



Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

October 11th 2024 07:00 (EST) / 13:00 (Paris)

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| - 2024 JoCo Brussels recap | Pedro |
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| - 2026 Congress Tokyo | Takuro |
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| - Interview series with climate practitioners | Martin/Simone |
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| - Initiative for quarterly informal virtual gatherings | Rosalind |
| - Ideas from Ambassador's task force | Pedro |
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Board members

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- Rosalind Rossouw (United Kingdom) – Vice-Chair
- Bill Sayre (United States) – Treasurer
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- Jeffrey Humphreys (Australia)
- Paul Nitsou (Canada)
- Danilo Aulicino (Italy)

IAA Delegates

- Gunn Albertsen

IAA Section representative

- Teboho Mabeba

Absent IAA Director

- Christian Levac

MINUTES

0. Agenda of the meeting and notes

The agenda for today's meeting was adopted without any changes, albeit with Rosalind's suggestion that in the future we prioritize the more important/ urgent agenda items, since we usually run out of time towards the end, leaving some important topics uncovered. **The Board agreed that for the next meeting we will implement more flexibility in the order of topics, discussing first the most immediate & most strategic agenda items.**



1. Minutes of last Board meeting for approval

Minutes of the September meetings are still outstanding so they were not approved yet – Ana to complete & distribute these ASAP.

2. Welcome/ Introduction of new Board members

Pedro wished a warm welcome to the new Board members (Marika, Jeffrey, Paul, and Danilo) and re-elected Board member Rosalind. The new members introduced themselves, followed by a brief introduction of the current members.

3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

- **2024 JoCo Brussels RECAP** (September 22-25 2024)

Pedro noted that the attendance at the JoCo was outstanding (around 400 in-person attendees), despite initial worry regarding figures. Pedro asked if Tebo or Christian could, for the next meeting, pull out demographic info on the attendees. Obviously the majority will be people from the geographic proximity, but since the aim is for these to be worldwide events, we should look into representation from all countries and understand what is happening

Pedro gave an overview of the Ambassador's task force, Abraham Hernandez who leads it, and strategic activities taking place, including focus areas for increasing/engaging membership (Japan, Southeast Asia, Southern Latin America).

Per Pedro's request, Martin gave an update on virtual presence for the JoCo livestream. He is not sure on the number of registrations and views but all technical details went very well. Tebo said she was unsure of the numbers but that these are already published on youtube and will be on actuvision soon. Martin clarified that the agreement with the JoCo organizers was that this material would not be published until 6 weeks after the event, so these might need to stay private for another 2 weeks or so.

Rosalind noted that the presentation of the best IAALS JoCo paper could be a great marketing opportunity (since it also won the overall best paper award).

For the next Board meeting, Pedro invited Martin to briefly present the numbers of the virtual attendance.

Rosalind said she would send Pedro some feedback on aspects of the JoCo that could be improved. Pedro welcomed any feedback, noting that with all of these events, a certain extent of financial risk exists, for both the Sections and the local associations; so the topic of both increasing visibility/promotion and increasing quality is important.



- **2025 IAALS Online Colloquium (September/October 2025 1-day online event)**
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 Actuviv 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.
Ernst reported that there is no new news at this point, but Martin and he will follow up at the next meeting.
- **2025 Colloquium Brazil (May 18-21 2025)**
Bill updated that the request for abstracts has been released and 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'.
Tebo updated that the next meeting will be in about two weeks, so there will be more news then.
Pedro noted that this will be the first IAA event in Southern America. Bill and himself have been asked to be on the organizing committee.
Some of the associated risks are the distance from Brazil to e.g. Japan, Europe and even Mexico, while the aim is for this to be a truly international event.
- **2026 Congress Tokyo (November 8-13 2026)**
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 be released in March 2025, with submission deadline September 2025. Afterwards, the plan is to review & select abstracts by November 2025.

