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Grand Hotel Oslo, Norway

Den norsk Aktuarforening invites you to attend the Colloquium of the International Actuarial Association to be held in Oslo, Norway, from the 7th to the 10th of June 2015. The colloquium is a joint collaboration of three IAA sections: Pension Benefits and Social Security (PBSS), Life Insurance (LIFE) and Consulting Actuaries (IACA).

Our call for papers describes the present state of pensions and life insurance as rather turbulent and lists a number of issues that serve to shape the prospectus of the colloquium. Hopefully it will inspire many of you to write a contributed paper and many more of you to attend and participate in the discussions in Oslo. Enjoy the bright summer nights in the little city with the big heart!

Call for Papers

'Issues in our time'

A relatively short period in the history of insurance, the past some three decades have seen life insurance and pensions undergo major changes driven by multiple and interacting forces. The following list of keywords is probably noncontroversial, but emphasis and pros and cons may be debatable. Deregulation in the eighties. Financial innovation and emergence of huge derivatives markets. Growth in volume of trades, increasingly research- and technology-driven. Financial instability culminating in the on-going crisis. In life insurance and pensions: Demutualization, dissolution of portfolios, increasing mobility of insurance contracts (buy-outs, individual and bulk), surrenders and free policies. The traditional with profit scheme gave way to a plethora of products equipped with various forms of guarantees. Hence risk management increasingly based on market operations: reinsurance, swaps, securitization. Pension crisis triggered by faltering markets and improved longevity. Occupational schemes moving from defined benefits to defined contributions. Renewed interest in with profit? Or seek new ways of adapting premiums and benefits to indices for interest and mortality? Risk classification driven by technology (gene tests) or legislation (gender neutrality). Disability and long term care in an ageing population. Reintroduction of regulation. Solvency II, IFRS, external models vs internal models/ORSA. Valuation of assets and liabilities (what is MCEV?). Furthermore: consolidation, globalization, emergence of insurance markets in developing countries. And, not least, the impact of advances in the mathematical theories of finance and insurance and their interface.



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About Oslo

“The Blue the Green and the Capital in between”

Oslo is situated at the head of Oslo Fjord surrounded by forested ridges, and this very location gives the city unexpected qualities for a national capital. The surrounding countryside provides recreational opportunities for the city's inhabitants and visitors, in summer as well as in winter. Not many world capitals offer subway service to the forest, with lakes and hiking trails within city limits.

Oslo has a population of only 600 000, which is relatively low compared to most European capitals. However, it is paradoxically one of the largest in terms of area. Oslo covers more than 450 square kilometers, most of which comprises forests and arable land.

Oslo is a city full of contrasts. Its natural beauty, in combination with all the facilities of a modern metropolis, adds to the charm of a city often called “the world's biggest village”.

More modern districts include the bustling Aker Brygge area, a rehabilitated old shipyard, with its Mediterranean style shops, restaurants and cafés. Oslo's beautiful natural surroundings, its varied architecture, and its multinational inhabitants contribute to the city's unique atmosphere.

And Oslo's climate is actually better than our northern latitude might indicate. This is due to the Gulf Stream bringing warmth from the Gulf of Mexico across the Atlantic Ocean and along the coast of Norway. And in the summer, the sun is up 19 hours per day.

Important Information

Best Paper Awards

The LIFE and PBSS Sections are granting two prizes of CAD 1000 each, one to the author(s) of the best IAALS paper and one to the author(s) of the best PBSS paper. The winners will be selected by the Scientific Committee and be announced and awarded their prizes during the Colloquium.

Call for Papers

Synopsis Deadline: 31 January, 2015

Draft Program Released: 28 February, 2015

Paper and Peer Review Form Submission
Deadline: 31 March, 2015

Acceptance Deadline: 15 April 2015

Presentation File Deadline: 31 May 2015

Registration to Open: Autumn 2014

Keynote Speakers

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- Managing director Idar Kreutzer, Finance Norway, Norway
- Professor Antoon Pelsler, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands
- Professor Mogens Steffensen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

