Dear IACA Members,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2009. I am writing to give you a brief update on recent activity and also draw your attention to two future events - one in the near term and one in 2010.

**Recent IACA Activity**

The most recent IACA Committee meeting was held on November 4, 2008 in Limassol, Cyprus. The Committee received a briefing on the report of the IAA Task Force on Sections and discussed its main findings. The Committee also welcomed Nick Dumbreck who is scheduled to become an IAA-appointed delegate to IACA effective January 1, 2009.

The Committee discussed 2009 action plans including preparations for IACA speakers to participate in the February 2009 annual members’ conference of the UK Association of Consulting Actuaries, the October 2009 East Asian Actuarial Conference to be held in Seoul, Korea, and the October 2009 PBSS Colloquium to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

The Committee also convened a luncheon meeting of its Global Development subcommittee to discuss Objective 4 of the IAA's Strategic Plan. The aim of this objective is to support the development, organization and promotion of the actuarial profession in areas of the world where the profession it is not yet present or is not fully developed. The subcommittee also discussed the formation of an Asia Pacific Consulting Association and the creation of a task force in order to achieve this.

To make each of IACA's functional committees’ role clear and how they interface with the IAA's various committees, we are preparing an organization chart for IACA which will be shared with Members in due course.

For more details on IACA and the current Committee members please see the IACA website: [http://www.IAA-IACA.org](http://www.IAA-IACA.org)

**Seminar - Pension Trends and Practice in the USA, Thursday 5 February 2009, Hilton Hotel, Gatwick Airport, UK**

In conjunction with the 2009 Association of Consulting Actuaries (ACA) Annual Members’ conference, IACA and the Conference of Consulting Actuaries (CCA) in the US have arranged a half-day seminar on the subject of Pension Trends and Practice in the USA. Details of the programme are attached and if any member is interested in attending then they should make contact directly with Tracey Gleed at the ACA Secretariat as per the enclosed.
International Congress of Actuaries - March 2010 - *this is now only 15 months away!*

Details of the latest developments for the Congress can be found in the attached link: [http://www.ica2010.com/newsletters/ICA_2010_Newsflash_Dec_08.html](http://www.ica2010.com/newsletters/ICA_2010_Newsflash_Dec_08.html). IACA will be running a full programme track as part of the Congress which should be of interest to all of our members. We look forward to seeing as many IACA members as possible in South Africa and would encourage you to save the date now.

As ever please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly if you have any issues which you would like to raise in relation to IACA.

Regards

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