



**Joint Colloquium of the IAA AFIR-ERM, Life and PBSS Sections
Welcome Reception – Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 19:30
Palais de la Bourse de Lyon – Hosted by ISFA and ISFA alumni**

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Bonsoir Chers délégués,

Thank you very much for this honour of welcoming the Delegates to this joint colloquium of three Sections of the International Actuarial Association (PBSS – AFIR-ERM – Life), here in the beautiful city of Lyon, and this evening in the Palais de la Bourse de Lyon. It is clear that the selection of Lyon as the venue was not simply for its beauty, but largely for its actuarial and financial history. I understand that this city shares a very special relationship with our hosts for this evening – ISFA and ISFA alumni.,

As President of the International Actuarial Association, I look forward to the opportunity to share with you over the next three days important developments within the IAA and their influence on the actuarial profession worldwide, but also to learn of developments in specific areas of actuarial practice where the profession can have an impact.

As many of you know, the Life Section was created in 2005 and I had the honour of serving as Chairman from 2006 to 2011. Therefore my presence here is even more special as I will have the opportunity to observe first-hand progress from the past couple of years. But more importantly, this event provides me with an opportunity to exchange with many of you once again.

On behalf of the IAA, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to the City of Lyon, to the ISFA and ISFA Alumni, to the Colloquium Organizing Committee, to the Institut des Actuaire (a Full Member of the IAA) and to the numerous volunteers who worked very hard over a period of several months to present us with such an impressive program and an even more impressive list of guest speakers.

Thank you / Merci et bonne soirée à tous!