



IAAHS SECTION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 2004 – MAY 2005

The IAA Health Section Committee (HSC), which was formed in 2003 to lead the newly formed Health Section (HS), has been very busy planning how best to serve the needs of the international health actuarial community. Our three most important recent activities are: adopting a planning document entitled “Way Forward Proposal” (this important document can be viewed in the Health Section portion of the IAA web site at www.actuaries.org), forming of nine Topic Teams, and organizing a health track for the Paris International Congress of Actuaries in May 2006.

In late November the HSC formed nine Topic Teams. These teams are designed to bring our HS members together to work on problems and areas of interest to a broad cross-section of our members --- so they are vital to the Health Section’s success. The new Topic Teams and their Team Leaders are as follows:

Product Teams

- Long Term Care Insurance (Avi Bar Or, Israel, avibo@actuary.co.il)
- Income Protection Insurance (Dan Skwire, U.S.A., dan.skwire@milliman.com)
- Critical Illness Insurance (Sue Elliot, U.K., sue.elliott@eu.watsonwyatt.com)
- Private Medical Expense Insurance (Alex Kogan, U.S.A., Alex.Kogan@AIG.com)

Process Teams

- Health Risk Adjustment (Lori Weyuker, U.S.A., LWeyuk@aol.com)

Policy Teams

- Health Systems in Developing Nations (Alvaro Castro, Switzerland, alvarocg@bluewin.ch)
- Public-Private Health System Partnerships (Howard Bolnick, U.S.A., hbolnick@kellogg.northwestern.edu)
- Traditional Medicine (Heather McLeod, Republic of South Africa, hmcleod@iafrica.com)

The goals for Topic Teams are to create an international community of actuaries and others (membership is not limited to actuaries) who seek to gather, discuss, research, and disseminate information to our members. The “Way Forward Proposal” provides a more in-depth description of Topic Teams and their importance to our future. We currently have more than 60 volunteers representing about 20 different actuarial organizations.

Following on the success of our first two international health colloquia, one in Cancun during ICA2002 and the other in 2004 in Dresden Germany, we are actively planning our third and fourth international meetings. Our 3rd meeting will be a health track held as a part of ICA2006 in Paris. We have formed an Organizing Committee headed by Claude Ferguson (claudio.ferguson@qc.bluecross.ca) to coordinate our efforts with the Paris Organizing Committee and to develop our scientific program. Our 4th International Health Colloquium will be held in Cape Town in May 2007.

Howard J. Bolnick Chairman

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