



# Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

August 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 07:00 (EST) / 13:00 (Paris)

## AGENDA

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| 0. Agenda of the meetings and notes                    | Thomas         |
| 1. Minutes of last Board meeting for approval          | Thomas         |
| 2. 2025 Budget   | Bill           |
| 3. Research / Scientific committee                     | Fred           |
| 4. Organization of seminars and colloquia update       |                |
| - 2024 JoCo Brussels                                   | Rosalind/Ana   |
| - 2025 Online Colloquium                               | Martin & Ernst |
| - 2025 Colloquium Brazil                               | Pedro & Bill   |
| - 2026 Congress Tokyo                                  | Takuro         |
| 5. Webinars  | Pedro          |
| 6. Expansion and Value proposition of the Life section |                |
| - Interview series with climate practitioners          | Martin/Simone  |
| - Japanese membership                                  | Pedro/Takuro   |
| - Initiative for quarterly informal virtual gatherings | Rosalind       |
| - Ideas from Ambassador's task force                   | Pedro          |
| 7. Pandemic/mortality conclusions                      | Pedro          |
| 8. 2024 AGM  | Thomas         |
| - Elections/ Call for nominations                      |                |
| 9. Any other business                                  |                |



#### Board members

- Thomas Behar (France) – Chair
- Pedro Pacheco Villagrán (Mexico) – Vice-Chair
- Bill Sayre (United States) – Treasurer
- Ana Bojanic (Serbia) – Secretary
- Ernst Visser (The Netherlands)
- Rosalind Rossouw (United Kingdom)

#### IAA Director

- Christian Levac

#### IAA Delegates

- Gunn Albertsen

#### Absent Board Members

- David Kirk (South Africa)
- Simone Brathwaite (Barbados)
- Mike Lombardi (Canada)
- Martin Oymanns (Germany)
- Fred Rowley (Australia)
- Takuro Sorihashi (Japan)

#### Absent IAA Section representative

- Teboho Mabeba

## MINUTES

### 0. Agenda of the meeting and notes

The agenda for today's meeting was adopted without any changes.

### 1. Minutes of last Board meeting for approval

Minutes of the July Board meeting were approved.



## 2. 2025 Budget

Bill updated that his hope was to present a budget at today's meeting, since we need to approve the budget by the end of August. However, as the Board is aware, our financials have been painfully delayed (2024 Q2 financials are not ready yet) and it would be much easier to develop a budget if we had those numbers. But this should be imminent; he will draft the budget asap and we can approve by email if necessary; we have also enquired for a slight extension to the deadline so that we can approve the budget at the early September Board meeting.

## 3. Research / Scientific committee

Christian reminded that at the last Board meeting Fred updated one of the researchers (from Denmark) declined the offer since the conditions for the transfer of intellectual property with the university, along with the administration, was too burdensome.

The other applicant (from Switzerland) is proceeding, and Christian is waiting for the contract to be signed by them (possibly due to current vacations, and they were waiting for a legal review. Christian will follow-up to make sure that everything is still on track and that the contract will be signed soon.

(As a reminder, at the July meeting, due to the research declination, the Board agreed to launch a new call for research in the Fall. Fred pointed out he would be hard to reach in September, particularly since he will be in Brussels then, and the Board agreed that Brussels would be ideal for the new launch, including marketing. Rosalind suggested adding this to the AGM slides or in the slides between sessions. The Board discussed the medium for this slide that would be most noticeable; Christian suggested for it to be in the placeholder slide in the room where IAALS sessions are. Christian and Tebo said that they will take care of this.)

Pedro inquired on whether there were any updates on the Scientific committee, since one of the members has already resigned and he (Pedro) made a nomination for a volunteer for that position from Mexico, and was told that the wait was for a spot to open up. Christian clarified that what David had volunteered for was the Scientific Committee for the JoCo 2025. The JoCo 2025 position was for reviewing abstracts and papers, and this won't start until November this year. So it was clarified that the opening is not for the Scientific committee. Christian noted that when we start reviewing papers for the next Ragnar prize, we might need individuals to help Severine – Christian will check on that with Severine.

## 4. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

- **2024 JoCo Brussels** (September 22-25 2024)  
Rosalind updated that currently work is being done on getting a hold of speakers who haven't registered yet, and this is a concern in case they are not planning



on coming (so that we don't have empty slots). Christian replied that he thinks there was only one Life presentation that was missing all 3 speakers (from Japan); we would only need 1 of them. **Christian will see with Takuro if he knows any of those speakers and if he could assist with contacting them.** Tebo clarified that this is an issue for other Sections and is being worked on (co-authors are being contacted, alternative email addresses found, etc.)

