Minutes of IAAHS Committee Conference Call Meeting

7 March 2012
Yair Babad, Secretary

The meeting was opened on 15:00 GMT by Emile Stipp. Attendees were Yair Babad (YB), Cheng Hock Chi (CHC), April Choi (AC), Eduardo Lara di Lauro (EL), Christian Levac (CL), Froylan Puente (FP), and Emile Stipp (ES). Apologies were received from Bill Baker (BB), Claude Ferguson (CF), Andrew Gale (AG), Heather McLeod (HM), Lisa Morgan (LM), Ermanno Pitacco (EP), Junichi Sakamoto (JS), Dan Skwire (DS), Ulrich Stellmann (US), Sheree Swanson (SS), and Dino Mon Vasquez (DV).

1. **Welcome and introductions**

   Emile welcomed the attending members.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the 29 September 2011 meeting**

   The minutes were approved with minor modifications. The approved minutes are enclosed.

   CL reported that as of last week, the IAAHS has 647 members.

3. **Hong Kong Colloquium**

   ES thanked AC and CL for their work on the joint IAAHS, IACA and PBSS 2012 Colloquium. CL reported that the colloquium will extend over three days – from Sunday 5/6/2012 to Wednesday 5/9/2012. 15 IAAHS sessions are planned for the three days of sessions, and several moderators are still being looked for. As of last week 227 participants were registered, of which 40 registered for individual days, and with couple of dozen spouses. As lower registration fees are required of section members (a new initiative for the IAA), the Colloquium provided an incentive to some registrants to also join the section. AC reported on 7 papers that are currently under review and thanked the reviewers. AC also reported that she sent instructions to sessions’ chairs regarding the management of their sessions and their review of the presentations in these sessions.

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

   ES noted that 3-4 webcasts are planned annually. The webcast on the topic of "Drivers of Utilisation Increases in Health Care Claims Around the World" was concluded on February 22, 2012 with 98 members participating in the first session and 100 for the second session. The webcast held on December 7, 2011 on the topic of "Health Insurers and Solvency II" attracted 73 members for the first session and 57 members for the second. The webcast held on 20 October, 2011 on the topic of "The Impact of Gender Equalisation on the EU Health Insurance Industry" attracted 72 members for the first session and 55 members for the second. Still, due to the Hong Kong Colloquium, the next one should probably not be given before the end of June 2012, with 2 more in Fall 2012.

   At this time, several webcasts are considered. ES noted that there is a wide interest in international issues, for which reinsurers and international consulting firms are “natural” sponsors.
a. Milliman proposed to sponsor another webcast in 2012. Suggested topics include international best practices, U.S. healthcare reform and its impact (on the private market), rating factors for health insurance, international comparisons of health insurance products, and international critical illnesses trends.

b. Potential 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 Task Force (IPHTF) work on LTC international comparisons. We have a potential sponsor to this webcast, who Yair will follow up with.

c. Potential webcast with Towers-Watson on standards of data quality for actuaries, and data mining techniques for identifying data that conforms to such standards.

Several other potential further topics for webcasts were identified in the enclosed 29 September 2012’s minutes.

5. **Section expenses: proposal to the IAA secretariat concerning administration fees**

At the Zagreb IAA meeting the Secretary General presented information to section chairs with respect to administrative expenses incurred by the secretariat in carrying out the work of the sections, which are at the level of 23-24 Canadian Dollars per member. The IAAHS is paying today 15 Canadian Dollars per member. Following discussions with the chairs, and a discussion within the IAAHS, it was proposed that “the fee will be $20 this year, with increments of $1 per year thereafter, up to the level of the actual expenses. This is done mainly on the strength of the IAAHS success in attracting at least some new members via the webcasts”. The committee approved this proposal; ES will inform the secretariat.

6. **New rules for the IAAHS**

CL distributed prior to the meeting the proposed rules for the IAAHS. These are similar to the new rules for all the other sections, and have been updated following the updating of the IAA rules. In discussions in the meeting it was noted that the proposed rules mention a combined role of “secretary / treasurer”, which was unique up to now to the IAAHS, but which is not expected to be a unified role in future. Thus, CL agreed to separate the two positions in the proposed rules. The committee approved the proposed rules.

The proposed rules have to be brought to the attention of the membership at least 60 days before the AGM, and thus they will be distributed this week by CL to the membership. A final vote on the rules will be taken at the AGM.

7. **Succession planning**

ES reported that YB and CF terms will expire by the AGM, and that 3 additional members (including himself) will have to leave the committee by 2014. Further, there is a need to separate the activities of secretary and treasurer, which were held for many years by YB. AC agreed to assume the role of the secretary as of the AGM in Hong Kong, but no one volunteered to assume the role of treasurer. The chair, if needed, will appoint a treasurer following the AGM.

The committee agreed to distribute an electronic request for nominations, to be followed by an electronic vote of committee members. The electronic vote will be closed when the AGM opens, and its outcomes will be added to a vote on committee membership by the AGM. CL will take care of all the administrative details of this.
8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be the Hong Kong Colloquium, on Sunday 5/6/2012 at [what time].
The AGM will on the last day of the Colloquium, on 5/9/2012 at [what time].
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29 September 2011
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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), Ulrich Stellmann (US). Apologies were received from 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.


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 US, 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.


c. Potential 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.

d. A potential 2013 multi-webcast program on the involvement in and support of national health systems by actuaries.

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 the first quarter of 2012 – date to be confirmed later.