Welcome to the Sep-Oct 2019 edition of ASTIN Newsletter. It provides a general update to members regarding the ASTIN activities over the last two months as well as its future planned activities.

**ASTIN Local Chapters**

**ASTIN Caucasus**

The inaugural meeting of ‘ASTIN Caucasus’, a Local Chapter of three countries of the region: Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, was held in Tbilisi, Georgia on 17-18 October 2019. This event attracted around 40 participants from the region. The meeting was attended by the following officials from ASTIN, Actuaries Without Borders (AWB) and Georgian regulatory authority

- Frank Cuypers, Chairman of ASTIN Board (Switzerland),
- Roland Voggenauer, ASTIN Board volunteer (Switzerland),
- Renata De Leers, Executive Director of AWB (Belgium),
- David Onoprischvili, Chairman of Insurance State Supervision Authority (Georgia).

In addition to many interesting topics, the event also covered the following two workshops on:

- **Pricing** - delivered by Axel Wolfstein, Director of Pricing at Verti Insurance (Germany); and
- **Reserving** - delivered by René Dahms, Actuarial Lecturer at ETH Zurich (Switzerland).

The full programme of the event can be accessed here.

The event was also featured in the local TV news. Please visit the links below to access the interviews with

- **Irina Sikharulidze**, ASTIN Caucasus champion (in Georgian),
- **Frank Cuypers**, Chairman of ASTIN Board (in English).
It was a historical event for non-life actuaries in the Caucasus region. The newly founded local chapter of ASTIN will serve as the main forum for non-life actuarial community in the region promoting research and continuing professional development through holding regular meetings, conferences, workshops and trainings. ASTIN Caucasus will also appoint a liaison person whose main role will be liaising with the Board and coordinating cooperation with ASTIN.

**ASTIN Turkey**

ASTIN Board resumed talks with Turkey about establishing a local chapter of ASTIN in the country.

Frank Cuypers, Chairman of ASTIN Board, has recently attended a local actuarial event in Istanbul organised by Addactis and met with the officials of the Actuarial Society of Turkey.

Turkish non-life actuarial community is very supportive of this initiative and will continue working closely with ASTIN Board to make the necessary preparations required for establishing the local chapter.

**ASTIN Regional Events**

**Joint AFIR-ERM / ASTIN Symposium, Warsaw**

A joint AFIR-ERM / ASTIN Symposium was held in Warsaw on 24-25 October 2019. It was hosted by the Polish Society of Actuaries (Polskie Stowarzyszenie Aktuaruszy) and attracted around 100 participants - local actuaries and risk managers.

This event was attended by the following officials from AFIR-ERM and ASTIN:

- Fernanda Salas, Chairman of AFIR-ERM Board (Mexico),
- Łukasz Delong, Member of AFIR-ERM Board (Poland),
- Frank Cuypers, Chairman of ASTIN Board (Switzerland),
- Yuriy Kravvyych, Secretary of ASTIN Board (UK).

Many interesting topics were covered at the Symposium and generated fruitful discussions among participants. The full programme of the event can be accessed [here](#).

All presentations will soon be made available online to all ASTIN members and also participants of the event.
**ASTIN Seminar, Tokyo**

A joint ASTIN/CAS Seminar will be held in Tokyo on 23 November 2019, straight after the IAA Meeting. This event will be hosted by the Institute of Actuaries of Japan (IAJ) as part of the I AJ Special Meeting dedicated to the celebration of 120th anniversary of the I AJ. The I AJ Special Meeting will be held at Keidanren Kaikan (Japan Business Federation) located in the centre of Tokyo and close to the Tokyo Imperial Palace.

ASTIN Seminar will comprise three sessions of 90 minutes each: Session 1: Data Science; Session 2: Cyber Risk; and Session 3: Insurance ERM and Solvency.

Admission is free. The full programme of the event can be accessed [here](mailto:). The ASTIN Board is delighted to join the celebration and provide the IAJ with the strong track of non-life sessions.

In addition to this, AFIR-ERM and the CERA Global Association will be holding their respective seminar as part of the IAJ Special Meeting.

**ASTIN Webinars**

We have recently organised the following webinars:

**10 October 2019** - Autonomous Vehicles Working Party by Sara Landini (Italy) and Kyriaki Noussia (UK).

**23 October 2019** - Cyber Risk Case Study: A Scenario-Based Approach to Identifying and Mitigating Key Threats by Shahryar Shaghaghi (USA), Sim Segal (USA) and Dave Bartholomew (USA).

**24 October 2019** - Programmatic Approach to Apply Machine Learning to P&C Loss Reserving by Alessandro Carrato (Germany).

A recording of each webinar alongside a PDF of the presentation can be found on the ASTIN website and are freely accessible to ASTIN members.

**New volunteers of ASTIN Board**

ASTIN Board welcomes new volunteers:
- Irina Sikharulidze (Switzerland),
- Guido Monteverde (Peru).

They will be joining the Board management to assist with such initiatives as members outreach, communication and branding.
Actuarial Colloquium Paris 2020 (ASTIN)

Call for Papers

ASTIN Colloquium 2020 will be held in Paris on 10-14 May 2020 jointly with other IAA sections as part of the IAA Actuarial Colloquium. This edition announces the first ‘Call for Papers’.

The main theme of the Colloquium is “Individual choices facing societal changes: can actuarial science bridge the gap between individual and collective choices?”. It will be addressed through a series of plenary sessions, parallel workshops, insightful keynotes and group discussions designed to identify and leverage key trends of actuarial, social and economic research and new technologies to create a strategic advantage for the actuarial profession.

To assist the Scientific Committee in planning the programme, authors are kindly asked to complete the “Expression of interest submitting a paper Form” and return it to CS_ASTIN@ColloquiumParis2020.com by 15 Nov 2019.

Submission and key dates

- 15 Nov 2019 - Final submission of abstract (around 200 words) in either English, French or Spanish.
- 15 Dec 2019 - Confirmation of paper acceptance.
- 15 Mar 2020 - Paper (between 5 and 30 pages) plus presentation - final submission.
Forthcoming Events

IAA Meetings

• Tokyo, Japan 18 - 22 Nov 2019
• Brussels, Belgium 4 - 8 May 2020
• Ottawa, Canada 18 - 22 Nov 2020
• Sydney, Australia 30 Mar - 3 Apr 2022

ASTIN Colloquia

2020 - May 10-14, Paris, France

ASTIN Colloquium will be held jointly with four other IAA Sections: AFIR-ERM, IAALS, PBSS and IACA.

2021 - May, Orlando, FL, USA

It is envisaged that ASTIN Colloquium will be held jointly with AFIR-ERM (subject to further confirmation) and in collaboration with CAS.

2022 - April 4-8, Sydney, Australia

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

Contacts

Key contacts on the ASTIN Board

• Frank Cuypers [Chairman]
• Yuriy Krvavych [Secretary]