Takuro updated on the following:

- The core theme – he already shared a draft of the topics and core theme suggestions and will resend these; if anyone has comments please let him know. These need to be finalized before the call for papers is published (~March 2025)
- For the Subject Committees, they need one more IAALS Board member (or suggestion of someone) – please let him know. The task would mostly consist of reviewing the abstracts/papers once they start coming in after March and afterwards selecting the best paper. Pedro has one name already and will send it to Takuro. He also asked the Board to think about whether they would be willing to participate or have anyone to recommend. Takuro noted that because of the time difference, Asian or European representatives would be preferable, but of course anyone is welcome.

- **2027 Colloquium Luxembourg**

Pedro updated that now that the location of the 2027 Colloquium is published, we need to vote in terms of whether the IAALS will be participating. All of the other Sections, other than Health (which hasn't had a Board meeting in the meantime) have confirmed participation. Pedro inquired with Bill whether we have any financial challenges to participate; Bill noted this is not the case, also noting that the risk with this event is not considerable. **The Board unanimously agreed that the IAALS will be participating.**

4. Research / Scientific committee

Fred updated that 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.**

Pedro gave a brief introduction of the Scientific committee for the new Board members, including Severine's and Fred's involvement, noting that they are no longer Board members so we really need a person who will take the lead on this and **represent the Scientific committee at IAALS Board meetings. We need to decide at the next Board meeting who this will be.**

5. Webinars

Takuro updated on the webinar held yesterday October 10th: *Life and Health Risk Assessment Using Non-Traditional Data with the Latest ML/AI Techniques*, organized specifically to target the Japanese market. The webinar was very successful – over 100 participants online; there were also participants in-person in the room itself. For those who missed it, it will be posted on actuvie.

Pedro noted that for increasing regional presence, particularly in regards to webinars, that even though we have advanced with close-captioning, an issue is that viewers are not fluent in English so it is harder for them to follow.

Pedro noted that he has been in charge of organizing webinars for the past 8 years; it is challenging work (particularly finding speakers) for which he will have less time in the following period due to new responsibilities/ other involvements. He invited the Board to volunteer to take lead on this, of course with his help, particularly in the beginning. **Ernst volunteered.**

Pedro reminded that the list of ASTIN bulletin papers which Christian shared, as well as Severine, are a very helpful source of potential speakers.

6. Expansion and Value Proposition of the Life Section

- Interview Series with climate practitioners

The 3rd interview in the series was published on July 19th (with Irene Merk, Emerging Risks Ambassador at SCOR).

Martin updated that the 4th interview (with Sandra Rockett, VP Global Sustainable Investments at Great-West Lifeco) was successfully published a few days ago.

[Events, Webcasts and actuvie - Interview Series](#)

The next step is to brainstorm how this can be continued, in terms of new topics etc. **Simone urged for the promotion of the most recent video by all Board members.**



Rosalind noted that she just chaired the Sustainability conference in the UK and has numerous contacts she could put Simone in contact with.

- **Japanese membership**

No updates. Jeff is interested in conclusions/lessons learned on this topic, as he is keen on increasing Australian membership as well. Takuro and Jeff will be in touch offline for exchanging experience and ideas. Jeff also inquired on Australian membership; Tebo will provide it to him.

- **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 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. 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.

Rosalind noted that October 24th had been selected as a tentative date for the first gathering; however, this will have to be pushed back due to her being ill after the JoCo. She inquired what the run-time for advertising prior to the event should be – presumably similar to webinars – Tebo confirmed that this would be 3-4 weeks.

Rosalind also inquired whether we have access to the JoCo mailing list, since several people had expressed interest in joining the IAALS. Tebo said she would raise this with Chris but that it's unlikely that this info will be shared.

Rosalind informed she had also talked to several of the JoCo presenters who spoke on AI issues, who indicated they would be happy to participate/present in the gathering, whom she will follow-up with. Rosalind will update the Board as to a new tentative date.

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

Pedro updated that the main ideas were presented at the Strategic Planning Committee during the meetings in Tallinn; there should be another meeting of the task force prior to year-end.

7. Pandemic/mortality conclusions

Recently a document has been presented and Pedro will insist on getting this presentation.

The next meeting will take place on November 8th.