Rosalind also inquired on whether we need to push registration (how we are with the numbers); Christian replied that he hasn't seen any other figures since the ones they presented in July. Rosalind remarked that perhaps she would follow-up with Philippe to check if we need to do some more marketing. Christian pointed out that marketing is still happening (the JoCo is posting on social media etc. and the IAA is sharing those, and that him and Tebo are in contact with the organizers in case any mailings need to be sent out etc.

Christian also added that Martin and him have also been in touch with the organizing company regarding the live streaming and have a meeting with them on August 27<sup>th</sup> to finalize all that. Further details regarding the launch of the live stream registration will be after that date.

(Discussion from July meeting copied below as a reminder.)

In addition to the Ragnar prize which will be awarded at the JoCo, the IAALS is also tasked with selecting a Best Paper amongst those that will be presented; Mike is involved in this. The financial award for this award is in the IAALS budget; Christian will check the amount but it is around \$1,500. Christian also clarified that we are only tasked with reviewing the Life papers (not papers from all sections). When selecting presenters for the JoCo, the research committee had already gone through the proposals, but some of them were in the form of abstracts or presentations (not actual papers), so these need to be looked at again (only actual papers are considered for the prize). The research committee is working on this selection.

In terms of the recording of the IAALS sections, Martin updated that since the last meeting, he had received an updated quote which is significantly higher than the original estimate - €7,500 (including tax) for three days for the plenary hall, with livestreaming to a zoom seminar (speaker's face + PPT) and delivery of recordings from livestreaming as mp4 files; with an additional €790/room/day for recordings of the parallel sessions (without livestreaming).

Pedro mentioned that so far the number of registrations were so far pretty low (around 350 so far); the goal was 400-500 so this is still reachable.

The Board also discussed further marketing of the IAALS sessions to section members. Martin reminded that until closer to the actual in-person event, we would not want to advertise virtual attendance yet.

**The Board voted to approve the €7,500+790= €8,300 (including tax) for the livestreaming of the plenary session & recording of the IAALS parallel session room.**



- **2025 IAALS Online Colloquium** (September/October 2025 1-day online event)  
No update since the last meeting (discussion from June meeting included below for reference).

Martin circulated the slides ahead of the meeting. Martin had a meeting after the last section Board with Thomas, Simone, David, Bill, Takuro and Ernst. Not much was changed in terms of format – 1 day full virtual event in Sep / Oct 2025, after the Morocco meetings. Martin confirmed the overall topic long-term risks and talked about an initial presentation idea. A draft program schedule was circulated which included a keynote followed by 3 technical sessions on topics for practitioners or exciting research / academia areas. On the one side it will be tested as a format – so a discussion format of closed groups of around 20 people with a Board member as moderator, aligned to their expertise, and then rather than an open discussion than a presentation format. This will be done in the morning and the afternoon to serve as many time zones as possible, and it will be recorded and put on Actuvist afterwards. There would also be a keynote panel in the afternoon. So in total, 6 technical sessions, 2 discussion forums and 2 plenary / keynote sessions. Martin also shared a project plan – the website would be set up in 2024 to communicate the save the date, and then in Feb 2025 we can consider speakers to include in the program, and publish this in May 2025, as well as the promotion ahead of September / early October 2025. We are trying to say that it's open and free or charge for life section members, so you can become a section member for 60 CAD and you can take part in the event free of charge, which will also help secure Life Section membership for 2024/2025. JoCo is in May 2025 in Brazil – Pedro asked to check the alignment of dates. The goal is 300 participants. There are no sponsors so all costs will be covered from our budget. Ros commented members will appreciate the free registration and will encourage new members to the section. Christian confirmed no clash with the Morocco meetings.

- **2025 Colloquium Brazil** (May 18-21 2025)  
No update since the last meeting (discussion from July meeting included below for reference).

Bill updated that the request for abstracts has been released earlier this week; the deadline for abstract submission is November 8 2024. Christian also noted that the list of sponsors is currently being worked on; he will forward the sponsorship brochure (it has been posted to the website but not sent out yet); new sponsors are needed. Pedro also noted that the title/theme has been released: 'Actuaries in Sustainability'.

- **2026 Congress Tokyo** (November 8-13 2026)  
No update since the last meeting (discussion from July meeting included below for reference).



Takuro updated that they are forming the Subject Committee under the Program Committee; they will be asking for help from the IAALS Board for the Subject Committee, particularly in regards to the best paper selection. Three people from Japan will be in the Life Section Subcommittee and working with us on this.

The call for papers will be tentatively released in March 2025, with submission deadline September 2025. Afterwards, the plan is to review & select abstracts by November 2025.

## 5. Webinars

Pedro updated/reminded that we have a webinar scheduled for next week (**August 13<sup>th</sup>**), with Severine's support; the topic is the Association between environmental variables and short-term mortality: evidence from Europe (speaker from the University of Leuven in Belgium).

