



# Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

March 8<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. Research / Scientific committee                     | Fred           |
| 3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update       |                |
| - 2024 JoCo Brussels                                   | Rosalind/Ana   |
| · Recording/virtual day                                | Martin         |
| · Bursaries & paper selection                          | Mike           |
| - 2025 Online Colloquium                               | Martin & Ernst |
| - 2025 Colloquium Brazil                               | Pedro & Bill   |
| - 2026 Congress Tokyo                                  | Takuro         |
| 4. Webinars  | Pedro          |
| 5. Expansion of the Life section                       | Martin/Simone  |
| - Interview series with climate practitioners          |                |
| 6. Pandemic/mortality conclusions                      | Pedro          |
| 7. Value proposition of the Life Section               | Pedro          |
| - Initiative for quarterly informal virtual gatherings | Rosalind       |
| 8. Any other business                                  |                |



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- Pedro Pacheco Villagrán (Mexico) – Vice-Chair
- Bill Sayre (United States) – Treasurer
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- Martin Oymanns (Germany)
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#### IAA Director

- Christian Levac

#### IAA Section representative

- Teboho Mabebe

#### Absent Board Members

- Fred Rowley (Australia)
- Simone Brathwaite (Barbados)

#### Absent IAA Delegates

- Gunn Albertsen
- Jacques Tremblay

## 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 February Board meeting were approved (with suggested corrections from Martin, sent during the meeting.)



## 2. Research / Scientific committee

Christian updated that by the next meeting, we should have a decision regarding the new research submissions received. Since Fred is an apology for this meeting, we will leave this for the next meeting. Thomas suggested Severine also be invited so that we have a full update from the Scientific committee.

Christian also noted that we should have an update on the Ragnar Norberg prize.

Pedro inquired on an update on the Scientific committee in terms of selection of members; Christian noted that this has been finalized.

## 3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

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

Regarding the cost of the recording/virtual option, Martin updated that the organizers were quite busy with setting up the registration, which has opened this week, and is hoping that in the next weeks will receive the requested information so that we can decide on the number of days we will be recording.

Regarding paper selection, Mike updated that Severine and him have gone through all the papers and selected all but one; the selection seems excellent. The number of papers selected is 24.

Christian noted that the AGM will take up one of our slots (90 minutes), so there is time for 24 papers (30-minute presentations), over 3 days. There is a possibility that if we need more time, one of the other sections might have free slots, and we could do concurrent sessions.

The Board also discussed the bursary applications, based on Christian's email a few days prior (March 4). Of the 4 applications, 1 is not eligible (from the UK); the other 3 are from Brazil (2) and Hungary. Based on ASTIN's bursary proposal to cover registration fees (~CA\$1,400 for speakers) plus a max amount of CA\$2,500 for travel expenses, based on submitted receipts), the proposal is to cover registration fees for the 3 applications + travel expenses based on flights (CA\$800 for the recipient from Europe and CA\$2,500 for the recipients from Brazil), which would **total ~CA\$10,000**. Bill reminded that the 2024 bursary budget is \$6,000, however there is no concern given the current surplus. Christian also noted that this is a max amount since the actual amount will be based on actually purchased flights. The Board unanimously voted in favor.

For reference, the registration fees are (early-bird fee is in parentheses and applies for registrations through end-of May):

- Non-members 1,650 EUR (1,400 EUR)
- Section members 1,400 EUR (1,200 EUR)
- Speakers 1,150 EUR (950 EUR)
- Academics and students 1,100 EUR (900 EUR).

Thomas asked Christian to check with the organizers whether the fee for the speakers receiving bursaries could qualify for the academic rate (50 EUR less).



Thomas also inquired on the topics of the selected papers; Mike noted that quite a few deal with modeling mortality, pandemics, country-specific products etc; also reminding that his email to the Board on March 1 includes the full list of paper titles.

Christian noted that the next step was grouping the topics across all sections (sessions that stick together) and release the program shortly.

Rosalind inquired on whether Sir David King had gotten in touch with Philippe (as a potential plenary speaker) but this is still unknown. The opening will be by someone from the Bank of Belgium and the IAA President.

Rosalind also inquired on whether a reduced fee for the JoCo could be provided for members of the organizing committee; this is also unknown, as well as the discount on hotel rates.