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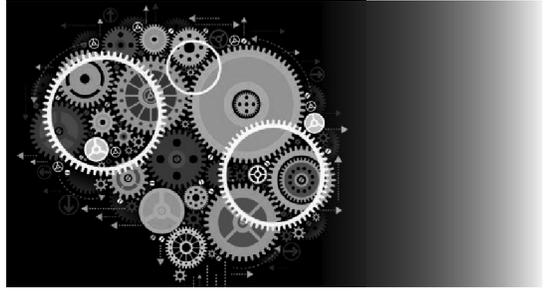
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ASTIN, AFIR/ERM and IACA Colloquia

Innovation & Invention

23-27 August 2015 | Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney



Call for Papers

The Actuaries Institute invites you to attend these Colloquia of the International Actuarial Association to be held in Sydney, Australia, from **23 to 27 August 2015**. This is a joint collaboration of three IAA sections, the Actuarial Approach for Financial Risks/Enterprise Risk Management (AFIR/ERM), Actuarial Studies in Non-Life Insurance (ASTIN) and the International Association of Consulting Actuaries (IACA).

Further details can be found at www.actuaries.org/sydney2015/

Innovation and Invention

Australia has a long and proud history of innovation and invention in many scientific and practical disciplines. Here are some examples:

- ▶ Whilst Fleming discovered the antibacterial properties of penicillin in his London laboratory, it was a team led by the Australian researcher Howard Florey that purified the strain and demonstrated its efficacy in humans. Australia was the first country to mass-produce the wonder drug for non-military use.
- ▶ In 1961, chemist Dave Warren joined an Australian team investigating a series of plane crashes. He came up with the idea of the black box flight recorder and developed a prototype in Australia. Today every commercial plane carries a flight recorder.
- ▶ In 1836 the HMS Beagle began its survey of Australia, carrying the young naturalist Charles Darwin on board. Darwin's specimen collections and observations from Australia and around the world provided strong evidence for his theory of evolution published in 1860.
- ▶ Robert Brown the Botanist who gave Brownian motion its name spent several years in Australia discovering new plant species.

Sydney and Australia

The site of the first European settlement in Australia, Sydney has something to offer any visitor, including:

- ▶ Visit the Sydney Opera House;
- ▶ Climb to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- ▶ Explore the shops, pubs and restaurants of The Rocks or Darling Harbour.
- ▶ Take a ferry trip to the Taronga Zoo or Manly.
- ▶ Visit the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, the Australian Museum or the Art Gallery of New South Wales.
- ▶ Just relax and learn to surf at Bondi Beach.

The Blue Mountains, a World Heritage area, and the Hunter Valley wine region are only a day trip from Sydney. Further afield are the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, the Great Ocean Road, Uluru, and the Kakadu National Park. These Colloquia are the perfect excuse for an extended trip to see Australia!

Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House



The Three Sisters, Blue Mountains



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15 April 2015

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Submissions

ASTIN, AFIR/ERM and IACA final papers should be sent to: events@actuaries.asn.au by 15 April 2015.

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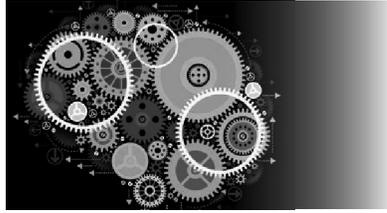
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Topics for ASTIN

The ASTIN Scientific Committee seeks papers on the following topics:

- ▶ Loss reserving and capital adequacy
- ▶ Insurance pricing and price optimisation
- ▶ Predictive modelling and business analytics
- ▶ Reinsurance and risk transfer
- ▶ Risk management
- ▶ Natural hazards and disaster pricing
- ▶ Capital management, allocation and pricing
- ▶ Longevity, health and employment insurance
- ▶ Risk theory
- ▶ Dividend theory and practice
- ▶ Copulas: theory and applications

Topics for AFIR/ERM

The AFIR/ERM Scientific Committee seeks papers in the areas of finance, financial economics, and the management of financial risks, focusing on applications to insurance and pension funds. Specific topics of interest are:

- ▶ Investment and asset allocation
- ▶ Portfolio risk management
- ▶ Bond portfolio management
- ▶ Asset/Liability Management (ALM)
- ▶ Enterprise risk management (ERM)
- ▶ Risk measures and capital allocation
- ▶ Managing retirement accumulations and decumulations
- ▶ Dynamic asset allocation
- ▶ Asset and derivative pricing
- ▶ Longevity, health and mortality risk
- ▶ Pricing and risk management for product guarantees
- ▶ Solvency and risk based capital

Topics for IACA

The IACA Scientific Committee seeks papers and presentations on topics of interest to consulting actuaries, preferably across disciplines or of interest to ASTIN and/or AFIR/ERM members. These topics should be of practical value to the attendees.

