Risk Assessment of IAA Strategic Plan

Presidents’ Forum – October 2011
Strategic Objective 1

Identify, establish, and maintain relationships with key supranational audiences and provide them with actuarial input to improve the soundness of decisions being made on important issues with a global impact.
Assessment and Management of Risk

**PF:** Ensure IAA monitoring/planning framework for meeting supra orgs expectations

**IAA:** Engaging in memoranda of understanding (MOU) with supra orgs
Strategic Objective 1  cont’d

Assessment and Management of Risk

**PF:** IAA should have task force to prioritize and identify key contacts

**IAA:** created Supranational Relations Subcommittee of EC and allocated staff resources for initial contact; relationship then managed by relevant committee(s)
Strategic Objective 1  cont’d

Assessment and Management of Risk

**PF:** More staff, volunteer and financial resources needed

**IAA:** Have increased dues and budgeted for 2 additional staff in 2012; more may be needed
Strategic Objective 1  

What has been achieved

1. signed MOU with IOPS and ISSA; working on one with OECD, IAIS and IASB

2. Guest speaker from supranational organizations at Council meetings: IAIS in Vienna; IOPS in Sydney; OECD in Zagreb

3. Successful joint seminar on stress-testing with IMF in Washington (Sept)
What has been achieved

4. Created Regulated Professions TF
5. Joined IFAC joint TF responding to G20
6. News release program for supra orgs re important/relevant IAA developments
7. Discussing Observer Member status in IAA with WB, IADB and IMF
Strategic Objective 1  cont’d

What has been achieved

8. Geneva Discussion forum:
   2010: with ISSA ILO AKAM
   2011: with ISSA ILO WHO OECD

9. Additional meetings with UN, WB, WTO, IDB, IMF, UNCTAD, IOSCO
Strategic Objective 2

Facilitate the use and expansion of the scientific knowledge and skills of the actuarial profession, including beyond the traditional areas of actuarial practice, to help enhance the scope, availability, and quality of actuarial services offered by individual members of its member associations.
Assessment and Management of Risk

Actuarial organizations have different needs according to size and local environment.
Strategic Objective 2  cont’d

What has been achieved

1. Educational monographs: stochastic modeling, discount rates, risk adjustment
2. Online libraries (Life, IAAHS, PBSS, AFIR/ERM)
3. Section Colloquia
4. The IAA Journal – ASTIN Bulletin
Strategic Objective 2 cont’d

What has been achieved

5. Expansion of AFIR Section to ERM
6. Environment WG
7. Islamic Finance Expert Panel
8. Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA) WG
9. Role of the Actuary TF
10. Webinars (IAAHS, Life, AFIR/ERM)
Strategic Objective 3

Establish, maintain and promote common standards of actuarial education and common principles of professional conduct. Promote the development and issuance of actuarial standards in the jurisdictions of all Full Member Associations, and the global convergence of actuarial standards.
Strategic Objective 3 cont’d

Assessment and Management of Risk

**PF:** Financial and human resources required

**IAA:** Have increased dues and budgeted for 2 additional staff in 2012
Strategic Objective 3  cont’d
Assessment and management of risk

PF:  - Damage to the profession if level of standards is too low
    - Will the IAA be able to maintain standards?
    - Danger that actuarial standards are developed outside the profession

IAA: revising due process, studying model for permanent structure, considering funding
Strategic Objective 3  cont’d

What has been achieved
1. Established IASSC and TF on Permanent Structure
2. General Practice Standard being exposed
3. Other standards being developed
4. TF revising due process
Strategic Objective 3  cont’d

What has been achieved

5. Created Regulated Professions TF
6. Development of professionalism papers
7. Adopting CPD guidelines
8. Conducted education goals survey
9. Actuarial Educators Network
Strategic Objective 4

Support the development, organization and promotion of the actuarial profession in areas of the world in which it is not present or is not fully developed.
Strategic Objective 4  cont’d
Risk assessment and management

**PF:**  - varying needs by country
  - translation and cultural issues

**IAA:** i) created subcommittees for regions (Asia, Latin America, Africa) with representatives from the region
ii) IAA Fund serves all regions
Strategic Objective 4  cont’d
What has been achieved

1. Regional seminars arranged by IAA Fund on role of actuary in 2011: Zagreb, Mongolia, Kenya, Colombia, Kuala Lumpur

2. China admitted as Full Member

3. Bosnia-Herzegovina seeking Full membership and Armenia Associate membership
Strategic Objective 5

Provide a forum for discussion among actuaries and actuarial associations throughout the world.
Strategic Objective 5 cont’d

Assessment and management of risk

**PF:** IAA becomes so large, nothing happens; cost of travel prohibitive; lack of IAA resources to integrate smaller associations

**IAA:** created special assistance fund to assist smaller associations
Strategic Objective 5 cont’d
Assessment and management of risk

**PF:** No action between forums

**IAA:** More webcasts planned

**IAA:** Declining Section membership and attendance at colloquia:

need help of member associations to promote to their membership
What has been achieved

1. Congresses (Cape Town: 1600 actuaries; Washington aiming for 2500)
2. Section colloquia, mini congresses, webcasts
3. Paper on participation of non-native English speakers
4. IAA intro session at meetings
5. Presidents’ Forum
Final Thoughts

There is an apparent need to grow IAA resources in response to the need for a global response by the profession in an increasing number of areas.

The commitment and active support of each association in IAA activities is important.