and access to, the draft can be found on the IAA’s website.

4TH AFRICAN ACTUARIAL CONGRESS

Immediately following the IAA Council and Committee, the Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA), in collaboration with the Africa and the IAA Subcommittees of the IAA’s Advice and Assistance Committee, hosted the 4th African Actuarial Congress to support the development of the actuarial profession on the African continent. The Congress was attended by more than 160 participants from 13 African countries and from other areas of the world. Further details on the Congress are available in our news release.
NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the IAA Council and Committees will take place at the Budapest Marriott Hotel in Hungary from April 19–23 at the invitation of the Magyar Aktuárius Társaság. More details will be provided as preparations continue.

SECRETARIAT NEWS

Office closure

The IAA Secretariat will be closed from December 24–27 and on January 1-2.