



2018 GETTING CLOSER

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Dear Sir or Madam

2017 is coming to an end – time to look back on an exciting year. On 31 July 2017, the Call for Papers for the congress program of the ICA 2018 closed with a record number of almost 600 submissions. We would like to thank all participating authors for their submissions. After that date, the Scientific Committee worked flat out to put together an outstanding congress program. At the end of November, the work was successfully completed and a detailed congress program, featuring well-known invited speakers and around 280 contributed talks, was finalized. And finally, 1 December 2017 arrived: Registration time.

2018 is about to begin – less than 6 months to go before the opening of ICA 2018. We are looking forward to interesting scientific content; actuarial expertise from around the world; 2,000 international delegates meeting face-to-face; an entertaining social program in Berlin, the vibrant capital of Germany, and the great atmosphere of a world congress. Make sure you are part of this exceptional event.

All other December news can be found in the last issue of the ICA 2018 Newsletter for this year.

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Uwe Laue, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of German Private Healthcare Insurers (PKV).

"Global actuarial and financial competence comes to Germany. At the ICA 2018, Germany will host 2,000 experts from actuarial and financial mathematics. The most important specialist conference for actuaries will provide the ideal opportunity to exchange experience thanks to the International Actuarial Association and the DAV."

Actuarial Data Science – one of the hot topics facing the actuarial profession

Apart from the eight traditional program strands, the congress program of the ICA 2018 also features current topics facing the actuarial profession. Sessions which cover these fields are marked accordingly in the full program.

Big data and digitalization are certainly some of the most important buzzwords currently facing the actuarial profession. As a result, the congress program will cover a particularly large number of sessions devoted to Actuarial Data Science.



Sample session:

Wednesday, 10.30 – 12.30

IACA/ASTIN - Act. Data Science

- *Big Data Analytics As an Opportunity for Fraud Management in the Insurance Sector*
Oyugi Margaret Achieng (Resolution Insurance)
- *Estimation of Claim Amounts Using Bivariate Hidden Markov Models*
Invited Speaker: A. Sevtap Kestel (Middle East Technical University)
- *Big Data Analytics, Mining your Catastrophe Claims Data for Competitive Advantage*
Invited Speaker: Karen Clark (CEO of Karen Clark & Co.)

Please view the full program online for all sessions dealing with the hot topic Actuarial Data Science.

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Several Limited Attendance Experiences almost fully booked

The Limited Attendance Experiences feature actuarial content off the beaten track and are offered as an interesting alternative to the field trips on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The number of participants is limited to a total number of 50 each. At several fascinating venues, such as the German Museum of Technology, only a small number of places remain. Book early to secure your preferred tour.



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Actuaries For Actuaries: 12.000 euros transferred to the IAA Bursary Fund

At several events over the last two years, actuaries worldwide have participated in the project "Actuaries For Actuaries" in order to raise additional money for the IAA Bursary Fund. In December 2017, the project ended and Michael Steinmetz, managing director of the German Association of Actuaries, passed a check for €8,761.75 to Kurt Wolfsdorf, Chair of the ICA International Steering Committee and former IAA President. The DAV has decided to round up the donation amount to €12.000.



We would like to thank our main "Actuaries For Actuaries" partner, Zurich, as well as several other sponsors for their energetic support of the campaign.

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ICA, ICA, in the coming year!

This Christmas, we have a special treat for you: The first ICA 2018 Christmas song performed by the all-actuaries acapella band "Carl Friedrich and the Harmonic Series". Enjoy the Christmas classics "Jingle Bells" and "Snow falls softly at night" mashed up with the first ICA 2018 hit "Getting closer". We wish you a cozy and merry Christmas and hope to put you in the Christmas mood with this cheerful music video!



ICA 2018 Christmas song performed by "Carl Friedrich and the Harmonic Series"

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First Early Bird Fee ends on 31 January 2018

The ICA 2018 registration is in full swing. In total 317 persons have already registered for the ICA in Berlin to enjoy the fascinating congress program together with exciting social activities. Make sure to register before 31 January 2018 to benefit from the Early Bird Fee 1.



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2018 is definitely going to be a very good year!

The actuarial community has already submitted a long list of mathematical proofs why 2018 is going to be a good year. But we know there are many more reasons. Therefore we have postponed the deadline for taking up our challenge "My ICA 2018 formula" until 16 February 2018.



Apart from that you can now choose your own customizable frame to adorn your formula, including different elements such as hair color or clothing and six basic frames to choose from.

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To all second half-week attendees: The garden event is now available for additional booking

Originally, we were only able to offer this event as part of the first and full week delegate tickets, but thanks to great interest, the garden event is now also available for separate booking for second half week participants as a kind of welcome event. For the amount of €87.50, registrants can now add the evening event on Tuesday to their ticket when booking. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the ESTREL summer garden with freshly barbecued food, good music and cold beverages while networking with colleagues.



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Thank you for your interest throughout 2017!

We are looking forward to meeting you at the ICA 2018 in Berlin.



With kind regards,

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