



Joint Groupe Consultatif/IAA Education Seminar

Tallinn – 27 and 28 May 2009

A seminar organised jointly by the Education Committees of the Groupe Consultatif and the IAA will be held at the Reval Hotel Olümpia in Tallinn on 27 and 28 May 2009

The themes of the seminar will be:

- Applying actuarial science in practice
- Is there a gap between academics and practitioners?
- What role can an association play in helping to bring together theory and practice?
- What changes in actuarial training are there likely to be in the future?
- Professionalism - are current education systems adequate to meet the challenge of future developments, in particular, bridging the gap between theory and practice?

The seminar, which will be co-chaired by Mary Frances Miller and Ron Hersmis, will include keynote speakers, parallel small group sessions and general plenary discussion.

The conference language will be English.

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BURSARIES

Bursaries may be available from the IAA Fund for participants from actuarially developing countries. Application should be made to Chris Daykin (e-mail: chris@daykinactuary.co.uk), with a copy to Michael Lucas, Secretary of the Groupe Consultatif (e-mail: mlucas@gactuaries.org; fax number: 0044 1865 268244).

Hotel reservations for bursary recipients will be made by the Groupe Consultatif Secretariat (e-mail: ashoesmith@gactuaries.org).

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Outline Programme for Joint GC-IAA seminar

Date: 27/28 May 2009

Location: Tallinn

Outline Programme

Wednesday 27 May

To be confirmed

08.30-09.30

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09.30-09.40

Welcome
Review of programme and education issues

Ron Hersmis
Mary Frances Miller

09.40-10.40

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Prof Hans Gerber

10.40-11.00

Presentation on local education system - Estonia

Tarmo Koll

11.00-11.20

BREAK

11.20-11.40

Presentation on local education system - Spain

Julian Oliver

11.40-12.00

Presentation on local education system - Canada

Rob Brown

12.00-12.20

Presentation on local education system - Hungary

Kolos Agoston

12.20-12.40

Presentation on local education system – Czech Republic

Tereza Jarolimkova

12.45-13.45

LUNCH

13.45-14.00

Introduction to breakout sessions

Trevor Watkins

14.00-15.00

Breakout sessions. Topics to include –

1. What are employers looking for in actuarial trainees and what do they perceive as missing from universities and/or professional associations?
2. What skills are universities hoping to develop in actuarial trainees? Are there any skills that might be missing at the end of a university course?
3. How can an association work with its universities to ensure that actuarial students get a complete preparation for work? Are there any barriers to this?
4. How might actuarial trainees be assessed in a few years' time? What role will employers, associations and universities play?
5. How can an association work with its universities to help in post qualification education for actuaries and in research?

15.00-15.30	BREAK	
15.30-16.15	Educating for Actuarial Quality Presentation on local education system – South Africa	<i>Andrew Gladwin</i>
16.15-16.45	Conclusion and round-up of breakout sessions	Ron Hersmis Mary Frances Miller

Thursday 28 May

09.00-09.15	Introduction Day 2	Ron Hersmis Mary Frances Miller
09.15-10.00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS By speaker from another profession	<i>Prof Mark Allison</i> <i>(Inst of Chartered Accountants of Scotland)</i>
10.00-11.15	Breakout sessions. Topics to include: 1. What might we learn from other professional bodies which might change ideas on actuarial training? 2. What subject and topics might we want to include in future versions of the IAA and GC pre qualification education syllabuses? 3. What subject and topics might we want to include in future recommendations for IAA and GC post qualification education? 4. How can we help academics and practitioners understand each other better? 5. How can full member IAA associations help new associations with their education system and requirements for CPD?	
11.15-11.30	BREAK	
11.30-12.15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Ad Kok (Consulting actuary, KPMG)
12.15-12.45	Round-up of breakout sessions and conclusion	Ron Hersmis Mary Frances Miller
12.45	LUNCH and CLOSE OF CONFERENCE	

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REGISTRATION

Name:	
Address:	
Zip/Postcode:	
Country:	
*E-mail:	
Fax:	
Phone:	
Organisation/Association Represented:	
Name of accompanying person, if applicable:	
Special dietary requirements	

***All correspondence will normally be by e-mail**

Registration forms should be returned either by e-mail: mlucas@gcactuaries.org; or by fax no: 0044 1865 268 244; or by mail: Michael Lucas, Secretary, Groupe Consultatif, Napier House, 4 Worcester Street, Oxford OX1 2AW, UK.

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PAYMENT OF FEES

The registration fee, which includes all meals from lunch on Wednesday 27 May to lunch on Thursday 28 May and the conference dinner on 27 May, as well as covering the costs of the Conference rooms and administrative support, **should be paid before 30 April 2009.**

Registration Fee -	*£225 sterling
	*US\$ 325
	*EUR 250
Accompanying Person's	*£60 sterling
Dinner Fee	*US\$ 90
	* EUR 70
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE - *£sterling		
	*US\$
	*EUR

PAYMENT:

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DOES NOT HAVE THIS FACILITY.]

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HOTEL

Reval Hotel Olümpia, Liivalaia 33, 10118 Tallinn, Estonia

(venue for the seminar)

Tel: +372 6315314

Fax: +372 6315676

€121 - €131 per room per night, bed and breakfast

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel quoting the reference **2740238 Groupe Consultatif**. A reservation form is attached. Credit cards will be required on booking to guarantee a reservation. The cut-off date for guaranteed availability of hotel accommodation is 1 May 2009.

CHECK CANCELLATION PENALTY

Participants attending the concurrent IAA meetings in May in Tallinn may wish to register at one of the recommended hotels listed on the IAA web site (Swissôtel, Radisson SAS, Reval Central). All the hotels are within a few minutes walk of each other.

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Reval Hotel Olümpia

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

"2740238" Groupe Consultatif

Rates are valid from 26.05-28.05.2009

Name			
Contact phone		Fax	
Contact address/			
Email address			
Arrival date		Time of arrival	
Departure Date		Time of departure	
Number of rooms required			Special rate
Reval Hotel Olümpia**** 33 Liivalaia Street Ph. +372 6 315 315 www.revalhotels.com	Standard Single		121 eur
	Reval Class Single		131 eur
<p>Standard class room rate includes: buffet breakfast, free fitness centre usage in the morning (sauna, gym and swimming pool), free wireless internet, free entrance to nightclub Bonnie & Clyde, free car parking and VAT.</p> <p>Reval Class room rate includes extra: full day fitness centre usage, safe, coffee/tea making facilities.</p> <p style="color: red;">RATES ARE VALID FOR RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE 1st of May 2009</p> <p>Reservations received after 01.05.2009 hotel remains right to offer rooms upon availability with best available rate.</p> <p>Cancellation policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - until 15.05.2009 cancellations 100% free of charge - 10-0 days before arrival will be charged 100% of reserved room nights 			

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