

The Actuarial Profession and the Actuarial Association of Europe

Officers Presentation

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History of the AAE



- **Established in 1978 by 12 national associations**

Belgium, Denmark, France (2), Germany, Ireland, Italy (2), Luxembourg, Netherlands, UK (2)

- **Purpose**

- advise European institutions on issues of actuarial interest
- provide a forum for discussion among actuarial associations throughout Europe
- promote high standards of education and professionalism
- further the education and professional development

Recent Milestones



- Major contribution to the Third Life Directive
- Major contribution to the Solvency II regime
- 2011: Swiss Verein with office in Brussels
- 2012 : Chief Executive
- 2013 : Change of Name

- **AAE represents more than 20.000 actuaries in Europe**
- **Membership criteria**
 - Observer Member Association (4): association in Europe
 - Full Member Association (33)
 - Code of Conduct / disciplinary process
 - Minimum education standards (Core Syllabus)
 - Due process if standards are promulgated
 - Ability to sign the Mutual Recognition Agreement

■ Full Member Association

- 33 in 31 European states
- Two Member Associations from Italy and Spain
- 26 Member States
 - Malta is observer
- 3 Member Associations from the EFTA (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland) and Channel Islands and Croatia

- **Volunteers!**
- Each Full Member Association is fully represented
- Principle of subsidiarity
- Consensus seeking
 - internal issues – 1 yr cooling-off and 75% majority
 - technical questions – maybe majority/minority
- Committees meet twice a year
- General Assembly annually

■ Committees

- Standards, Freedoms and Professionalism;
- Education;
- Insurance; Pensions (including social security sub-committee) ; Investment and Financial Risk

■ Project Teams

- Solvency II Project Team
- Standards Project Team

Organization of the AAE



■ Officers



– Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, Vice Chairman



– **Chairmen** of the five Committees

– Honorary Treasurer



■ Chief Executive – Secretary-General



- **Raise professionalism across Europe**
 - European actuarial standards
 - New core syllabus effective from 1/1/2014
 - New accreditation process and regular review of members' compliance

- **Raise profile of actuaries**

- Public Affairs
- Position AEE for more proactive role : Role of the Actuary Task Force to be created)
- Regular meetings with stakeholders
- Nominees on EIOPA Stakeholder Groups
- New Consumer Protection Task Force – to treat customers fairly

Current/ongoing issues



- Meetings with stakeholders, past and future
- Prepare for Solvency II implementation
- Market consistency
- Establish key role in review of IORPS Directive
- Proactive work on age/disability discrimination
- Relationship with IAA

▪ **ECA 2016**

- First edition in 2012 : more than 400 participants
- Midway between the ICAs
- European issues
- Brussels
- Main topics: Solvency II, ERM, Pensions Reform, Role of the Actuary
- All Member Associations are expected to be well-represented at the Congresses

- From SII to global Insurance Capital Standard
- New areas : “big data” – social security – personal pensions – financial actuaries - ERM
- Co-existence of AF SII and AA SI
- Qualified Actuaries and “Fit and Proper” requirement for AF and RMF
- Proportion of young actuaries and functioning of actuarial associations
- Greater flexibility in education in function of interest
- Connection with other professionals in the same domains

Thank you for your attention!