IAAHS COMMITTEE MEETING
Boston, 4 May 2008, 15:00-17:00
Yair Babad

Present: Yair Babad, John Bertko, Howard Bolnick, Sue Elliot, Claude Ferguson, Eduardo Lara, Ermanno Pitacco, Junichi Sakamoto, Dan Skwire, Ulrich Stellmann, Emile Stipp, Brent Walker

1. The meeting was opened by Howard, who gave a short summary of the development of the Boston Colloquium and their impact on the relationships with the U.S. actuarial associations.

2. Five members of the committee were due for re-election – Yair Babad, John Bertko, Claude Ferguson, Chi Cheng Hock (replacing Mikkel Larsen) and Brent Walker. There were no nominations from the membership; thus, they were elected with no contest.

3. The IAAHS officers: The IAAHS functioned without a secretary for couple of years, with Howard acting as a secretary. Emile was nominated for Chair, Howard agreed to be nominated as Vice-Chair, Yair as Treasurer/Secretary (there were no volunteers for the position of secretary). The committee voted unanimously for this slate (which will be de-facto elected once the committee is voted in by the AGM).

4. The chairmanship of the committee meeting was then assumed by Emile.

5. Ulrich presented his discussions with the Chinese Actuarial Association regarding a colloquium in China in 2009. Following long discussion, it was agreed not to have a full colloquium in China, but rather support an international health track with speakers and promotion at a Chinese actuarial conference (with Ulrich responsible for following up on this). Similar tracks are proposed for the U.K. 2009 meeting (with Sue responsible) and probably with the Academy of Actuaries (with John responsible for further pursuance of the issue).

6. The Committee considered locations for a 2011 colloquium. Places suggested were Russia (or Eastern Europe), Scandinavia (with Denmark and Sweden), India, Mexico, and the U.K. Emile will further investigate these.

7. Emile reported that he will pursue the 2010 colloquium in conjunction with the Cape Town 2010 IAA meeting. Emile will call on Committee members and Topic Team leaders for Health program content as soon as he has established the timing and process with the ICA2010 Organizing Committee.

8. The Committee discussed the addition of an Academic Relations Team, with John as chair and Yair and Ermanno as participants. In particular, the team will pursue setting up relationships with health economists in academia.
9. It was agreed that the News Journal will be discontinued, due to lack of volunteered material and support. Instead we will pursue other electronic outlets, including blogs, list servers, webcasts, and other technological outlets. Yair will investigate with the IAA (Christian) the options supported by the IAA.

10. A particular outlet is the renovation of the IAAHS Database, and its conversion into a proactive promotion and communications tool. Yair will find out from the IAA (Christian) the current contents and scope of the DB, and will request the Committee for enhancements of the DB. In particular, the Committee is requested to suggest a renovated list of topic teams; already suggested were micro-health insurance, Solvency II, Academic Relationships, IT Health and Risk Management. Emile will send out a request for suggestions to topic team leaders and the committee.

11. Emile will send an updated contact and email list of the Committee members.

12. Emile will provide information on the next Committee meetings over 2008 and possibly 2009.