Below are the suggested topics:

- ▶ Professionalism
- ▶ Conflicts in interest
- ▶ Future of insurance regulation in Asia Pacific region
- ▶ Actuarial audit in Asia Pacific region
- ▶ Emerging consulting opportunities in Asia Pacific region
- ▶ Scope of work creep
- ▶ Project management
- ▶ Non-traditional consulting jobs
- ▶ Educating clients on ERM
- ▶ Starting insurance companies
- ▶ Document retention policies

If you are proposing a presentation, please specify the format (panel, round-table etc) and list of speakers.

Guidelines for papers for both ASTIN, AFIR/ERM and IACA

1. Synopsis submissions need to be submitted in the required **Synopsis Template** and submitted to events@actuaries.asn.au by **27 February 2015**.
2. Completed papers need to be submitted to events@actuaries.asn.au by the **15 April 2015**. **Paper extensions will not be granted.**
3. All papers need to be submitted with a paper **Coversheet**. The main text should start on page 2. Pages must be numbered. References must be organized alphabetically, multiple references for a single author must be ordered chronologically. Journal references must include author, year, title, journal title, volume and pages. Book references must include author, year, title, editor and city. For more details, refer to the **Paper Guidelines**.
4. Papers should be written in English and must be received by the closing date. All papers must be submitted electronically in PDF format.
5. If you do not receive an email acknowledging receipt of your paper by **15 May, 2015** please contact events@actuaries.asn.au
6. Submitted papers will be evaluated by the Scientific Committees, and acceptance of the papers will be confirmed no later than the acceptance date.
7. A list of accepted papers, and the final accepted papers will be posted on the website.

Hunter Valley, NSW – wine region



Sydney's iconic Bondi Beach



Great Barrier Reef, Queensland





Stochastic Modeling

Theory and Reality from an Actuarial Perspective

A guide for practitioners interested in understanding this important emerging field, *Stochastic Modeling — Theory and Reality from an Actuarial Perspective* presents the mathematical and statistical framework necessary to develop stochastic models in any setting (insurance or otherwise).

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Techniques – such as Monte Carlo simulation and lattice models – commonly used in various applications of stochastic modeling.

Practical considerations of stochastic modeling, including model calibration and validation.

Model review and communication of results, of interest to senior practitioners already familiar with the fundamentals of stochastic modeling.



Case studies of life and non-life insurance companies, covering a range of topics relevant to capital and surplus modeling of life and non-life insurance companies, including Economic Capital calculations, stochastic reserve and capital calculations, embedded value

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Risk metrics that have applications in stochastic modeling, such as Value at Risk (VaR) and Conditional Tail Expectation (CTE).

Stochastic scenario generation for key risk factors affecting life insurance products, including interest rates, credit defaults, exchange rates,

“This book gives actuaries state-of-the-art tools to characterize degrees of risks in ways that significantly reduce the shadow of uncertainty over the analysis of strategic policy options.”
Yves Guérard, former Secretary General

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Discount Rates in Financial Reporting

A Practical Guide

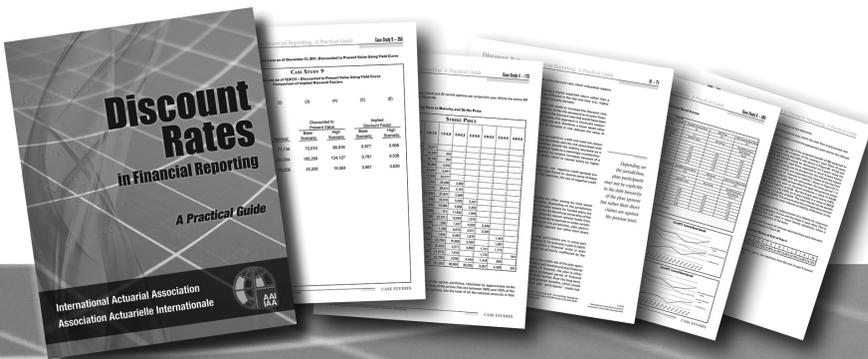
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