



**Minutes
of the Conference Call on
Creating a New Life Section**

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Kurt Wolfsdorf and Stuart Wason welcome the participants of the conference call. The agenda, as circulated, is adopted.

1 Introduction

(a) Information about the background of the project

Peter Clark gives a short introduction to the background of the project to establish an IAA Life Section. While the ASTIN and AFIR Sections have been existing for quite some time and other sections like IAAHS, PBSS and, most recently, AWF have been set to work successfully there is no section for actuaries working in life insurance so far. As Chairman of the Member Services Committee Peter Clark is responsible for overseeing the work of sections and has been strongly advocating the idea of a Life Section. In the middle of 2004 Stuart Wason and Kurt Wolfsdorf expressed their interest to undertake the task of founding a Life Section. After gathering first ideas these are to be discussed in this conference call. A preliminary meeting of all interested in a new section for life actuaries will take place during the IAA Council and Committee Meetings in Rome. In June 2006 the Life Section will be launched during the International Congress of Actuaries in Paris.

(b) Aim of the conference call

The aims of the first conference call are

- to gather ideas concerning the future aims of the Life Section
- to prepare the preliminary meeting in Rome and
- to discuss first ideas for the ICA in Paris.

(c) Profile of the participants

The participants give a short introduction of themselves and explain their interest in a new Life Section. All participants agree that it is necessary to establish a forum for life actuaries to meet and exchange ideas besides the IAA congresses in order to get together on a regular basis. As a growing profession it is crucial for actuaries in life insurance to keep up with developments all over the world and to share experiences in different markets. Globalisation requires greater efforts for international cooperation; if the IAA intends to be more influential on internationally controversial issues involving the life insurance industry a Life Section will be indispensable.

2 Draft of the rules of the Life Section

A copy of the draft rules of the Life Sections are attached to these minutes.

The participants decide that Article 2 a) (Objectives) should be shortened to

“The IAA LIFE Section has as its objective to promote and facilitate an international exchange of views, advice, research and practical information among actuaries involved with life insurance.”

The rules will be discussed again in Rome and could then be approved on the next IAA Council and Committee Meetings in November. A list of issues to be covered by the Life Section will be added separately. Thus, the rules need not to be amended when new topics arise.

Klaus Wegenkittl suggests including applications of modern financial mathematics to life insurance in the list of issues. The participants agree that the Life Section should be involved in this field and point out that a close cooperation with the AFIR Section and the Financial Risks Committee should be established.

In addition, Stuart Wason proposes the practical implementation of solvency frameworks and international accounting standards as another important field to be covered. Of concern is also whether annuities and pension products should be included in the topics of the section.

The participants of the conference call will collect more issues relevant to the Life Section for discussion in Rome.

In order to highlight the differences between sections and committees Peter Clark will prepare a paper that explains the role of the sections within the IAA for the Rome meeting.

Klaus Wegenkittl raises the question of membership fees for the Life Sections. The ASTIN, AFIR, IAAHS, IACA and PBSS sections charge 40 CAD for fully qualified actuaries and individual members whereas the AWF section charges 20 CAD. For other members, full member associations and donor members the fees amount to 80 CAD.

Each section is charged by the IAA for the administrative work performed. Apart from this, the fees will depend on the range of services the Life Section will provide for its members. Inge Zeilstra will prepare an overview of the services the other IAA sections provide and present it in the meeting in Rome. Moreover, Peter Clark will check what kind of information the other sections display on their homepages and whether all of it is publicly available.

The participants agree to decide in Rome which membership services are to be provided and then to determine the membership fees.

3 Topics for the next meeting in Rome

A list of topics is set up for the meeting of the Life Section in Rome (June 16th, 14.00 – 17.00 p.m.):

- the rules of the Life Section
- the membership fees
- the first Life Section Colloquium in Paris
- the design of the Life Section website
(Peter Clark will discuss this topic with Christian Levac, Webmaster of the IAA website.)
- the activities of the IAA relevant to the Life Section

4 Themes and issues for the first Life Section Colloquium at the ICA 2006, Paris

Two topics have already been named prior to this conference call:

- Risk capacity and comparative analysis of the source of solvency capital
- New German supervisory model

In addition, practical experiences of applications of IFRS are suggested as a further colloquium topic. The participants agree to check the abstracts of papers which will be presented at the ICA in Paris whether there are any topics suitable for the Life Section Colloquium. Besides, the Program Committee of the ICA has to be informed that the Life Section intends to sponsor a session.

All participants will gather more ideas for the colloquium in Paris until the meeting in Rome in June.

5 Any other business

No topics to be discussed.

6 Date of the next conference call

The participants agree to reflect first on the minutes of the first conference call and to exchange lists of further topics for the Rome meeting before deciding at the beginning of June whether another conference call prior to Rome will be necessary.