



Beating the Drum for ICA 2010



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Dear IAA Member

The 2010 International Congress of Actuaries is less than two years away, so the time has come for another update on developments.

First of all, however, thank you very much to those who responded to the previous newsletter. I shall deal with some of the issues raised by you below.

### Sponsorship

Our sponsorship drive was launched recently, and met with a very positive response. While the scientific programme will not be compromised – we aren't scheduling any commercial breaks! – sponsorships will make the event even more affordable and will compensate for the additional travel costs that some delegates will incur. To allay any fears, I should mention that our sponsorship policy was approved by the IAA's Member Services Committee.

### Scientific Programme

An early alert: our first call for papers will be circulated shortly. Anyone who wishes to present a paper should notify the organising committee of the title of the paper by not later than 31 January 2009.

The Congress will be held over five days. Instead of the usual "day out" on the Wednesday, we shall have two "afternoons out", on the Tuesday and Thursday. Since the programme is being developed in conjunction with the various IAA sections and certain themes, e.g. professionalism, will be repeated during the five days, it will be possible for delegates to register for half the event only.

### Infrastructure

We received enquiries about infrastructure. It may be appropriate to deal with this matter in more detail at a later stage. For now, I wish to mention that two very successful mega events were held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre recently: the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists (WCA 2008), which attracted 7 300 delegates, and the World Diabetes Congress in December 2006, which was attended by 12 300 delegates. The venue is extremely versatile, offers state of the art technology and has wheelchair access.

Apart from this, we are piggy-backing on the preparations for the 2010 Soccer World Cup – only, we get to use the infrastructure before the soccer enthusiasts do!

### Calling All RAGs

Eddie Jones, from the Retired Actuaries Group, Sydney, ("RAGS") raised the possibility of designing part of the programme to cater for the needs of retired actuaries.

There must be other retired groups out there. How do you feel about us arranging a few sessions that will be of specific interest to you? If you think it is a good idea, or if you have any suggestions for topics, let me hear from you!

Once again, all comments, suggestions, proposals and enquiries are welcome. Please contact Wim Els – [wels@oldmutual.com](mailto:wels@oldmutual.com) – if you want to raise anything with us.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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