

ASTIN NEWSLETTER

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Dear members,

Welcome to the May-Jun 2021 edition of ASTIN Newsletter. This is a general update of ASTIN activities over the past two months as well as its future planned activities.

New Board Members Elected

The Annual General Meeting took place online. Three board members stepped down after several years of service. Although I'm sure we will see them at future ASTIN events, we will miss seeing Agnieszka Bergel, and Kirsten Sasady, at the ASTIN board meetings. Roger Hayne will continue to engage with the board in his capacity as co-chair of the webinar committee.

With their departure, the membership elected three new members to the board, and re-elected Frank Cuypers to another term. Those individuals are:

- [Ron Richman](#) (South Africa)
- [Frank Cuypers](#) (Switzerland)
- [Sarah Kastel-Bjerg](#) (Denmark)
- [Brian Fannin](#) (US)

We thank the other candidates who stood for election, as well as the continuing and new volunteers, who agreed to assist the Board and (co-)chair an ASTIN Committee:

- Warda Hadaoui (Norway)
- Walther Neuhaus (Norway)
- Alma Qamo (Albania)
- Doug Carey (US)
- José María Agurcia (Honduras)

By this token, we encourage all ASTIN member to also step forward and volunteer assuming a responsibility on behalf of the Board.

Online Colloquium Recap

The 2021 ASTIN online colloquium has concluded. The event took place over a period of four days, hosted by seven chapters across three continents. This was the first attempt at carrying out a colloquium

online, and the results for attendance and continuing education were positive. In all, over 460 attended some portion of the event, collecting a total of 2149 CPD hours. Registrations came from 59 countries in total, so it was a truly global affair.

Our colleagues from the French Institute of Actuaries used the opportunity of the Colloquium to inaugurate their ASTIN Chapter. During the break they organised, the keynote speaker entertained the audience with a fascinating analysis of the incidence of climate change on wine making (What else would we have expected from the Grande Nation?), which achieved a soaring attendance of 140 participants.

The most well-attended chapter was Switzerland with 227 participants, just edging out Denmark and Italy with 226 each. (Although it looks like Italy may be getting their revenge in the UEFA European Championship.) In its first event as an ASTIN chapter, Japan had a strong debut with 167 participants.

A few comments from attendees:

“Each chapter was able to represent something of its own identity”

“Of course, I was impressed with each presentation, but I think it was good to see the scenes where everyone from each country gathered together and discussed their favorite actuarial science, even in the difficult times of the Covid-19.”

“Prof. Nomura's keynote speech was a presentation that made us feel a different space, talking about the EQ risks with the background of starry universe. The introduction with the earthquake quiz evolved into risk analysis using the latest actuarial technology. I was surprised at the extensibility of this technology, as it can be applied to any country if you have appropriate data set.”

“The ASTIN French chapter was also happy to show how actuaries can contribute to the preservation of the traditional wine culture so important for our country and so important for all actuaries around the world ;)”

“In the keynote speech of each chapter, I was able to hear the latest topics in practice, such as the response of automobile insurance to the progress of autonomous driving technology and the impact of the pandemic on the insurance industry, which was a great learning experience.”

“The ASTIN online colloquium was a great testament to pulling an international event together when the world makes such things a challenge. Across multiple time zones, and physical locations, people were able to meet and learn.”

“The ASTIN online colloquium will go down in the history of the French Institute of Actuaries as it coincided with the creation of the ASTIN French chapter. This will help to better structure all the initiatives of French actuaries working in P&C and will be a strong motivational tool as well.”

“My highlights: Great mix of technical and practical stuff, always pointing out what and where the real-life relevance lies, great to get an overview of topics globally, and last but not least: The breaks were excellent :-)”

Colloquium 2022 Call for Papers/Presentations

The 2021 colloquium may have just concluded, but it's already time to think about 2022! The event will take place 17-20 May 2022 in Orlando, Florida in the United States. This is a joint colloquium with [AFIR](#). The event is hosted by the Casualty Actuarial Society and will take place immediately following its Spring Meeting.

The call for papers and presentations is already underway. A timetable for the call process is given below:

15 June 2021	Call for Papers/Presenters
23 September 2021	Applications for Papers/Presentations Submitted
30 September 2021	Selection of Colloquia Featured Speakers
4 November 2021	Presenters/Paper Topics Selected
10 February 2022	Presentations Submitted for Initial Review

24 February 2022	Presentations Initial Review Complete
21 March 2022	Presentations Submitted for Final Review
21 April 2022	Presentations Final Review Complete
28 April 2022	Presentations Posted

Please visit actuarialcolloquia2021.org/callforpapers-presentations/ for more information.

We encourage actuaries from Actuarially Developing Countries who intend to make a presentation at the Colloquium, to apply for a travel grant from the ASTIN Board.

Call for ASTIN Webinars

For those who wish to dig deeper into some of the more noteworthy sessions at the Colloquium, we intend to feature a few as future webinars. If there are any that you would like to see, or if you have other webinar content which you would like to propose, please contact [Brian Fannin](#), or [Roger Hayne](#).

Information about future ASTIN webinars is posted and continuously updated on the [‘Our Activities’](#) page of the ASTIN website.

Forthcoming Events

ASTIN Colloquia

May 2022 - Orlando, FL, USA

Postponed from 2021



2023 — 28 May - 1 June, Sydney, Australia (postponed from 2022)

ASTIN Colloquium will be held as part of 32nd ICA.



2026 - Tokyo, Japan

ASTIN Colloquium will be held as part of 33rd ICA.



Resources

Don't forget the following resources which have a lot of information about ASTIN, and its research:

[ASTIN Annual Report](#) | [ASTIN Bulletin](#) | [ASTIN Video](#) | [ASTIN Newsletters](#) | [ASTIN website](#)

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Contacts

Key contacts on the ASTIN Board

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- [Axel Wolfstein](#) [Secretary]