



2018 GETTING CLOSER

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Dear Sir or Madam

Since the Call for Papers ended on 31 July 2017, the Scientific Committee has been working flat out to put together a high-caliber congress program. Less than a month to go – it will definitely be worth waiting for.

This edition of the newsletter contains information on the first plenary session of the ICA 2018. Furthermore, Dr. Wolfgang Weiler, President of the German Insurance Association (GDV) and a member of the circle of supporters of the ICA 2018, explains why the actuarial profession is an important part of the finance and insurance industry. Finally, with our pre and post congress trips we make some suggestions as to how to get the most out of your stay in Germany.

Circle of supporters



Dr Wolfgang Weiler, President of the German Insurance Association (GDV): *“Solvency II, new challenges in risk management and increasing digitalisation – the expertise of actuaries is more in demand than ever before. The ICA 2018 offers the ideal opportunity for presenting innovative solutions, for specialist discussions and for networking with one’s peers and fellow professionals”*

Adding the finishing touch

The last few weeks have meant a lot of work for all members of the ICA 2018 scientific committee and their subcommittees. They selected, arranged and rearranged plenty of slots and sessions in order to offer an outstanding program which covers all subject areas and meets the needs of all actuaries: practitioners as well as academics, newly-qualified actuaries and those who can look back on many years of professional experience.



And all of this with the objective to publish the congress program by 24 November 2017, even before registration opens on 1 December 2017.

Dr Michael Renz and Prof Hans-Joachim Zwiesler, chairs of the ICA 2018 scientific committee, during the latest committee meeting (from left to right)

Introducing the Plenary Sessions: Monday 4 June 2018

“Future of Demography/Longevity” – the first plenary session on Monday 4 June 2018 focuses on the ever-increasing life expectancy and how the modern insurance industry can cope with this challenge. In two consequent talks Mikko Myrskylä, Executive Director of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR), and Dr Winfried Heinen, CEO of General Reinsurance AG, will approach this topic from their individual perspectives.



Format: “Future of Demography/Longevity”

1. Talk by Mikko Myrskylä (MPIDR)
2. Talk by Dr Winfried Heinen (Gen Re)

Moderation: Marcus Nagel (Zurich)

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Don't miss your opportunity to apply for a bursary from the IAA

Only a few more days to go. 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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WITH A SMILE

What else can you do since the congress program of the ICA 2018 hasn't been published yet? Try the ICA 2018 codebreaker.

With the clue ICA you will probably soon find the correct words to reach the sum of 2018. Good luck.

A big thank you to Dr Rainer Berntzen who provided the Codebreaker puzzle.



Click on the picture or [here](#) to enlarge the codebreaker.

And even if you don't like puzzles, you can still submit your individual formula for the campaign “My ICA 2018 formula”. We have already received a large number of creative, funny and demanding theorems and can't wait to add your name and formula to the collection. Further information can be found [here](#).

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How to get the most out of your stay

Germany has a lot to offer. From Bavaria in the south with a beautiful landscape of mountains, lakes, traditional small villages and breathtaking castles up to the north to Hamburg, which is considered to be Germany's gateway to the world. Seize your chance and explore Germany and its neighboring countries with a pre- or post-congress trip. From single to multi day trips, package deals or individual tours – we have prepared a selection of tours on our website. Arrange one to suit your individual needs.

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Optional tours at the ICA 2018: From a graffiti workshop to Potsdam castles

ICA 2018 – it doesn't only stand for high-caliber scientific content. With our optional tours there will be no time for boredom also for those accompanying you. How about a day trip to Potsdam with its marvelous parks and castles? The trip “Let's go shopping in Berlin” takes you to fashionable shopping destinations in Berlin. A graffiti workshop will call for all your creativity. And the tour of the ESTREL takes you to the secret places of Germany's largest hotel.



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