We also have a webinar scheduled for **September 4<sup>th</sup>**; the topic regards the value alignment problem in artificial intelligence, which will be given by Pablo Noriega from the Catalan Institute of AI.

Pedro also updated that Takuro has arranged for a webinar for the Japanese market for October (October 10<sup>th</sup>); Takuro will update on this at the next meeting. The webinar will be in Japanese (since the idea was for it to be more focused on the Japanese market).

Thomas commented that it would also be a good idea perhaps **to include Severine in a future webinar.**

## 6. Expansion and Value Proposition of the Life Section

### - **Interview Series with climate practitioners**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> interview in the series was published on July 19<sup>th</sup> (with Irene Merk, Emerging Risks Ambassador at SCOR). Thomas inquired on how many people watched it; Christian said that Martin would have more information since this is on actuvie, but that it has 95 views so far.

A 4<sup>th</sup> interview is already organized but not scheduled yet; but this will be in the next couple of weeks. Once all four recordings are done as planned, the next question will be (after the summer) of further valuable topics. At the last meeting we discussed regulation, but this can be picked up in September.

### - **Japanese membership**

No updates (other than the webinar specifically-targeted for the Japanese market scheduled for October).

### - **Quarterly informal virtual IAALS gathering**

As a reminder, from previous meetings, it was agreed that the topic for the first gathering would be the role of AI, and to have two sessions – one for each side of the world. The invitation will be open to non-members for the first two virtual



gatherings – if anyone who is not a member would like to attend more than two gatherings, they will be encouraged to register as an IAALS section member.

At the July meeting, it was agreed that a good time for the first gathering would be late October (so that we can advertise in Brussels and have time to work out the details). **Rosalind asked the Board if October 24<sup>th</sup> worked for everyone and received approval.** She reminded that the Board had agreed to have two sessions (one for Asia and one for Canada/North America); we would just need someone to lead the session for Asia, or perhaps the new Board member from Australia, if elected. Pedro added that 9 AM NY time has proven to be a good slot for accommodated.

Tebo will send Rosalind a slide template, which could be shown between IAALS sessions at JoCo (e.g. while speakers are changing etc.) advertising the event (as well as re-advertising the interview series), to use this opportunity to encourage engagement and showcase what we've done. Rosalind also noted that this should fall into the AGM slides as well. Ana offered to forward Rosalind the slides template deck that Tebo previously sent; Tebo said that she would first add some of the Life Section items like ASTIN normally does (with e.g. a QR code to join the Section or something like that) and then forward to Rosalind.

- **Ideas from Ambassador's task force**

Pedro updated that there have been no meetings in the meantime, other than that he met with Abraham in Mexico City and Abraham informed him that the next meeting should be in September (prior to the JoCo).

## 7. Pandemic/mortality conclusions

Pedro updated that he has insisted on having the webinar, but that it would be easier to make pressure in-person when in Tallinn.

## 8. 2024 AGM

In terms of the meetings in Brussels, Christian clarified that the meeting on Sunday (September 22<sup>nd</sup>) will be a 'regular' Board meeting, while the meeting on Wednesday (September 25<sup>th</sup>) will be the AGM (which includes all Section members who wish to participate).

In terms of the 2024 elections for IAALS Board seats, Gunn updated that we have received quite a good number of promising candidates in the past few days. The electronical vote will start in about 10 days (3 or 4 weeks before the JoCo). Thomas also added that it would be good to have a diverse geographical representation, e.g. from Kenya, but we haven't received any nominations from Kenya. Christian updated that we have candidates from Australia (recommended by Fred), Canada (by Mike), Mexico, India, Italy and Estonia, as well as Rosalind who is running for re-election (7 candidates, for 4 spots: Fred's, Thomas', Mike's and Rosalind's). Christian confirmed that Rosalind will be marked as seeking re-election on the ballot. Ana reminded that the topic of David's



staying on the Board was brought up at the last meeting (due to repeated absences from Board meetings). Thomas expressed concern that this would leave the Board with no representation from Africa, but **Thomas will follow up with David**. Christian also clarified that yes, the newly elected members will be participating in the vote for the new Chair at the AGM.

Rosalind enquired on whether we will in fact be having two Board meetings in September (in addition to the AGM) – the regular monthly one on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and another one in Brussels prior to the JoCo (on September 22<sup>nd</sup>); then the AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Thomas said that the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is necessary for approval of the budget and the 22<sup>nd</sup> (the meeting prior to the AGM) is usually for finalizing the AGM slides.

In regards to the slides, Ana updated that Tebo had already sent the template of the slides and she **(Ana) will be preparing them**. Thomas said that if the slides are finalized, we might not have to have an official meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; rather this could be more informal. This was left open.

**The next meeting will take place on September 13<sup>th</sup>.**