

Actuarial Society Update – February 2018

2018 is the year when actuaries around the world will converge in Berlin for the ICA 2018 conference. It is good to see members of ASSA scheduled to make presentations in both the physical and virtual ICA programmes.

Key Dates for the Year

Event	Cape Town	Johannesburg	Other venue	
Seminars				
Life	8 May	10 May		
Health		15 May		
Investments		30 Aug		
Retirement		6 Aug		
Short term				
Risk mgt				
Banking				
Golf days		17 Aug		
IAA meetings			Berlin	30 May – 03 Jun
			Mexico City	27Nov - 02 Dec
ICA 4 yearly Congress			Berlin	04-08 Jun
Annual general meeting				
Young members' convention				
Convention	24-25 Oct			
Africa Seminar	23 Oct			
A100/A200 & F106 exams	16-27 April & 17 Sept – 28 Sept			
A301 exams	2-3 May & 3-4 Oct			
A302 exam	11 May & 24 Oct			
F201-F206 exams	18 May & 22 Oct			
F101-F105	23 May – 1 June & 31 Oct – 12 Nov			

CPD Declaration & renewals

Members are reminded to complete their membership renewals and CPD declarations before the end of March. Those who have not renewed their membership, completed the CPD questionnaire or done their CPD declaration can do so online by logging in to their [member profile](https://member.actuarialsociety.org.za/Login.aspx). (<https://member.actuarialsociety.org.za/Login.aspx>). I would like to thank all members who have completed the process.

ICA

The 4 yearly International Congress of Actuaries takes place in **Berlin**, Germany from **4 to 8 June**. Members can register for the full congress or for either the first or second

half. There are limited tickets available and those wishing to attend can [register](http://ica2018.com/) on <http://ica2018.com/>.

A virtual congress will run concurrently with the physical ICA in Germany. We have registered to participate in this. Details of how this works are being finalised and will be communicated to all members as soon as they become available.

Planning ahead

Every year ASSA convenes three categories of CPD events – namely the Convention, regular sessional meetings and the practice area seminars. As can be seen in the date schedule at the top of this newsletter, many of the practice areas have already finalised their seminar dates for 2018.

2019 will be working slightly differently because for the third time in less than a decade the actuarial world is coming to Cape Town! 5 IAA sections (Life, Short-term, Health, Pensions and Consulting) will be holding a joint Colloquium in **Cape Town** from **1 to 4 April 2019**. Each section will have their colloquium spread over three days with some plenary sessions with other sections and various concurrent break away sessions. One day of each colloquium will be the relevant practice area seminar for our committees. The colloquium will provide an opportunity to not only benefit from the excellent local CPD provided by our practice area committees but also gain an international perspective from the rest of the colloquium and interact with actuaries in your field from across the world.

The organising committee chaired by Marius du Toit and including representatives of all practice areas has started its work and details of the programme and registration options will be available in due course.

As one Vuyo comes in another goes out

Noluvuyo Mafani has joined the ASSA events and logistics team. Amongst her core roles will be working with practice area committees to organise their annual seminars as well as other functions and sessional meetings. I am confident that Noluvuyo will not only continue the efficient management of these events but will bring fresh ideas to improve member experience when attending our seminars and events. We wish her a long and successful career with ASSA.

Vuyo Sambu from the member administration team will be leaving ASSA at the end of March. Vuyo's friendly smile and greeting has welcomed visitors to the ASSA office as well as those phoning in since 2011. She initially split her time between supporting ASABA and ASSA but since August 2016 has been a full-time member of the member administration team. Her cheerful disposition, quiet efficiency, hunger to learn and commitment to her work will be missed by all in the office and those who have interacted with her from either ASSA or ASABA. She

will be starting a fulltime career in mission work. We wish her every success with her future plans.

Innovation, integrity & inclusion

These will be key themes in the March edition of *South African Actuary*. This bumper edition of our magazine will be released online only during March. This edition will allow you to catch up on sessions you missed at the Convention, get a report back on one member's involvement in some high profile *pro bono* work, learn more about two members who in their own ways are having a significant impact on our profession and much more.

The call is out for any members wishing to submit articles to the next edition that will be published in the middle of the year.

In conclusion

2018 is a year of significant changes for South Africa in the political and regulatory environments. Change provides opportunities for actuaries to demonstrate their professional standing and to make a difference. I have no doubt that members of ASSA will be equal to this challenge and grasp opportunities with both hands.

Regards



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