Minutes of IAAHS Committee Conference Call Meeting

29 September 2011

Yair Babad, Secretary

The meeting was opened on 17:00 Zagreb time (16:00 GMT) by Emile Stipp. Attendees were Yair Babad (YB), Cheng Hock Chi (CHC), April Choi (AC), Claude Ferguson (CF), Eduardo Lara di Lauro (EL), Christian Levac (CL), Lisa Morgan (LM), Emile Stipp (ES), Junichi Sakamoto (JS), Dan Skwire (DS), Ulrich Stellmann (US), and Dino Mon Vasquez (DV). Apologies were received from and Sheree Swanson (SS).

1. **Welcome and introductions**

   Emile welcomed the attending members.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the 8 April 2011 meeting**

   The minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer financial status and membership and secretary report**

   No new information is available from the IAA. As reported in April, we have about 440 members, and will have by year end about $60,000, of which we will have to pay any webcast expenses beyond the one paid by the webcast sponsors. The section probably can finance two webcasts annually from its own resources.

   **Note:** Based on unaudited “Dues Received” for 30 September 2011, the section has 502 members, of which 126 are individuals. This increase is undoubtedly due to the success of the webcasts.

4. **Webcasts – plans and suggestions for 2011 and 2012**

   ES reported that webcasts receive good response from IAAHS members, and probably will be – in conjunction with colloquia and seminars – the major activity of the IAAHS. We should plan for 3-4 webcasts annually.

   a. ES detailed plans for the 10/20/2011 Unisex webcast, organized by UL, to be aired twice at 10:00 GMST and 18:00 GMT. The webcast follows the EU Gender Ruling, specifying that all insurers may no longer differentiate premiums on the basis of gender. This has implications for both short and long term health insurance products in the EU, and is of broader international interest because regulators in other regions may impose similar constraints. The committee discussed promotion of the webcast, both through the IAA to the IAAHS and to national associations, and by individual committee members in their countries.

   b. A Solvency II for health insurers’ webcast is planned for 7 December 2011 (so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving). There is a need to start planning for the various requirements of Pillar II and beyond, and not much discussion has happened on this yet.

   Several potential further topics for webcasts were identified:
a. Together with Milliman: the non-tariff drivers of medical inflation, i.e. utilization increases, due to burden of disease, or changes in public sector cover, or new technology. Milliman has done research on this in the US and UK, and ES has a lot of data from South Africa. We can also potentially involve the OECD in this. ES to follow up with Milliman and the OECD. Milliman has offered sponsorship again for this webcast, which will help greatly to improve the finances.

b. ES and AC: suggested to have in early Spring 2012 a webcast oriented to U.S. actuaries on risk management in healthcare. Issues to be discussed include disability income, income protection, critical illnesses, and impact of recession and unemployment.

c. YB and the IAAHS LTC topic team: a webcast on LTC, probably in Fall 2012. It is based on the work in process of the IAAHS LTC topic team on LTC and national safety nets, and the Academy’s International Public Health Tack Force (IPHTF) work on LTC international comparisons. We have a potential sponsor to this webcast.

The intention is to have at least another 3 webcasts this year – perhaps two in June, and one in September / October. It was noted that the webcasts resulted in a large number of new members, probably close to a 100.

5. Topic Teams and IAAHS PR coordinator feedback

ES noted that there is some activity by IAAHS topic teams, especially the LTC, TCAM and micro-insurance teams. Some topic team leaders also added contents to their web libraries on the IAAHS website. CF will work with CL on the promotion of the IAAHS through social media channels. ES noted that he believes that dissemination of research through team libraries and setting up CPD opportunities via webinars and colloquia is probably all that the membership wishes for. This issue, though, should be discussed as a matter of strategic principle.

6. Joint colloquium 2012: Hong Kong

ES reported that the Hong Kong Colloquium organization is now picking up speed, and Topic Team leaders will soon be requested to assist with programming. Several committee members are active there, and in particular AC, CHC and US.

7. Other colloquia and local conferences 2011, including India

ES reported that CHC has invited us to participate in the EAAC in Kuala Lumpur in October. The Committee supported our participation in this, and will help with finding speakers for an IAAHS session at the conference.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be in 1Q2013 – date to be confirmed later.