

Masterclass webinar feedback

Ron shared feedback on the recent masterclass webinar, noting it was a successful event with over 150 participants. He also wrote an article about the event and suggested promoting it by sharing it broadly and publishing it sooner, rather than waiting to include it in next year's annual report, as Eric had suggested.

Yuriy provided an update on the timeline for upcoming masterclasses. He is currently working on a session focused on risk capital, which will be filmed in May and released in late July. The next session will be led by Pietro, who is developing the material. The overall timeline is dependent on the budget, which currently supports one masterclass per year.

CoPs

Ron gave an update on the upcoming CoP sessions. Several speakers are lined up to discuss current challenges in reserving, including Mario Wüthrich and several practicing consulting actuaries. Tebo will coordinate scheduling, targeting dates in April or early May. She will also check the calendar and noted that due to the rollout of a new website, only Zoom meetings (not webinars) can be hosted for now. Brian will assist in identifying an academic co-lead.

ASTIN Report 2025

The committee voted on the annual report design: 6 votes for the "transportation" theme vs. 5 for the "doors" theme.

Brian confirmed that a mock interview with Harry Panjer is in place and requested assistance in obtaining photographs—preferably action or candid shots. John provided an update on the content contributions, noting who submitted material for the report.

JoCo 2025 update

Norbert provided an update on the Best Paper selection process. Bernard, Peng, and Dimitry raised the issue of access and will proceed with their review once Christian provides the necessary materials. Norbert reminded the group of the timeline: a shortlist is needed by the end of April, with a final decision to be made in the first week of May.

On behalf of Cristina, Ron shared a quick update on registration numbers. Currently, there are 235 registered attendees, which is significantly lower than the approximately 400 attendees at the previous JoCo in Belgium.

Norbert raised the question of whether to offer a one-day registration option to attract local attendees. However, he expressed opposition to the idea, noting that it would not be financially beneficial. Eric voiced support for introducing a one-day registration, and Ron also expressed his support for the proposal.

JoCo 2028

JoCo 2028 will be held in Canada. There have been no updates since the last meeting. A planning meeting is scheduled in São Paulo on the workshop day following the conference.

ICA 2026.

The ICA 2026 website is now live, and the call for papers is open. Christian will distribute this information to the section membership group and send a few follow-up reminders.

IAA sections task force

Ron provided an update on three key areas of discussion: accountability, section fees, and administrative efficiency. A new task force, led by Erich, will work on them.

1) Code of conduct for section board members. The IAA has distributed volunteer conduct guidelines and accountability rules that apply to all volunteers within the organization. Christian noted that these guidelines were developed by the IAA Executive Committee and expressed uncertainty about whether they apply directly to sections, which operate with a degree of independence. Eric clarified that these rules are intended to include section members as well, and that this could be implemented by amending section-specific rules, subject to board approval.

2) Section fees. There is currently a burden on staff to collect section fees from Full Member Associations (FMAs), which typically collect these fees on behalf of the sections. A more efficient fee collection model needs to be established. Christian highlighted two components of the issue: Obtaining accurate membership data (i.e., name, email, section affiliation); Obtaining accurate membership data (i.e., name, email, section affiliation). Ron and Eric will meet with Christian to better understand the current process and explore possible solutions.

Upcoming webinars

for the broader ASTIN community. Ron noted that, despite approximately 250 registered attendees, there were relatively few African names, suggesting the webinar may not be effectively reaching its intended audience. Chema will circulate the marketing materials to the group and encouraged everyone to help additional outreach efforts.

Chema provided updates on the status of current working parties: 1) IFRS17 working party led by Joanna. The group is preparing material for the Sao Paulo conference and a report for the board. 2) Working party of risk aggregation under dependence led by Peter has been active for over a year. A first draft report for the board has been prepared and has already been presented at several conferences. The work has been submitted to a journal and is currently undergoing revisions based on academic feedback. The group has requested additional time to finalize the work. 3) Working party on forecast verification. Initiated about a year ago by Dimitri, this working party has completed its work. Dimitri has submitted the final paper to Chema, who will share it with the board.

Attendees

- Jose Maria Agurcia
- Ron Richman
- Norbert Haible
- Christian Levac
- Tabo Mabeba
- Dimitri
- Ralph Blanchard
- Tarmo Koll
- Peng Shi
- Eric Dal Moro
- Miyuki EBISAKI
- Brian Fannin
- Eberhard Mueller
- Axel
- John Wright
- Yuriy Krvaych
- Bernard Wong
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