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**Topic D. Projection Methods for Pension and Social Security Financing**

**Increasing Confidence in Forecasting - an international challenge**

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Most important receiver of prognosis for the cost of social insurance is the political system. The impact of our work is heavily dependant on the confidence that politicians have in our products. We must work to earn that confidence. Our eventual success will need structured internal processes, potent hardware, excellent software, elaborated models, comprehensive data supply and (last but not least) a way of communicating that will make our products be met with the confidence they earn.

All of these challenges are common to persons and institutions doing prognosis work. So, the idea of forming an international collaboration or network for mutual professional growth is rather obvious. Following a Swedish initiative, ICF was formed a few years ago. Starting as a qualified discussions group, it is moving towards becoming a working body.

The presentation will give examples of activities carried out, documents produced and plans for the future.