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Dear Sir or Madam

We are looking back on some very exciting weeks. As you surely know, the call for papers for the ICA 2018 congress program closed on 31 July 2017 – with outstanding results!
On behalf of the whole organizing committee, we want to sincerely thank everyone who submitted an abstract, who encouraged colleagues or shared the call for papers in his or her network.
What happened during holiday period can be found in today's 11th newsletter edition.

Call for papers closes with record number of submissions

574 abstracts representing 57 countries is the record result of the call for papers for the ICA 2018 congress program. Also, the number of submissions for the Best Paper Awards is pleasingly high: 124 papers are now entering the review process for the ICA 2018 Best Paper Awards and the IAA Section Best Paper Awards. Detailed results for all sections can be found on the ICA 2018 website.

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The congress program will already be published at the beginning of registration period

The scientific committee, with the corresponding subcommittees supported by the IAA section committees, is currently reviewing all submissions and deciding on the composition of the congress program. The submitted abstracts offer a wide range of up-to-date topics, theoretical and practical issues, innovative approaches and solutions for your day-to-day problems. Today, we can already promise a highly interesting and diverse congress program.

All authors will be notified by November 2017 whether their submissions were accepted or denied. The draft of the congress program will be available from 20 November 2017.

Applications still open for the Young Researcher Travel Grant Program

The sub-committee "Early Career Researchers at the ICA" within the scientific committee will award several supported grants for participating in the ICA 2018. Early career scientists (postdocs or young professors) with limited funding opportunities can apply for a financial assistance of 500 euros for travel costs and conference fees. It is possible to apply until 1 October 2017.

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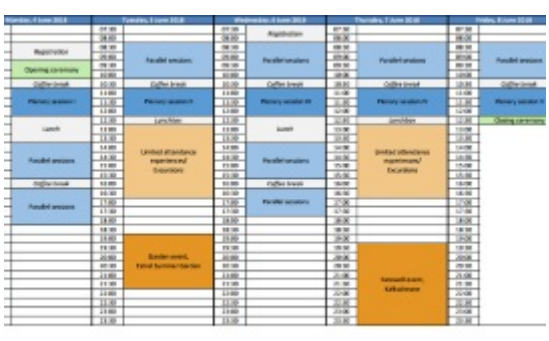
Thank you for your great help – now, nothing can go wrong with the lunch buffet anymore.

The question in our last newsletter was:
At the ICA 2018 lunch buffet, 80 percent of the actuaries help themselves to a starter, 70 percent treat themselves to a dessert while 10 percent have neither starter nor dessert. What percentage eats both a starter and a dessert?

And here is the answer: 60% (answer e) eat both – a starter and a dessert.
The first correct answer was submitted by Dr. Rainer Berntzen.

Ask the crew: What is included in a half week ticket?

At the ICA 2018, full and half week tickets will be available. The half week ticket for the first half includes the scientific and social program from Monday, 4 June 2018 until Wednesday, 6 June 2018. The ticket for the second half includes the program from Wednesday, 6 June 2018 until Friday, 8 June 2018. Please note that on each day of the week, there will be many lectures of every section in order to allow maximum flexibility for your registration.
A preliminary congress schedule can be found on the ICA 2018 website.
Do you have organizational questions as well? Send them to gesa.fernholz@ica2018.org



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ICA 2018 on the road: General assembly of the Association Suisse des Actuaires

On 1 and 2 September 2017 the ICA 2018 team will visit the general assembly and the meetings of the working groups of the Association Suisse des Actuaires in Lugano. Delegates can take part in the photo campaign and prize draw "I am 100,000" and answer challenging questions in the quiz game "Who's gonna be an I₡A millionaire?" in favor of the non-profit campaign "Actuaries For Actuaries" which aims to support the bursary fund. We thank the Association Suisse des Actuaires for sponsoring the quiz.

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Introducing the field trips: Berlin's hidden spaces

You already know the famous, typical tourist attractions in Berlin. Now, aren't you curious to see the hidden spots and discover the less traveled but nevertheless exciting areas of the German capital? This bus tour will take you to nice small streets and courtyards with hidden galleries, charming cafés, small shops and green oases – and there is a story connected to each and every one of them!

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We hope you liked our 11th newsletter. Let us know if you have any comments or suggestions for the upcoming editions.

With kind regards,

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