

2018 GETTING CLOSER

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Dear Sir or Madam

two months ago the Call for Papers for the congress program of ICA 2018 was closed and we are still experiencing very positive feedback from the actuarial community. Again, thank you all for your commitment and your enduring support; this will make the ICA 2018 an outstanding event for the whole profession! We want to use this newsletter to quote some of the feedback received when announcing the unbelievable number of 574 submissions.

Furthermore, we have some suggestions in this issue of the newsletter how to make the waiting time until registration opens on 1 December 2017 pass more quickly.



Bob Conger, Chairperson Organizing Committee ICA 2014:

"Thank you for your nice note, and for the exciting results of the call for papers. This is fantastic news! It is our pleasure to support ICA 2018 as we are able. And, I am looking forward to an outstanding event next June."



Gunn Albertsen, Vice-Chairman of IAA Life Section (IAALS):

"This is great! Congratulations with all the submissions. This looks promising for the scientific part of the upcoming congress!"



Margaret Tiller Sherwood, Past Chair of International Association of Consulting Actuaries (IACA):

"[...] I look forward to coming to Berlin and being the benefit of the hard work by you, your team, and the many other volunteers working to make ICA 2018 a success."

A foretaste of the congress program

Currently the Scientific Committee is working at full speed on the composition of an outstanding and diverse congress program featuring daily plenary sessions, more than 30 invited speaker sessions, over 240 parallel slots and 12 limited attendance experiences. You will shortly receive detailed information on the program for all sections. Watch this space!

Day	04 June	05 June	06 June	07 June	08 June
Plenary	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Invited					
Parallel					
Special					
Workshop					
Exhibition					

Meanwhile here is the preliminary congress schedule:

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Help us complete the **ICA 2018 formula**

The goal is to create mathematic formulae that equals "2018". Each formula can be designed differently and should be somehow personalized by the creator, e.g. "The formula for global friendship", "The lemma of theoretical exactness" or "The theorem for a successful actuarial get-together". Have a look at the first entries for our "ICA 2018 formulae" and find out what 2018 could stand for: We are curious to see your ideas!

Contribute your personal and creative "2018 formula". Send your submission to gesa.fernholz@ica2018.org.

All correct formulae will be announced on the ICA 2018 website and in the upcoming newsletter. And be sure to find them on site at the ICA 2018!

My ICA 2018 formula

Peter's formula of universal interchange

$$2018 = (4 + \sqrt{5})^4 (6 + \sqrt{5}) + (4 - \sqrt{5})^4 (6 - \sqrt{5})$$

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You can attend the ICA 2018 - we can help

The selection process for **IAA bursaries** is still open. Anyone interested in applying for financial assistance can submit their application until 10 November 2017.

The selection criteria and application form can be found on the ICA 2018 website. Preferences will be given to:

- Leaders of the actuarial profession from actuarially-developing countries and to academic researchers
- Residents of countries with Gross National Income of less than USD 22,000
- Individuals who have not previously received bursaries from the IAA



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Let's rock 'n' roll again

They've done it again. The first ICA 2018 rock band "Carl Friedrich and the Abnormal Distribution", whose members are all actuaries, is back. The second single "Carl Friedrich Gauss" talks about the life and work of the eponymous German mathematician. In their song dedicated to his achievements for all actuaries, the band celebrates him as the godfather of their profession. Watching the video is definitely worth it – it has a few surprises in store.



We would like to thank **RGA** for making this music video possible.

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Introducing the Limited Attendance Experiences: Berlin Museum of Medical History at the Charité

Part of the world famous and prestigious German university hospital Charité, the museum of medical history takes visitors on a journey "beneath the skin". The permanent exhibition starts in the early 18th century and covers over 300 years of medical history by presenting e.g. body images and models. The scientific talk, which follows after the guided tour, will be held in the ruins of the former lecture hall and features topics from the sections HEALTH, LIFE and PENSIONS. Detailed contents and the speakers can be found on the ICA 2018 website.



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ICA 2018 Roadshow: Next stop already scheduled

On 25 and 26 September, the ICA 2018 roadshow stopped in Stuttgart, as part of the 12th IVS Forum and the aba-Tagung. The ICA 2018 organizing committee gave an update on the latest activities, particularly interesting for pensions actuaries, and enabled all delegates to take part in the "Actuaries For Actuaries" quiz game. We thank Prof. Dr. E. Neuburger & Partner for sponsoring this game! The next stop for the ICA 2018 team will be the LIFE Colloquium on 23 and 24 October in Barcelona.



We hope you liked our suggestions how to shorten the waiting time until the publication of the congress program.

We are already looking forward to hearing from you – whether it is your feedback on the band's new music video, your own 2018 formulae or general feedback on our newsletter.



With kind regards,

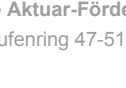
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