



**Joint Colloquium of the IAA AFIR-ERM, Life and PBSS Sections  
Opening Ceremony – Monday, June 24, 2013 at 09:00**

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Chers Collègues, Dear Colleagues,

Bonjour / Good morning! As I mentioned last evening, I am very honoured to have been invited to participate in this joint Colloquium of three Sections of the IAA: PBSS, Life and AFIR-ERM. It is important to note that this last Section, which originated as AFIR in 1986, had its mandate extended in 2011 to formally include Enterprise Risk Management.

I am very pleased to be part of such an illustrious panel and to officially assist in the opening of this Joint Colloquium. The IAA held its first Council and Committee meetings of the year last month in Den Haag and we had the pleasure of welcoming at those meetings, among others, two prominent guest speakers whom I am pleased to join here in Lyon: Gabriel Bernardino, Chairman of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and Karel Goossens, Chairman of the Groupe Consultatif. I will have the honour of joining them as a speaker at the Roundtable on Models, Regulation, Insurance Undertakings and Actuaries later this morning.

This gathering is directly in support of the IAA's strategic objective 2, to facilitate the coordination, use and expansion of the scientific knowledge and skills of the actuarial profession, including beyond the traditional areas of actuarial practice, to help enhance the scope, availability, and quality of actuarial services offered by individual members of its member associations, and of strategic objective 5 to provide a forum for discussion among actuaries and actuarial associations throughout the world.

I am very pleased to see so many of you gathered here in Lyon today and look forward to spending this day with you.

Bon colloque à tous!