IAA Health Section Committee
Conference Call Minutes

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

In Attendance
Howard Bolnick (Chairman)
Yair Babad (Treasurer)
John Bertko
Sue Elliott (for David Paul)
Hillevi Mannonen
Claude Ferguson
Christian Levac (IAA Secretariat)

Regrets
Ibrahim Muhanna (Vice Chairman)
Aisling Kennedy (Secretary)
Rainer Fuerhaupter
Alvaro Castro
Giovanna Ferrara
Shaun Matisonn

1. Approval of prior conference call minutes. Minutes from the July 21, 2004 conference call were approved.

2. Chairman’s Report (Howard Bolnick). The Committee discussed two potential sites for a 2008 colloquium – U.K. and Canada. Sue Elliott agreed to inquire of the U.K. Health & Care Committee at their next meeting if there might be interest in a joint IAAHS/Health Care Conference in 2008. Claude Ferguson agreed to inquire of the Canadian Health Committee about the same question.

There was a brief discussion of forming more formal relationships between the HS and various IAA Committees with interest in health matters. Christian Levac will prepare a summary of HS Committee members who currently are members of various IAA Committee. Committee Officers will use this list to identify an “official” HS Observer on the IAA Committees. Howard will contact IAA Committee chairs to identify our Observer and to discuss their role.
3. **Vice-Chairman’s Report (Ibrahim Muhanna).** No report, Ibrahim was unable to participate in the conference call.

4. **Secretary’s Report (Aisling Kennedy).** No report, Aisling was unable to participate in the conference call.

5. **Treasurer’s Report (Yair Babad).** Yair presented a summary of paid members by country and financial reports dated September 30, 2004 (see Treasurer’s Report – November 22, 2004). It was noted that the membership summary does not seem to include a large number of people who had signed-up for the HS on our web site and not subsequently paid dues. The Committee had previously agreed not to continue to pursue this group for payment of their 2004 dues, and to continue treating them as members. Yair and Christian agreed to resolve this difference and provide the Committee with a revise membership report. Christian verified that our communications with members using the IAA list server go to members who paid their 2004 dues and those that did not pay.

Yair was asked to prepare a policy document on HS spending for our next conference call.

6. **Way Forward Proposal (Howard Bolnick).** Howard provided Committee members with a summary of expressions of interest in joining Topic Teams that he has received. He noted that there were no negative comments received on the Way Forward Proposal itself. The Committee agreed to adopt the Way Forward Proposal (dated September 15, 2004) and have it posted to our web site. After discussion, the Committee also agreed to form the following Topic Teams and ask the noted individuals to become Topic Team Leaders. (Note: each of the Leaders has previously volunteered to serve).
   a. **Product Topic Teams**
      i. Long term care (no Team Leader)
      ii. Income protection (no Team Leader)
      iii. Critical illness (Sue Elliott - U.K.)
      iv. Medical expense insurance (no Team Leader)
      v. Voluntary health coverage to supplement social health insurance (no Team Leader)
   b. **Process Topic Teams**
      i. Health risk adjustment (Lori Weyuker – U.S.A.)
   c. **Policy Topic Teams**
      i. Non-traditional medicine (Heather McLeod – R.S.A.)
      ii. Health care systems in developing nations (Alvaro Castro – ILO, Switzerland)
      iii. Public – private partnerships to finance health care systems (no Team Leader)

Howard will email each Team Leader and ask them to begin their work. He will also prepare a message that will be sent to all HS members notifying them of these new Topic Teams and asking for additional volunteers.
There are volunteers for each of these Teams; however, they all need more
volunteers, and those without Leaders need one in order to get started. All
Committee members should actively be seeking to help add members to these Teams.

Howard raised questions for future discussion. Should Team Leaders be asked to
participate in Committee meeting (without votes)? How should the Committee and
Teams interact? (The Committee seems to favor a Committee member on each Team
as liaison.) How should Teams interact with IAA Committees that have interest in
their topics?

OnLine Journal editor, Yair Babad, noted the importance of Team activities to the
continuation of the Journal. He will ask each Team Leader to prepare materials for
dissemination to HS members through the Journal.

The Committee used this discussion of the OnLine Journal to agree to a change. In
order to be more visible to our members, Yair will begin distributing a limited
amount of key material and papers on approximately a bi-weekly schedule.
Committee members were asked to provide Yair with papers and articles that they
have written on health topics.

7. Update on health track at ICA2006 (Claude Ferguson). Claude has been in contact
with the ICA2006 organizing committee. Howard provided some additional
information based upon his attendance at the IAA Member Services Committee held
two weeks ago in Washington, D.C. The ICA2006 committee will provide “limited”
funds to cover expenses and honoraria of outside speakers. The committee also
agrees to open the Congress to non-actuaries who might want to attend our health
track. It is unlikely that any sessions will have simultaneous translations.

Our health track at ICA2006 will be held over two days. Claude will have an outline
of session prepared in the next few weeks for the Committee to review. He will then
begin to add members to his committee to help recruit volunteers for the various
sessions.

The Committee agreed to offer a $500 (US) prize for the best health paper submitted
to the Congress. This prize will be announced to HS members in our next
communication to them about ICA2006.

8. Update on health track at September 2005 EAAC meeting in Bali (Howard Bolnick).
Howard and Brent Walker both talked to a member of the EAAC organizing
committee who attended an IAAust Health Conference in early November. We
expressed interest on behalf of the HS Committee in sponsoring 3 to 4 health
sessions. There seems to be real interest in our offer. We expect to hear back from
the EAAC organizing committee follow their next meeting in late November.

9. Establishing an accessible online membership database (Yair Babad). Yair circulated
an updated draft of the administrative flow and purpose of a membership database
(see IAAHS Membership Tracking – September 30, 2004). This document was discussed briefly and agreed to by the Committee. No formal vote was taken since the concept had previously been approved by the Committee. It was agree that question used in the existing database need to be updated. As our Secretary, this work falls to Aisling Kennedy. Setting up the database and administering it on an ongoing basis will be done by the IAA Secretariat.

10. Future Meetings. IAA Committee and Council meeting for 2005 will be held in Rome (June) and Rio de Janeiro (November). If there are sufficient numbers of Committee members attending these meeting, we will hold a conference call during them. Otherwise we will hold conference calls shortly after these two meetings. With all of our current activities, we will also schedule a conference call for March.

11. New Business. None