

Actuarial Society Update – September 2019

Key Dates for the Year

Event	Cape Town	Johannesburg	Other venue	
Seminars				
Life	3 April@			
Health	5 April@			
Investments	13 June			
Retirement	2 April@			
Short term	4 April@			
Risk mgt		4 September		
Banking		24 July		
Education				
Wider fields		20 August		
Alternative Investments		10 September		
NHI Seminar		25 September		
IAA meetings			Washington Tokyo	15-18 May 18-22 Nov
IAA Colloquium	1-5 April			
Annual general meeting	19 Jun	19 Jun		
Convention		22-23 Oct		
Africa Seminar		21 Oct		
A100/A200 & F106 exams	03-23 April & 20 Sept – 10 Oct			
A301 exams	2-3 May & 2-3 Oct			
A302 exam	15 May & 24 Oct			
F201-F206 exams	17 May & 18 Oct			
F101-F105	22-31 May & 29 Oct – 08 Nov			
Normative skills workshops	3-26 June & 4-28 Nov			

@ These seminars were held as part of the colloquium

The final countdown to ASSA convention 2019 – optimise your convention experience

The 2019 convention offers a wide range of presentations, papers, workshops and networking opportunities consolidated into a crowded two-day programme. Some sessions are limited attendance and only those who have pre-registered for the session will be admitted. These include:

- Transformation workshops. These have been a popular and oversubscribed feature in the last two conventions and are filling up rapidly again. With transformation being a key strategic focus for most, if not all, South African

businesses, these sessions will empower you to be more effective both at work and in life.

- Data analytics workshops. With data analytics being a key area of growth for actuarial work, these will help enhance skills and make you more effective.

These events are filling up rapidly and members will be accommodated on a strictly first registered first accepted basis.

An additional feature for the 2019 convention will be the **Meet the Leader** sessions – members of council and the leaders of boards and committees will be available in the hub near the ASSA stand to answer questions and give their insights on the commitments and benefits of volunteering for ASSA.

To date 1 478 individuals have registered and registrations are still open. If you have not yet registered go to: <https://www.actuarialsociety.org.za/registration/>

Other features to look forward to include a range of interesting keynote speakers, opportunities to explore new fields of actuarial work, some exposure to work being done in the public interest, the first presidential address from incoming president Lusani Mulaudzi¹, the announcement of the results of the ongoing elections Council members and the announcement of the new president-elect (who has been elected unopposed).

Elections

Members who have not yet voted are reminded that the election closes at 17h00 (South African standard time) **17 October 2019**.

All Fellow, Associate, TASSA and student members should have received election emails from Easy Vote. If you cannot find your email, check your clutter and junk folders. If you still cannot find it, contact Wim Els in the ASSA office (wels@actuarialsociety.org.za).

Fellow and Associate members can vote for members to fill the three vacancies for Fellow members

Associate, TASSA and student members can vote for the student representative.

ASSA has moved

As communicated last month, the Actuarial Society has moved.

¹ He takes over as president on 1 January 2020.



Our new address is: **2nd Floor, Birkdale 1
River Park Business Complex
Gloucester Road
Mowbray**

Our new phone number will be: **087 073 8940**

There are no changes to our email or website addresses.

There is no external branding permitted on the building so members coming to the office for meetings, tuition or other purposes, will need to identify us from the Birkdale1 entrance that is clearly visible as you drive into the park. ASSA has 6 designated parking bays for visitors in front of the building and there are general visitors' bays behind our building for up to 2 hours parking.

With the move we are also changing our teleconference technology from Chorus Call to an Android solution. Members who dial into ASSA teleconferences on the new system will need to supply the meeting organiser with the phone number from which they will be calling. This will authenticate you for the meeting. While this is expected to lead to some initial frustrations, over time we expect it to both be more secure and less onerous for members.

Academy seminar

The ASSA Academy is a key component of our transformation strategy as it focuses on supporting disadvantaged members. The Academy has had a 3-pronged approach of providing subject specific support to improve exam performance, providing mentoring to support individual students and providing wider work and life skills to improve effectiveness in both the workplace and the exam room.

The Academy will be holding a full day seminar focusing on work readiness and effectiveness at the PPS Head Office in Parktown on 14 November. The programme includes a panel discussion on building a successful career, as well as sessions on emotional intelligence, leadership, money management and professional identity. Presenters include experienced actuaries and experts from the South African College of Applied Psychology (SACAP). The chief executive of SACAP, Lance Katz, is himself an actuary so has first hand experience of many of the challenges that our members face in the work environment. An invitation to register will be circulated shortly.

I look forward to a vibrant, energetic, informative and inspiring convention in October and hope you will be there.

Regards



Mike McDougall