Sections of the IAA – One way to improve as an Actuary

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International Actuarial Association

- The unique international organization dedicated to the research, education and development of the profession and of actuarial associations
- IAA is the continuation of the Comité Permanent des Congrès d’Actuaires established in 1895
Sections of the IAA

- IAA has seven specialized sections that form an integral part of the IAA.
- Sections focus on actuarial research and development in specific areas of practice.
- Anyone may apply to join a Section.
ASTIN Section

- Actuarial Studies in Non-Life Insurance formed in 1957
- Promotes actuarial research into general (property - casualty) insurance and reinsurance
- 1665 members
ASTIN Section (cont’d)

- Leaders
  - Harry Panjer, Chairman (Canada)
  - Mette Havning, Vice-Chairman (Denmark)

- Organizes annual colloquium: next one planned for June 1-4, 2009 in Helsinki, Finland

- Has emerging countries program

FOR MORE INFO...
See www.iaa-astin.org
The ASTIN Section has published ASTIN Bulletin twice a year, a publication listed by Thomson ISI.


Will now include articles of interest to all Sections.

Available to all Section members.
AFIR Section

- Actuarial Approach for Financial Risks formed in 1988
- Promotes actuarial research in area of financial risks and problems
- 1559 members
Leaders
- Jean Berthon, Chairman (France)
- Eric Thorlacius, Vice-Chairman (USA)

Principal activity: annual colloquium next planned for September 6-11, 2009 jointly with Life Section in Munich, Germany

FOR MORE INFO...
See www.iaa-afir.org
International Association of Consulting Actuaries formed in 1968

Became IAA Section in 1999

Promotes and facilitates sharing of ideas amongst international consulting actuaries

555 members
Principal activity: conferences

Leaders:
- Hideyuki Yoshida, Chairman (Japan)
- Ken Buffin, Vice-Chairman (United States)

See www.iaa-iaca.org
IAAHS

- IAA Health Section formed in 2003
- Promotes and facilitates international sharing of views, advice, research and practical information among actuaries involved with public and private health issues
- 475 members
Leaders
- Emile Stipp, Chairman (South Africa)
- Howard Bolnick, Vice-Chairman (United States)

Principal activities include
- seminars
- colloquia (next March 7-12, 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa)
IAAHS *(cont’d)*

- Principal activities *(cont’d)*
  - Webcasts on topics of special interest
  - on-line exchanges
  - other meetings and publishing works
  - Online Journal

FOR MORE INFO...

*See www.iaa-iaahs.org*
Pensions, Benefits, and Social Security Section formed in 2003
Serves actuaries worldwide with interests in social protection and commercial, social and public policy issues concerning provision of pensions and other benefits
415 members
Principal activities include
- seminars
- Colloquia (next October 4-6, 2009 in Tokyo, Japan)
- on-line exchanges
- other meetings and publishing works

Leaders
- Chris Daykin, Chairman (United Kingdom)
- Vacant, Vice-Chairman

FOR MORE INFO...
See www.iaa-pbss.org
AWF Section

- Actuaries Without Frontiers formed in 2003
- To link situations in need of actuarial skills with financial resources and with actuarial volunteers to meet those needs
- 205 members
Currently assisting with projects in Azerbaijan, Benin and Kenya

Leaders

- Edward J. Levay, Chairman (United Kingdom)
- Carla Angela, Vice-Chairman (Italy)

See www.iaa-awf.org
Life Section formed in 2005

- Activities aimed at advancing links among actuaries worldwide whose professional practice is mainly life insurance, and also include actuaries whose life insurance work or interest is only a part of their practice

- 1032 members
Life Section (cont’d)

• Activities include colloquia, on-line exchanges, publishing works

• Leaders
  – Kurt Wolfsdorf, Chairman (Germany)
  – Stuart Wason, Vice-Chairman (Canada)

FOR MORE INFO...

See www.iaa-life.org
How to join

- Each Section has its own area on the IAA Web site: www.actuaries.org
- If you belong to an IAA member association, you can pay the required annual Section dues through your home association

IAA Web site ...

Members who choose to join a Section will gain access to the relevant section of the IAA Web site.
How to join – dues (cont’d)

- For Fully Qualified Actuaries, dues are $40 Canadian per section
- AWF Section dues are $20 Canadian for everyone

For more info... See www.actuaries.org for details about each Section, including its activities and an online registration form.
ICA 2006

- Congresses are a high point for the IAA and its Sections
- Next congress in Cape Town, South Africa, March 7 to 12, 2010

FOR MORE INFO...

See www.ica2010.com