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Betreff: Abstract for AFIR colloquium

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to propose a paper for this year's conference. Unfortunately my company had email problems yesterday and I am therefore one day late with regard to abstract submission.

I have submitted our Abstract below and hope that it is still acceptable to your committee.

Optimal post-retirement investment strategies

The paper is by Shaun Levitan, Rob Thomson and Rob Rusconi.

Abstract:

This paper proposes a system for recommending an investment strategy to retiring members of a defined-contribution fund (the so called decumulation phase). The system elicits member specific utility function at retirement. Within the context of a discrete-time framework we use simulation techniques and the principle of expected utility theory to compare post-retirement investment strategies available in South Africa. In addition, we propose an investment strategy that is a hybrid of the life annuity and income drawdown and show that for certain individuals it maximizes expected utility.

Keywords:

Defined-contribution; decumulation; utility function; life annuity; income drawdown

I presented in 2007 and would love to have the opportunity to do so again this year.

Best regards
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