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Dear Morten

### **Biennial Convention 2007 - Adventures in Risk**

On behalf of the President and Council of Institute of Actuaries of Australia, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend the Institute's Biennial Convention to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand from Sunday 23 September to Wednesday 26 September 2007 and to offer you a complimentary registration to this prestigious event.

The Institute's Biennial Convention is the premier event on the Institute's calendar and brings together industry and business leaders to deal with key issues facing the profession today. The theme for this year's Convention is 'Adventures in Risk' and we expect over 300 practitioners from Australia and overseas to attend the event.

We are currently in the process of finalising the plenary speakers list and for your information have attached an outline of the event. Further details are on our website [www.actuaries.asn.au/events](http://www.actuaries.asn.au/events) which will be updated regularly between now and the event.

We very much look forward to having your participation in this most important and influential professional industry event. Please contact Sarah Hodgkinson on +61 2 9239 6119, or [sarah.hodgkinson@actuaries.asn.au](mailto:sarah.hodgkinson@actuaries.asn.au) if you would like to attend the Convention.

Yours sincerely


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Biennial Convention 2007

# Adventures in Risk

23-26 September 2007 • Christchurch, New Zealand

The Institute of Actuaries of Australia's premier event, the **Biennial Convention** will be held during Spring in Christchurch, New Zealand from Sunday 23 September to Wednesday 26 September 2007. The 2007 Convention theme is *Adventures in Risk*.

In recent years, the actuarial profession has focused much of its attention on professional governance issues. The profession now has a solid platform to build on. A key aim of the Convention is to empower actuaries to refine their skills to further benefit their clients, employers and the community.

The Biennial Convention will run over three days with plenary sessions themed to focus attention on the key drivers to success namely:

## Day One: Global Forces

There have been considerable changes in the markets that actuaries work in. These changes are being driven by global forces including consumerism, the economic debate around responsible investments, climate change and the weight of capital flows. As professionals, actuaries have an important role in facilitating market developments. Speakers who have deep insights into the global forces that will directly impact actuaries have been invited to address the Convention

## Day Two: Risk Management

More organisations globally understand that their business is about profiting from taking risks. These risks need to be quantified and managed. Further, regulators and other stakeholders expect to be informed about these risks. The actuary has unique skills in this area and needs to apply these to meet the changing demands of all the stakeholders. This session will focus on the role the actuary has in risk management and how this is being leveraged both locally and globally

## Day Three: Global Issues

All large financial institutions are working in a globally regulated environment. This session will focus on the more immediate economic, geographic and regulatory issues that impact on what actuaries do and how they can facilitate better outcomes in Australia

Topics covered in plenary and concurrent sessions range from the professional and technical business issues that affect actuaries in their day-to-day work to the big picture strategic issues of providing for future outcomes that will benefit the whole community.

## Further Information

More information about the Biennial Convention 2007 can be found on the Institute's website [www.actuaries.asn.au/Events](http://www.actuaries.asn.au/Events) This includes how to contribute a paper, topics sought, the timetable for submission of papers and who to contact.

