# WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

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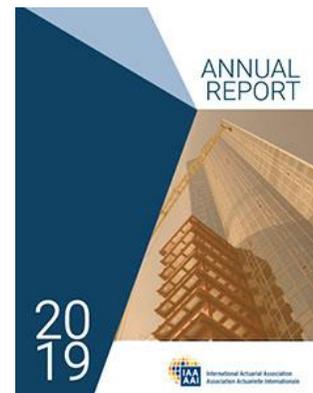
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## 2019 Annual Report

**Audience:** All

We are pleased to announce the release of our 2019 Annual Report (version française).

We encourage you to share it with your members and colleagues.

## Webinar: Current Views about Professionalism in Big Data

**Audience:** All

BIG DATA WORKING GROUP WEBINAR

Current Views about Professionalism in the Use of Big Data

2 July 2020 / 10:00 am EDT

Registration is now open!

### WEBINAR INVITATION

On behalf of the IAA Big Data Working Group, you are invited to participate in the **upcoming webinar entitled Current Views about Professionalism in the Use of Big Data. The webinar will be held on Thursday, 2 July 2020 at 10:00 EDT New York // 15:00 BST London // 16:00 SAST Cape Town // 23:00 JST Tokyo // 24:00 AEST Sydney.** The duration of this event will be 60 minutes total including time for questions and answers.

**OVERVIEW**

The actuarial profession has a keen interest in the use of data science and has used various regression techniques for many years for predictive modelling and other precursors to modern data science. In this webinar, Bob Miccolis and Ashleigh Theophanides will share their views on the professionalism and ethical aspects for actuaries and other users of big data with respect to issues such as ensuring equitable treatment, fair discrimination and meeting the expectations of the public.

**PANELIST AND MODERATOR BIOGRAPHIES**

Bob Miccolis is past President of the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) and a member of the IAA Big Data Working Group. He is a Fellow of CAS, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and an affiliate member of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. He is currently Principal at Miccolis Consulting LLC. He started The CAS Institute (iCAS) to develop professional credentials for technical specialists such as data scientists working in insurance and other industries. He is especially interested in the ethics and professionalism aspects of using data science.

Ashleigh Theophanides is the current chairperson of the IAA's Big Data Working Group, as well as the chairperson for the Actuarial Society of South Africa's Wider Fields Committee. As an actuarial director with Deloitte South Africa, she leads the social security, healthcare and advanced analytics practice within the firm. In providing strategic advice to government departments, medical schemes, service providers and companies, Ashleigh firmly believes that the use of data science, specifically big data, has and will continue to be of critical importance. With numerous big data usage issues accumulating, the actuarial profession would be well served to establish professionalism standards in-line with the relevant industry regulations.

**Click here to register**

We encourage you to register and share this information with your members and colleagues. If you are not able to participate, a recording will be available after the webinar.

## Reminders

- June 29: Council Electronic Ballot on Advance Committee leadership
- July 3: Deadline to comment on Montenegro membership application
- July 10: July Newsletter Submissions
- July 12: Deadline to delegate a member to the Advance Committee