IAA Health Section Committee Meeting Minutes, Zurich

April 9th 2015, 10:30am – 12:30pm Zurich Time
Prepared by: April Choi and Alex Brownlee

“The IAAHS promotes and facilitates international exchange of views, advice, research and practical information among actuaries involved with public and private health issues.”

Participants:
Committee Members:
April Choi (AC) Chairperson
Alex Brownlee (AB) Secretary
Cheng Hock Chi (CHC) Treasurer
Stuart Rodger (SR) Member, Australia
Alexander Sadovski (ASad) Member, Bulgaria
Aldona Skucaite (ASku) Member, Lithuania
Adrian Baskir Member, UK
Ulrich Stellman (US) Member, Germany
Emile Stipp (ES) IAA Delegate
Cecil Bykerk (CB) IAA Delegate
John Rutherford Member, SA

Topic Team Leaders:
Yair Babad (YB) Long Term Care, Israel
Eduardo Lara

Other attendees:
Christian Levac (CL) IAA Director, Communications and Development
Avi Bar-Or Israel
Ronald Chidiac Lebanon
Mary Hosford USA
Heather Jerbi USA

1. Roll call and welcome
April welcomed everyone and confirmed the attendees.

2. Confirmation of agenda
Agenda was confirmed without changes.

3. Approval of September 10th 2014 meeting minutes
Minutes approved by the Committee members without changes.

4. Membership and Financial Status
See Cheng Hock’s document sent with agenda prior to the meeting. Committee has no objections to:
   a) Keeping section contribution rate at $24 for 2016-2018, and
   b) The use of $125,000 ($125,000 is the “profit” from 2014 ICA and is for all sections) to cover future administrative expense shortfall.
5. **2016 Joint Colloquium on Jun 26th – June 29th, St John’s, Newfoundland**

Organizing Committee update – Eduardo and April
   Well underway; block of rooms available at Sheraton Hotel; meeting rooms at Delta Conference Room. Will have joint breakfasts, joint plenary sessions and pub crawl (social event) with CIA

Sponsorship subgroup update – Eduardo
   Eduardo leading the subgroup with representatives from each of the participating sections + IPEBLA; has proposed packages. Start with approaching targeted groups such as reinsurers and consulting firms; will call them directly and discuss proposed packages; later open up to other organizations for sponsorship. Based on previous data – raised $70k - $80k at Hong Kong colloquium, $120k at 2012 Mexico conference, will aim to raise $80k-$90k at St John’s. This will help tremendously in funding the colloquium cost.

Scientific Program Committee update – Adrian and Cheng Hock
   Also see Cheng Hock’s document. Keeping in mind this is a joint conference with the lawyers., topics discussed: a. Genomics and personalized medicine (legal implications and privacy issues); b. telemedicine; c. LTC capital market (an issue in Germany); d. smart analytics & big data (has legal implications)

Logistic Committee (no update yet) – John.

6. **Webcasts Update**

   April thanked those who have either agreed to present (Emile and Stuart) at the webinars or helped with recruiting speakers (Cheng Hock).

   2015 Joint webcasts with Health Practice International Task Force (HPITC) of American Academy of Actuaries (AAA) on Exploring Global Health Care Cost Drivers:
   - Israel and the Netherlands held on Feb 18th, 2015, had over 360 sites/attendees.
   - South Africa and the US scheduled for May 13th, 2015
   - Australia and Singapore scheduled for Sept 3rd, 2015
   - Canada and Chile scheduled for November, 2015

   Emile and Tom Wildsmith (American Academy of Actuaries president elect) will be the presenters in May. Stuart R, Candice Ming and Alvin Fu will be the presenters in Sept. (Cheng Hock recruited Alvin Fu from Great Eastern Life, Singapore).

   Extension of National Schemes to Pre-existing Conditions, scheduled for June 16th (originally on March 25th) 2015. April thanked Cheng Hock who is the organizer of this webinar. Also see Cheng Hock’s document.

7. **Events planning for 2016 - All**

   Need to start planning for 2016. The following events are planned:
   a) Webinars – possibly continue one or two joint ones with American Academy of Actuaries, try to hold joint ones with other national actuarial associations. Joint webinars have many benefits.
   b) Colloquium in 2016
   c) ICA in 2018
   d) Continue with populating library and promote to members

   Other suggestions are welcome, such as forming a workgroup to work on projects. The Committee will continue to hold discussions on planning. April would love to have more active participation and volunteers for the above events.
8. **Topic Team Library**
Refer to Topic Team Library Work Plan and Status document distributed prior to the meeting.
Ligita has coded the items from Hong Kong colloquium and 2014 ICA, as well as items from committee members and Topic Team leaders. We have over 130 library items coded. Input form is on schedule. The small group (April, Yair, Aldona, Christian and Tishan) will meet again before the end of April to finalize input form and search engine/print capabilities on website. A large group meeting will be scheduled at the end of April to go over the finished product. Sign off will take place at the following Committee meeting.

The following individuals will get approvals from their national associations and submit items to Aldona in the next 2 weeks: Eduardo (Mexico association), John R/Adrian B (UK association), Ulrich (German association).

Discussions held regarding whether to put actual pdfs or links - to put actual pdfs, we need approvals, whereas we do not need approvals to provide links as they are publicly available. Issue is the links could be changed and out-of-date. Ulrich also suggested getting the actual presentations/documents from colloquia/ICA organizers in future.

Next steps:
- a) Continue to populate additional items
- b) Draft letter to send to members to announce the library
- c) Most importantly marketing to current members and future potential members (academia, other sections, health committee etc) to utilize the library and help populate the library – we need volunteers to work on this important task.

9. **Other business and closing comments**
- a) Some of the Committee members would have completed their 4 year terms in 2016 (Adrian, Wenlian, Cheng Hock and Denis), and some may wish to renew their terms.
- b) Section chairs will be discussing changes to the Section rules, for example, brief description of duties and responsibilities of committee members, and termination for not meeting minimum participation.
- c) April invited everyone to attend the Council meetings in person, as they now offer seminars on topics such as actuarial standards, also a good way to learn more about all the IAA activities and meet actuaries from around the world.

10. **Next meeting:** To be confirmed
The next meeting will be confirmed later.