



# WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

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### Reminder — Request to nominate a suitable liaison to IAA Climate Risk Task Force

**Audience:** Presidents, Council Delegates and Correspondents of Member Associations

As you may already know, the IAA is finalising a statement of intent (SOI) for IAA Activities on Climate-related Risks. A draft SOI was published for consultation on 21 October 2019 with a deadline to comment by 31 December 2019. We are pleased that the comments received from the consultation were positive, with only a few suggested minor revisions and cautionary measures for consideration. The IAA Climate Risk Task Force is in the process of finalising the SOI for approval by Council, and we are now preparing to move ahead with the proposals in the SOI. [Please click here](#) for the exposure draft of the SOI which outlined the proposed IAA Activities on Climate-related Risks in 2020, and five years thereafter during 2021-2024. Some minor amendments, to be finalized, should be expected. The Executive Committee (EC) reviewed the changes proposed to the draft SOI by the Climate Risk Task Force and requested some minor further changes. Nevertheless it is expected that the EC will approve the final version of the SOI upon which actual work shall commence on this new and important initiative of the IAA. The EC decision should later be ratified by Council. The IAA leadership would not want to lose momentum on this project and therefore would like to take some preliminary steps without starting the actual work.

In implementing the activities proposed in the SOI, we would:

- Ensure that the IAA's deliveries are relevant to both our external stakeholders and the FMAs;
- Consider what the FMAs have been and are expecting to deliver; IAA output should add value to the FMA deliveries in this area; and
- Avoid simply re-disseminating information produced by others without adding value.

**In order to achieve our desired objectives, it is important that we engage with the right people who are knowledgeable, and are engaged in activities on climate-related risks initiated by our member associations. If your association is engaged in climate-related risk activities, this is a request to your association to nominate the most suitable candidate to be a liaison between your association and the IAA to help the IAA to implement the activities proposed in the SOI.**

The candidate should be:

- a. knowledgeable about the past, present and future climate related risk initiatives of your association;

- b. be able to volunteer his/her time to help the IAA in coordinating its activities on climate-related risks in 2020 and/or thereafter; and
- c. be able to recommend suitable local resources for IAA projects, when needed.

Please send your nominations to Amali Seneviratne ([amali.seneviratne@actuaries.org](mailto:amali.seneviratne@actuaries.org)) at the IAA Secretariat. **We look forward to receiving your nominations by 21 February 2020.**

Thank you in advance for your support.

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## Council and Committee Meetings in Brussels, Belgium

**Audience:** All

- The Brussels program is now available on the [Brussels event website](#) under the “Event Details” tab.
- The registration period will open in early March.
- If you have not already done so, please reserve your accommodation as soon as possible; the group link is posted under the “Accommodation” tab of the [Brussels event website](#). The IAA room block will be released back to the hotel on March 31, 2020.

Please note that Meeting Manager, [Anne Lamarche](#) will be on vacation from February 20-28, 2020, without email access. She will respond to messages when she returns to the office on Monday, March 2. However, if you require immediate assistance regarding the following inquiries, please contact:

- Invitation letter to obtain a travel visa to Brussels, Belgium: [Tasha Lebel](#)
- Guest room reservations at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel: Hotel contact: [Jordan Lenoir](#); telephone number +32 2 227 3135
  - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting in Frankfurt: [Norah Neill](#)

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## Executive Committee Report to Council

**Audience:** Council Delegates

The EC minutes of its January 14 meeting are available [online](#). The EC met through conference call on February 18. Those minutes will be sent shortly. The next EC conference call is scheduled for March 2. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the [Executive Director](#).

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## Actuarial Colloquium Paris 2020

**Audience:** Member Association Correspondents

Registration is open and early bird rates have been extended to February 28, 2020. Several communications (see links below) have been sent directly to Section members and posted on the IAA social media platform. We encourage member association to share these communications with your members and encourage them to participate. Thank you!

**Colloquium Plenary Speakers and Roundtables:** [PDF](#) / [LinkedIn](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#)  
**Section Plenary Speakers:** [PDF](#) / [LinkedIn](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#)

Colloquium Website: [www.actuarialcolloquium2020.com/](http://www.actuarialcolloquium2020.com/)

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## Upcoming Deadlines

- February 28: [Confirmation Form for Member Associations](#)
- February 29: Propose Candidates for 2021 IAA Vacancies (*see communication of January 21, 2020*)
- March 31: [Deadline for Hotel Reservations for IAA Meetings in Brussels](#)

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