

Actuarial Society Update – October 2020

ASSA 2020 Calendar

ASSA events are continuing in the virtual format.

Event	Cape Town	Johannesburg	Other venue	
Seminars				
Life	19 May, 9 June and 24 June 13 August, 17 September & 22 October 19 & 20 November 27 July 21 & 28 September 6 August 14, 21 & 28 July 12 & 25 August and 9 September 26 August and 2 September 10, 17 & 23 June Postponed			
Health				
Investments				
Retirement				
Short-Term				
Risk Mgt				
Banking				
Education				
Wider fields				
Alternative investments				
Public interest				
Insurance data science				
IAA meetings			Brussels	Online 15 Apr – 12 May
			Ottawa	Online – 21 Sept to 20 Nov
AGM	Online 24 June			
Convention	6-8 October			
Africa seminar	5 October			
A1/A2 & F106 exams	A211 moved to 18 May; A213 moved to 22 May Semester 2: 21 September to 06 October			
A311 exams	14-15 May and 8-9 October			
N211 exam	13 May and 23 October			
F2 exams	19 May and 20 October			
F1 exams (excl. F106)	27 May – 5 June and 30 October to 11 November			

Membership renewals

Membership renewal for 2021 will open during the second half of November. Members are encouraged to renew membership early to avoid the additional cost of late renewals.

Confirmation of attendance of events

Members requiring letters to confirm their attendance at particular events can obtain them directly off the website by logging into their personal profiles then going through the Registration tab into Registration History.

ASSA Academy@Lunch sessions

The ASSA Academy will be holding 3 Academy@lunch sessions over the remaining weeks of the year:

- 6 November – Actuaries and investments.
- 26 November – Why your reputation as an actuary matters.
- 2 December - Meet the 2020 President's Award Winner (Adrian Gore).

All members are welcome to attend these challenging free sessions and can register for them using the same process as for other events.

Student quiz

With the end of exams rapidly approaching, Student and Technical members looking for an opportunity to exercise their brains and compete can participate in the quiz being arranged by the Student Committee of the Member Engagement Board. The quiz will be on **Wednesday, 18 November at 12 noon**. All queries can be directed to Jo Coetzee (jcoetzee@actuarialsociety.org.za).

ASSA Awards

Every year awards are made at the convention for the top students in the Fellowship application papers from the previous year and the best papers at the convention. In addition, the Society may choose to award the Murray Medal and, at his or her sole discretion, the president may make a President's award.

This year was no exception except the award winners could not bask in the applause of their colleagues and peers as they make their way up to the stage to be recognised.

To compensate for that, they are recognised again in the Update:

Murray Medal: **No Award**

President's Award **Adrian Gore**

Awards for Papers

RGA Best Paper by First Time Authors **Brendon Thorpe and Keren Nieuwoudt**

RGA Prize for Best Convention Paper **Ronald Richman and Gary Velcich**

Swiss Re Prize for Best Reinsurance or Risk Paper **Ronald Richman and Gary Velcich**

Academic Prizes

F201 Healthcare **Aldu Duminy**

F202 Life Assurance **Paolo Innocenzi**

F203 General Insurance **Ross Farnaby**

F204 Pensions & Other Benefits **Christiaan Hoffman**

F205 Investments **Ashleigh Lemkus**

F206 Banking **Deirdre van Dyk**

Congratulations to all the prize and award winners. Particular congratulations are due to **Ronald Richman** for being a co-author of a prize-winning paper for the third consecutive year. An impressive hattrick!

This is also the first time for at least 3 years where there have been prize winning standard answers in all 6 Fellowship Application subjects.

Regards



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