

Howard J. Bolnick, IAAHS Chairman
Report to IAAHS Members
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Dear IAA Health Section Member,

The IAA Health Section (IAAHS) recently held a very successful 4th international colloquium in Cape Town, South Africa from May 14 - 16. The colloquium drew 226 health actuaries and health insurance executives from more than 25 countries. The success of this colloquium once again demonstrates that an international perspective provides a fresh and valuable look at products, processes, and policy issues that are the work of health actuaries around the world.

Daily keynote speakers included: Dr. Tim Noakes and Adrian Gore, CEO of Discovery Health (South Africa), who discussed wellness and recent innovations integrating wellness incentives into health insurance products in South Africa; Prof. Wynand van de Ven from Erasmus University (Belgium), who provided a very helpful and interesting overview of health risk adjusters and their international applications; Rodney Lester of the World Bank, who gave a stimulating talk on providing health services in poor nations; and, Prof. Angus Macdonald of Heriot-Watt University (Scotland), who presented his important research on the usefulness of genetic information for insurance. In addition to these superb keynote speakers, there were many high quality papers and presentations given in 24 concurrent and plenary sessions during the colloquium. Our 7 Topic Teams were featured on the scientific program; each Topic Team having developed sessions for the program. For those of you who were unable to attend the colloquium, the scientific program with access to papers and presentations can be found at www.iaahs2007.com.

The IAAHS Committee and I want to invite you to attend our next colloquium, which will be in Boston from May 5 - 8, 2008. This colloquium will be held in conjunction with the IAA Pension Section and IACA, the International Association of Consulting Actuaries. Having international attendees representing a range of actuarial practice areas gives us an interesting opportunity to broaden the program beyond health issues. More information on the Boston colloquium scientific program and social events will be sent to you in the next few months. You can pre-register for the Boston colloquium on the IAA web site at www.actuaries.org/boston2008/Pre-Registration_EN.cfm.

A General Meeting of IAAHS members was held during the colloquium. This meeting marked the retirement of 4 IAAHS Committee Members and the election of 5 new Committee Members. Our sincere thanks to our retiring members, each of whom contributed a great deal to our success. Retiring Members are: Ibrahim Muhanna (Lebanon and Cyrus), who served ably as Vice-Chairman since IAAHS was formed; Aisling Kennedy (Ireland), our dedicated Secretary since the Section's formation; Giovanna Ferrara (Italy), who served on the Committee since its inception; and, Adrian

Baskir (South Africa), who was a huge help in making the Cape Town colloquium a big success.

New Committee Members are: Eduardo Lara (Mexico), Mikkel Larsen (Denmark), Ermanno Pitcacco (Italy), and Emile Stipp (South Africa). Each of these new Members has a strong interest in helping us to continue to grow. We look forward to working with them during their 4 year terms. In addition to these new Committee Members, Ulrich Stellmann (Germany) was elected to fill the remaining term of former Committee Member Rainer Fuerhaupter (Germany), who retired following our last General Meeting. Congratulations to these newly elected Committee Members!

Continuing IAAHS Committee Members are: Yair Babad (Israel), John Bertko (USA), Howard Bolnick (USA), Alvaro Castro (Switzerland), Sue Elliot (UK), Claude Ferguson (Canada), Junichi Sakamoto (Japan), and Brent Walker (Australia).

Following elections, the Committee met and elected new officers. IAAHS officers, who will serve until our next election, are:

- Howard Bolnick (USA), chairman (hbolnick@sbcglobal.net)
- Emile Stipp (South Africa), vice-chairman (emiles@discovery.co.za)
- Yair Babad (Israel), treasurer (ybabad@uic.edu)

The position of Committee secretary remains open. The new leadership is dedicated to the continued growth of the Health Section and to increasing its relevance to our members' professional lives.

The IAAHS Committee meeting was attended by many of our Topic Team leaders. Topic Teams have become the backbone of our Section. Their exploration of issues of importance to health actuaries and their extremely helpful efforts to develop meaningful and interesting sessions at our colloquia have driven our success.

To date, the work of Topic Teams have been done by a limited number of active volunteers. IAAHS Committee Members and Team Leaders feel that Topic Team communications will be of interest to a wider audience. For this reason, we want to invite you to join Topic Teams as either participants in their work or simply to monitor the communications among active Team members. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Leaders of Teams (see below for their email addresses) that you are interested in joining and let them know how you might want to participate.

For more information about the IAA Health Section and to join this international group of health actuaries, simply visit us on the IAA home page (www.actuaries.org) or use our direct link (www.iaa-iaahs.org). Also, please feel free to contact me directly at hbolnick@sbcglobal.net. I am very interested in hearing from you and learning more about how we might do a better job helping you to do a better job!

Sincerely,

Howard J. Bolnick, IAAHS Chairman

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