- **2025 IAALS Online Colloquium** (September/October 2025 1-day online event)  
Martin updated that together with Ernst and David, they have a group of 7 or 8 people in the program committee working on the program; they will let the other Board members know if their engagement is needed.
- **2025 Colloquium Brazil**  
Christian and Bill updated that meetings were postponed in the last couple of months, but Bill enquired on whether these should start again. Christian is in touch with Raquel and will need her input re: the agreement with the university etc., but will pick up on this again once the JoCo urgent items are finalized. They will try to organize a meeting in April.
- **2026 Congress Tokyo**  
Takuro updated that there is no update, other than the publishing on the call for sponsorship on which he updated at the previous meeting. No news on when the call for papers will be announced either. Thomas inquired about what the organizing committee is expecting from the sections. Takuro said that the scientific subcommittee is considering having subcommittees for each Section, to develop the program and select the papers. Christian updated that they will be having a leadership meeting of the sections and is thinking of inviting Tomio Murata (chair of the Scientific Committee) to see what exactly he will need from the Sections. He will see if Abe wants to add that to the agenda. There will also be a meeting of the Steering Committee in Seoul as well; he will bring it up then if not discussed before.

#### 4. Webinars

Pedro is still working on this. He has 3 possible topics from Christian's list of the ASTIN bulletin papers but is still working on dates and speakers. Hopefully the first one will be in April.



## 5. Expansion of the Life section

Martin updated good news that the first interview is almost finished, with the goal of having the first one published in March, second in April and third in May. Martin showed the Board a brief snapshot of the pilot interview (30 minutes) – with Christelle Lim-Severe, Sustainability practice leader from Beneva, moderator Jack Parrock and intro by Simone. As Pedro had suggested, they were able to add closed captioning; still have to add captions for Simone’s introduction and a few more fixes. Will also need help with promotion from the Section & Secretariat. In terms of promotion, Martin clarified that we as IAALS should primarily promote this, also suggested mailings, social media etc., and reminded that the marketing goal is to attract new members. Pedro suggested that FMA’s should also participate in promotion.

The next interview will be with Rade Musulin, also very prominent in the IAA community due to commitment to sustainability work. Simone is working on the third interviewee selection. After that we should decide on next steps; whether this will be a 3-interview series or perhaps something on an ongoing basis; maybe not permanently on sustainability and climate topics.

## 6. Pandemic/mortality conclusions

Pedro updated that he is still trying to contact the person involved in making the material, but that it won’t be possible in Q1. He will report next meeting with more detailed news.

## 7. Value proposition of the Life Section

Regarding her initiative of a quarterly informal virtual IAALS gathering, Rosalind suggested a poll on LinkedIn to see what the interest would be. She inquired on whether this should be attached to e.g. a discussion as a follow-up to Convention A or any other webinars, but noted that the timing should avoid Easter.

Pedro updated that he will be circulating an email to all the Board members with a summary of what we have been discussing. In the meantime there will be a Section Ambassadors meeting, during which he will get additional information. He added that it’s good that we receive input from all the Board members on what should be the form of the document relating to the value proposition and how to market it. The focus is increasing visibility with the FMA’s. At the next meeting we should discuss how to market this.

## 8. Other topics

Ana inquired whether there is anything we should be doing regarding the Call for Nominations prior to this year’s **AGM** (since we have 2 Board members with terms expiring this year, as well as the Chair’s). Thomas reminded that himself as Chair and Fred as Board member will not be continuing, whereas Rosalind expressed interest in re-running.



Regarding the Call for nominations, Christian reminded that he did circulate a timeline – the call should be circulated around June; we have some leeway in the dates since the AGM will be held later this year than usually.

**The next meeting will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## ACTION ITEMS

(purple items are NEW, from this meeting)

1. Research
  - Reach out to research team to request invoices be sent prior to year-end (Christian)
  - Get back to Ron Richmond re: review process for the paper (Fred)
  - Compose list of new applicants with topics & circulate with the Board (Christian)
  - Notify current researchers of approval to reallocate funds (Christian)
  - Invite Severine to the next (April 12) meeting (Christian)
  - Make decision on new call for research at next (April 12) meeting (All)
2. Interview series
  - Promote to networks etc. (All)
  - Provide feedback to Martin once he circulates the final video (All)
3. 2024 JoCo (Brussels)
  - Suggest potentials sponsors (All)
  - Notify bursary recipients (?)
4. Quarterly informal virtual IAALS gathering
  - Create poll on social media to gauge interest (Rosalind)
5. Value proposition of the Life Section
  - Circulate short questionnaire to board members (Pedro/all)
  - Introduce Thomas to chair of the SOA International Section (Mike)